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The Scribal Grace

Introduction to ASOM: This will be the last ASOM in Pietermaritzburg. Closure is as important as new beginnings. How you conclude one season of your life determines how you enter the next season. The ASOM's will now be hosted in Sandton from 2015. Undistracted attention needs to be given to the Word – no cell phones, Internet, etc. The word 'hear' means to hear intelligently. The school takes place in its entirety across sessions inclusive of tea and lunch breaks, etc. The centrality of all our activity should be the Word of God. Some of the greatest exchanges take place outside of the school's sessions.

This session sets an apostolic compass for the future. Rain is about to fall upon the global church that is apostolically positioned. Like in Noah's day, rain could mean blessing to some and judgement to others. Some houses will literally implode.

In Matthew 23, there is a forensic audit of a backslidden and compromised position. It was desolate – invaded by forces of darkness – had a barren womb – unproductive; it was providing ritual ceremonial religion but not giving life.

Matt 23:34-38

“ Therefore, behold, I am sending you prophets and wise men and scribes; some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city, so that upon you may fall the guilt of all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. Truly I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, ‘Blessed is HE who comes in the name of the Lord.’

‘Generation’ – refers to the forty-second generation, which is us.

We are now in the phase of the reconstruction of the church. Prophets reset sight. Wise men built the platform, systems, culture and protocols for correct functioning. System building – e.g. spiritual fathering and sonship; first fruits, tithes and offerings; four pillars of an apostolic community; etc.

Now we are moving to where the voice enters the day of our gardens. Deep speaks to deep. We are moving beyond the prophetic and wise master building – they will still continue – but the ministry of the SCRIBE is now going to emphasised.

That which is last, was always first on His mind. The scribal anointing will be unleashed upon the earth.

Word for Rabbi = Scribe. The highest level is Rabboini: this name was only given to about seven people in the history of Jewish learning. These individuals had interpretation of the deep things, opening mysteries locked up for ages; delving into the inner recesses of the heart and mind of God.

The ultimate objective for all creative works was for the son to stand in it. There will be a spiritual staircase of activity taking place between man and God and God and man. We are the interface – the position we often refer to as ‘standing in the gap’. This corporate man will now touch dimensions not before previously known. There will be an unleashing of the speaking of God. This will come as rain. Rain is doctrine. Rain is God’s Word. It is said when a scribe brought the law of God to people, water was brought. A false scribe brought lying water – false doctrine. When the scribe brought water, they said “water came”.

[Luke 22:7-12](#)

Then came the first day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. And Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, so that we may eat it.” They said to Him, “Where do You want us to prepare it?” And He said to them, “When you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house that he enters. And you shall say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, “Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?”’ And he will show you a large, furnished upper room; prepare it there.” And they left and found everything just as He had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

The pitcher of water being carried on his head implies he is Word-centred. This is a scribe of the Word in his mentality. Follow him into the house that loves the Word – that is where Jesus chose to eat the last supper at Passover. There will be immunity, understanding of the Passover Lamb, etc.

Peter and John are to address the father of the house. The father of the house loves the Word. Note the emphasis on the TEACHER. The TEACHER is requesting the room. The Word must be central. This is not boring teaching. There is great power and authority attendant with the Word. Peter and John were pillars (see Galatians 2).

Jesus requested the guestroom, but the one who loved the Word would give Jesus the upper room. Give Him the pre-eminent room. Consider the Shunemite woman who gave Elisha the upper room. She was asking for increased capacity above – for Elisha to be positioned above her. We must increase our capacity for the Word of God. The upper room is where the dead are raised. He is over all-else in that room.

The guest room is the soul; the upper room is the spirit. The Word cannot be processed in the soul but in the timeless dimension of the spirit man. In this season, we are going back to the original intent where the Word becomes flesh; going back to God, the Word; going back to the reality that without Him nothing was created. The Word is about to speak to us face to face.

The Rain of Doctrine

Part 1

The emphasis now will be on the spirit of the Scribe. God wants to commune with His sons. He uses sent ones. God is bringing us back to a place of communion with Himself.

Doctrine is the speaking of God. The transmission of doctrine is essential for the Body of Christ in its formation toward maturity in God.

Eph. 4:12-16 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ 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.

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; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, 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.

The phrase 'knowledge of the Son of God' implies coming to know by studying Jesus, the patterned son, as our example. We have not yet come to the knowledge of the Son of God. Come into fullness as a son yourself. Know God intimately as your Father.

The teaching on spiritual father and spiritual son came first. In every spiritual administration there is a natural side and a spiritual side. The natural comes before the spiritual. God first redefined households by the father-son wineskin. But this emphasis became an over-emphasis where it became an end in itself. After the natural is in place, the spiritual side can now be introduced.

As a father, you must not place any expectations on your sons. You are just a representative father. When you know him as Father, your identity will be intact. The demand now is for maturity. We cannot be children tossed to and from by every wind of doctrine.

Paul had a scribal anointing – he expounded difficult things. We want to see the fruitful representation of Christ on earth.

All of God's speaking came to us through the inspired writings of a man. God used human vessels to communicate eternal truth. But when you receive the message, you receive not as from man but from God. The word came through a specific cultural milieu, specific historical setting, etc. yet it is God's Word. Hear the voice of God in the accent of Eli.

In Rabbinical exegeses, the Rabbi interpreted the request of Moses to God, "SHOW ME YOUR GLORY", as "Show me your speech – your speaking".

[John 6:45](#) It is written in the prophets, 'And [they shall all be taught of God.](#) ' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.

In the way in which you will hear fathers speak to you now, you will be conformed to the image of the Son.

Apostles Doctrine:

[Acts 2:42](#) And they continued steadfastly in the [apostles' doctrine](#) and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers (KJV)

Doctrine of Christ:

[2 John 1:9](#) Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the [doctrine of Christ](#), hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the [Father and the Son](#) (KJV)

Elijah turns hearts of sons to fathers and fathers to sons. We have domesticated this revelation – it is true because every principle is true to its substructure. But this is the micro-level. There is a macro-level. Israel had went away from the law of God. There was a mixture – a contamination of faith. There is much perspiration in the church. There is performance, entertainment, narcissistic behaviour, grandeur, ambition, etc.

Elijah was living between Moab and Ammon. Moab kills fathering; Ammon encourages tribalism or fraternalism without a father and produces a brotherhood devoid of fathering. In Elijah's day, the people of God were divided. The headship was removed from the body. The body was 10 tribes in the north. The headship was represented in Judah and Benjamin in the south. Elijah speaks to the ten tribes – to Israel, the disconnected body. He wants to bring the head back to the body. He comes to turn the hearts. We want to bring the church back to governmental order. We are creating a way in the wilderness. This way has two boundaries, viz. Apostles Doctrine (law of God) and the Doctrine of Christ. Doctrine of Christ is to abide in a relationship with God as Father and we as His sons.

The Doctrine of Christ will resound in the earth today. This doctrine produces rain.

What Doctrine is Not:

There is a doctrine of demons. These come in intelligent forms. They are rampant in the church. They appear as Apostles of Light – wolves in sheep's clothing. The spirit behind this is manipulation and control. This is the spirit of Nimrod to build his own empire - a pyramid. It carries the spirit of anti-Christ. He denies the father-son relationship. He denies you intimacy with the Father. For example, in worship – one spirit will bring you to God and one will cause you to perform. One spirit will encourage you to receive first fruits and the other receives it in greed – and uses it to feed their own ego.

The dragon in Revelation 12, who is after the woman clothed with the sun – twelve stars – moon under her feet; she is sent by God into the wilderness. God promises to feed her there. The dragon spews vomit – false teaching - upon the woman. Five chapters later this woman, who allows herself to be

corrupted, becomes the harlot of the nations – a false form of royal government. She kills the prophets. She kills the voice that fed her.

Other Doctrines to Consider:

- Doctrine of Men
- Doctrine of Pharisees
- Doctrine of Balaam and Jezebel
- Doctrine that poisons the waters (Bitter wormwood)

We want pure doctrine – like pure oxygen – clean air. Without pure doctrine the church becomes infected with infections that lead to death. There is no holiness, piety, respect for God, etc. anymore. Revelation is now our new cocaine. We want the feelings but not the lifestyle.

What is doctrine?

Doctrine is the speaking of God – the instruction of God. It improves and regulates moral conduct.

One verb for doctrine is 'lamad', which means 'to teach, to learn, to cause to learn'.

One of the words from which we get 'lamad' is 'YARA'.

Yara = 'to throw or to cast like a stone or an arrow; to give direction by putting out words.

Jacob said to Judah, "Go ahead of us and direct our face towards Goshen" 'Direct' here is 'yara'. Jacob is saying to Judah, "Put out words and direct our path to Goshen; irrigate the land ahead of us and put out every false spirit so that we have safe passage."

Doctrine guides us. Out of YARA, comes TORAH. Doctrine is our GPS.

Imagery of Doctrine:

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being

The WORD creates everything.

Heb. 1:1-3a God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power

'All things' has reference to the heavens and the earth, not just the earth alone. Previously we were only earth-focused. You cannot just import things from the past into the now without adjusting it to the perspective of the present.

'Word of His power' = rhema word. As we speak rhema, through our speakings, there will be administration of environments.

Genesis 1:1-13

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

Then God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so. God called the expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

Then God said, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them"; and it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good. There was evening and there was morning, a third day

God created heaven and earth with no prejudice.

The 'beginning' here in verse one is not the beginning of time. Heaven was created on the second day. The 'BEGINNING' here is a person. The non-material, transcendental can come out from Him, the Word, Jesus. Even material things (created) came out from Him.

Darkness here is not sin. Spirit was hovering over the face of the waters (which was not yet created). 'Form' – means without purpose. When you are purposeless you are rendered void or idle. The earth did not yet know what its purpose and function was – hence it was rendered 'void'.

'DEEP' is a picture of God. Everything of God is hidden. This is the image of darkness, which is ignorance. The Spirit was hovering over the face of the deep with this intent, viz. 'How can I bring forth everything hidden'.

"Let there BE light.": The word 'BE' is the same word used when God described Himself to Moses. The word is HOJAH. Let us become light to all of creation. God no longer wants to be hidden in deep places. Hojah = I will exist in you how I want to exist in you. That is why when Pharaoh saw Moses – he saw God; at other times Moses was a prophet; at other times he was a lawgiver, prophet, etc.

God comes forth out from the water, which is the Word. God clothed Himself in darkness, but He comes forth as Light. Note: "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters". The word is an

image of water. Water (word) was not created. Separation of the waters – in the top and in the bottom. Heaven came out from water – the Word.

Water covers the earth and our bodies. Both the earth and our physical bodies are 2/3 water. You are the new irrigation system. You are the fountain of living waters. As the waters cover the sea, so shall the knowledge of the glory of the Lord cover the earth. On the third day earth was created.

2 Peter 3:5-9

For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the time of the coming of the Son of man; there will be an outpouring of words (rain).

A doctoral student proved that water is older than the solar system. He found crystallised forms of water around the solar system.

Achsah asked for the upper and lower streams. As doctrine comes forth, it will introduce to us all the insights why God made planet earth. With it will come witty inventions, cures to many problems, etc. Deep secrets will be revealed in the present season. One of the imageries for water is blessings. Doctrine is rain.

Pretext, Text, Context

Pretext	-	Heaven
Text	-	Earth
Context	-	That dimension between Heaven and Earth

The bible has the text and pretext in it. The pretext and text must manifest in the context. Heaven and earth must come together in a conjugal expression in us. God created man from the ground – the earthly side; He put breathe in us – the eternal – the spirit side. Heaven and earth must manifest in and through us. You become the heavenly man in an earthly body.

Rom. 1:20-25

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures. Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen

All creation manifests God's invisible attributes and 'divine nature' ('Godhead' - NKJV).

Everything God made carries, in part, His invisible attributes - if you brought everything in Heaven and Earth together. Man is made in His image and likeness. We are the summation, the confluence of everything that God wants to express Himself in creation. We are the complete article of creation. We also come out from the Word. We should be the full manifestation of everything in Heaven and Earth.

Deut. 32:1-3 (KJV)

Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: Because I will publish the name of the Lord: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he

God is speaking to the heaven and earth in us. We are a well-watered garden. There is physical Eden and a spiritual Eden. We are trees of righteousness. We are trees planted by the rivers of water. As you receive the Word, you receive the rain.

The Rain of Doctrine

Part 2

We must view things from the eternal dimension. God is about to send rain, viz. the rain of doctrine, not rain as 'revival'. For continuity there must be discontinuity. Many want the dew but on the terms of their definition of the past. Many crucify His appearings because we fail to perceive it. Our faith must expect the right things, not the wrong things.

There is a pretext to every scripture. The pretext is the Heavens. The text is the earth. The context is the environment that you choose to create to live in between Heaven and Earth. It was in the original mind of God to have a corporate son who will express His image to all creation, both in Heaven and Earth. Man was to function physically and spiritually. He created an environment for man to function in. He made Heaven and Earth for man. These two spheres find their perfect resting place in the son. Do not prejudice against one realm (Heaven or Earth). When we interpret the text (Earth) both the pretext (Heaven) and text must be read before it can be applied to the context. The non-material and the material should live in perfect harmony in our lives. Heaven and Earth were created to serve.

Genesis 2:1,2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.

Hosts = Tsaba = whole mass of creation in both realms; functions in an orderly and servile manner; everything created to serve.

Heaven = Throne; Earth = footstool.

Whilst on Earth, you can sit with God in Heaven and rule Earth. Everything was created to serve us; we will judge angels. Both things in Heaven and Earth, in US, are being shaken.

Heb.12:25-29

See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking. For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape who turn away from Him who warns from heaven. And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, " Yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but also the heaven." This expression, "Yet once more," denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we receive a kingdom, which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire.

Remove = metathesis. This word implies that God will shift the eternal principles - the set order of God. The medium God employs to shake is a VOICE. All inaccurate views will be shaken so that only the true will remain. When Scriptural principles are installed into your life, they become contextual. Live as the heavenly man in an earthly body. This is when you can determine the well-being of

environments. One of the names used for Elijah is ADON (Lord). ADON = controller of environment or one that determines the climate. We have the capacity to determine the environment in which we live, both in Heaven and Earth. We are supposed to manage both realms. Heaven and Earth are mutually interdependent. Heaven becomes like brass when there is no mature son. All of creation is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God – all of creation – not just earth – the heavens also. God has called you to a greater purpose than what happens within the four corners of your building.

Every false position is about to collapse. We cannot have an indefinite preservation of inaccurate positions. The strength of the house of David determines the weakness of the house of Saul.

The bible is Divine seed, not just 66 books. We are privileged to unravel every little detail. The Scriptures also contain riddles and apparent contradictions. Seeming interruptions in Scripture carry an eternal principle that cannot be contained within the carnal paradigm of the unrenewed soul.

An Example:

Gen. 1:10-13

God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them”; and it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good. There was evening and there was morning, a third day

On the third day, plant life appears. This plant life does not need sunlight. They are receiving God-light.

Gen. 1: 14-17

Then God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years; and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so. God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; He made the stars also. God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, and to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. There was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

The earth is the focus of the whole solar system.

Herbs were created on the third day and man on the sixth day.

Gen. 1:29-31

Then God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you; and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food”; and it was so. God saw

all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day

Gen. 2:1-8

Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts. By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made earth and heaven. Now no shrub of the field was yet in the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the Lord God had not sent rain upon the earth, and there was no man to cultivate the ground. But a mist used to rise from the earth and water the whole surface of the ground. 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. The Lord God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed.

Note Gen 2:5 – There were no plants because there was no man; yet plants were made before man. So this has another meaning than something natural. If you brought Heaven and Earth together, you should be able to see the fullness of His eternal attributes and Godhead. We are not promoting pantheism, which is idolatry. You cannot worship the thing designed to serve you. God is ONE. There is one God expressed through the things He created.

The image of God carries both heavenly and earthly traits. If you deconstruct this image, you will discover that your construct is heavenly and earthy traits carrying the image of God. We are the sum total of everything made in Heaven and Earth. The garden of Eden was a real garden. Earth is real. The return of the Lord will also be literal and visible. The garden was not mystical – it was real.

If there is a physical garden, there also has to be a spiritual garden. The same applies to the tree and the river.

Was there a garden in Eden? Eden was not the garden. Eden is the place – the garden was IN this place. There were fruit trees, herbs and grass. The spiritual garden is you. You are the garden of the Lord.

Gen 2:5 Now no shrub of the field was yet in the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the Lord God had not sent rain upon the earth, and there was no man to cultivate the ground

We are God's field – 1 Cor. 3. We are God's ground – Matt 13. We are God's earth. 'Field' and 'ground' here refers to us.

Man = adam (Hebrew); Ground = adamah (not 'eres' - land).

Mans' garden was not yet planted. There was no productivity on man's adamah. Because there was no man he could not send rain. Rain comes as doctrine to a man who must water the garden of fellow men so that they can be productive. Your 'admah' needs an 'adam' to get rain. If there is no man, you will be in drought.

Luke 8:11-15

"Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God. Those beside the road are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they will not believe and be saved. Those on the rocky soil are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no firm root; they believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away. The seed, which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.

This is the key to all parables of the Kingdom. You must know how to receive the word in good ground. You need a rain man – an 'adam'.

The first thing you need is the one that God has sent to us to work on our grounds.

Deut. 32:1,2

Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.
My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew,
 as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass

Rain must simply be received without trying to rationally make sense of it. The rain of pure doctrine must wash our brains. Note the reference 'My speech' - refers to God's voice released through men.



Note also the following references equating water/rain with God's Word:

Heb. 6:1-7

Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment. And this we will do, if God permits. For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame. For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God

Job's profile:

Job 29

And Job again took up his discourse and said,
 "Oh that I were as in months gone by,
 As in the days when God watched over me;
 When His lamp shone over my head,
 And by His light I walked through darkness;
 As I was in the prime of my days,
 When the friendship of God was over my tent;
 When the Almighty was yet with me,
 And my children were around me;
 When my steps were bathed in butter,
 And the rock poured out for me streams of oil!
 "When I went out to the gate of the city,
 When I took my seat in the square,
 The young men saw me and hid themselves,
 And the old men arose and stood.
 "The princes stopped talking
 And put their hands on their mouths;
 The voice of the nobles was hushed,
 And their tongue stuck to their palate.
 "For when the ear heard, it called me blessed,
 And when the eye saw, it gave witness of me,
 Because I delivered the poor who cried for help,
 And the orphan who had no helper.
 "The blessing of the one ready to perish came upon me,
 And I made the widow's heart sing for joy.
 "I put on righteousness, and it clothed me;
 My justice was like a robe and a turban.
 "I was eyes to the blind
 And feet to the lame.

“I was a father to the needy,
 And I investigated the case which I did not know.
 “I broke the jaws of the wicked
 And snatched the prey from his teeth.
 “Then I thought, ‘I shall die in my nest,
 And I shall multiply my days as the sand.
‘My root is spread out to the waters,
 And dew lies all night on my branch.
 ‘My glory is ever new with me,
 And my bow is renewed in my hand. ’
 “To me they listened and waited,
 And kept silent for my counsel.
 “After my words they did not speak again,
 And my speech dropped on them.
“They waited for me as for the rain,
 And opened their mouth as for the spring rain.
 “I smiled on them when they did not believe,
 And the light of my face they did not cast down.
 “I chose a way for them and sat as chief,
 And dwelt as a king among the troops,
 As one who comforted the mourners

When the one who brings doctrine comes, the rains come. When God’s servants walk into a city, people will experience the end of drought.

1 Pet. 1:22-25

Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God. For, “All flesh is like grass, And all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, And the flower falls off, But the word of the Lord endures forever.” And this is the word which was preached to you.

Isaiah 55

“Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; And you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk Without money and without cost. “Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And delight yourself in abundance. “Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, that you may live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you, According to the faithful mercies shown to David. “Behold, I have made him a witness to the peoples, A leader and commander for the peoples. “Behold, you will call a nation you do not know, And a nation which knows you not will run to you, Because of the Lord your God, even the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you.” Seek the Lord while He may be found; Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way And the unrighteous man his thoughts; And let him return to the Lord, And He will have compassion on him, And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon. “For My thoughts are not your thoughts,

Nor are your ways My ways,” declares the Lord. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts. “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it bear and sprout, And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.” “For you will go out with joy And be led forth with peace; The mountains and the hills will break forth into shouts of joy before you, And all the trees of the field will clap their hands. “Instead of the thorn bush the cypress will come up, And instead of the nettle the myrtle will come up, And it will be a memorial to the Lord, For an everlasting sign which will not be cut off.

You can never ever talk about the doctrine of God without coming back to the name of God.

Now, the context of a backslidden church:

Even in apostolic churches, the message has been corrupted. Keep the message pure. People were impressed with doctrine that flowed from Jesus, the carpenter’s son.

Jer. 2:11ff.

“Therefore I will yet contend with you,” declares the Lord, “And with your sons’ sons I will contend. “For cross to the coastlands of Kittim and see, And send to Kedar and observe closely And see if there has been such a thing as this! “Has a nation changed gods When they were not gods? But My people have changed their glory For that which does not profit. “Be appalled, O heavens, at this, And shudder, be very desolate,” declares the Lord. “For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, The fountain of living waters, To hew for themselves cisterns, Broken cisterns That can hold no water. “Is Israel a slave? Or is he a homeborn servant? Why has he become a prey “The young lions have roared at him, They have roared loudly. And they have made his land a waste; His cities have been destroyed, without inhabitant.

Broken cisterns = systems that cannot hold the Word.

Zech. 8:11-17

But now I will not treat the remnant of this people as in the former days,’ declares the Lord of hosts. ‘For there will be peace for the seed: the vine will yield its fruit, the land will yield its produce and the heavens will give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to inherit all these things. It will come about that just as you were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so I will save you that you may become a blessing. Do not fear; let your hands be strong. ’

“For thus says the Lord of hosts, ‘Just as I purposed to do harm to you when your fathers provoked Me to wrath,’ says the Lord of hosts, ‘and I have not relented, so I have again purposed in these days to do good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. Do not fear! These are the things which you should do: speak the truth to one another; judge with truth and judgment for peace in your gates. Also let none of you devise evil in your heart against another, and do not love perjury; for all these are what I hate,’ declares the Lord

Isaiah 5:1ff

Let me sing now for my well- beloved A song of my beloved concerning His vineyard. My well- beloved had a vineyard on a fertile hill. He dug it all around, removed its stones, And planted it with the choicest vine. And He built a tower in the middle of it And also hewed out a wine vat in it; Then He expected it to produce good grapes, But it produced only worthless ones “And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, Judge between Me and My vineyard. “What more was there to do for My vineyard that I have not done in it? Why, when I expected it to produce good grapes did it produce worthless one “And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, Judge between Me and My vineyard.

“ What more was there to do for My vineyard that I have not done in it? Why, when I expected it to produce good grapes did it produce worthless ones? “So now let Me tell you what I am going to do to My vineyard: I will remove its hedge and it will be consumed; I will break down its wall and it will become trampled ground.“ I will lay it waste; It will not be pruned or hoed, But briars and thorns will come up. **I will also charge the clouds to rain no rain on it.**” For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel And the men of Judah His delightful plant. Thus He looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; For righteousness, but behold, a cry of distress Woes for the Wicked Woe to those who add house to house and join field to field, Until there is no more room, So that you have to live alone in the midst of the land! In my ears the Lord of hosts has sworn, “Surely, many houses shall become desolate, Even great and fine ones, without occupants. “For ten acres of vineyard will yield only one bath of wine, And a homer of seed will yield but an ephah of grain.” Woe to those who rise early in the morning that they may pursue strong drink, Who stay up late in the evening that wine may inflame them! Their banquets are accompanied by lyre and harp, by tambourine and flute, and by wine; But they do not pay attention to the deeds of the Lord, Nor do they consider the work of His hands Therefore My people go into exile for their lack of knowledge; And their honorable men are famished, And their multitude is parched with thirst. Therefore Sheol has enlarged its throat and opened its mouth without measure; And Jerusalem’s splendor, her multitude, her din of revelry and the jubilant within her, descend into it. So the common man will be humbled and the man of importance abased, The eyes of the proud also will be abased. But the Lord of hosts will be exalted in judgment, And the holy God will show Himself holy in righteousness.

God will remove the hedge away from churches that will not honour His Word. Joining ‘field to field’ is a picture of networking and religious imperialism. Nimrod was a hunter of men. Woe to those who focus on recruiting the nations rather than giving attention to His Word.

Ten acres produce one bath (a few litres) of wine’	=	unproductive.
‘Looking for strong drink’	=	looking for illegal revelation.

There is a famine of hearing God’s Word.

Amos 8:11-14

“Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord God, “When I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine for bread or a thirst for water, But rather for hearing the words of the Lord. “People will stagger from sea to sea And from the north even to the east; They will go to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, But they will not find it. “In that day the beautiful virgins And the young men will faint from thirst. “ As for those who swear by the guilt of Samaria, Who say, ‘As your god lives, O Dan,’ And, ‘As the way of Beersheba lives,’ they will fall and not rise again.

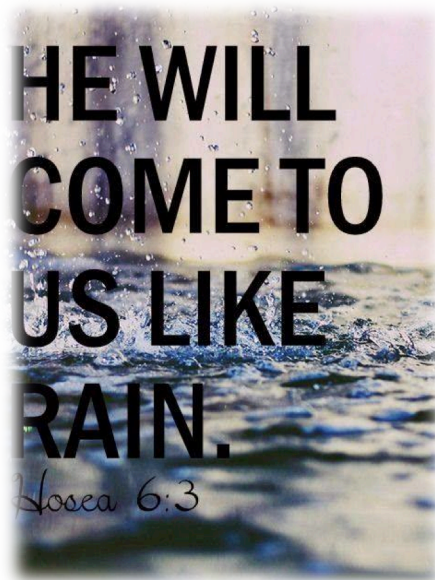
People are running toward church growth strategies. Samaria is a place of mixture, of religious pluralism, etc. Be careful of pimping your church in a bid to create an artificial sense of Divine presence.

Amos 4:1-13

Hear this word, you cows of Bashan who are on the mountain of Samaria, Who oppress the poor, who crush the needy, Who say to your husbands, “Bring now, that we may drink!” The Lord God has sworn by His holiness, “Behold, the days are coming upon you When they will take you away with meat hooks, And the last of you with fish hooks. “You will go out through breaches in the walls, Each one straight before her, And you will be cast to Harmon,” declares the Lord. “Enter Bethel and transgress; In Gilgal multiply transgression! Bring your sacrifices every morning, Your tithes every three days. “ Offer a thank offering also from that which is leavened, And proclaim freewill offerings, make them known. For so you love to do, you sons of Israel,” Declares the Lord God. “But I gave you also cleanness of teeth in all your cities And lack of bread in all your places, Yet you have not returned to Me,” declares the Lord. “Furthermore, I withheld the rain from you While there were still three months until harvest. Then I would send rain on one city And on another city I would not send rain; One part would be rained on, While the part not rained on would dry up. “So two or three cities would stagger to another city to drink water, But would not be satisfied; Yet you have not returned to Me,” declares the Lord. “I smote you with scorching wind and mildew; And the caterpillar was devouring Your many gardens and vineyards, fig trees and olive trees; Yet you have not returned to Me,” declares the Lord. “I sent a plague among you after the manner of Egypt; I slew your young men by the sword along with your captured horses, And I made the stench of your camp rise up in your nostrils; Yet you have not returned to Me,” declares the Lord. “I overthrew you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, And you were like a firebrand snatched from a blaze; Yet you have not returned to Me,” declares the Lord. “Therefore thus I will do to you, O Israel; Because I will do this to you, Prepare to meet your God, O Israel.” For behold, He who forms mountains and creates the wind And declares to man what are His thoughts, He who makes dawn into darkness And treads on the high places of the earth, The Lord God of hosts is His name.

Hosea 6:1-3

“Come, let us return to the Lord. For He has torn us, but He will heal us; He has wounded us, but He will bandage us. “He will revive us after two days; He will raise us up on the third day, That we may live before Him. “So let us know, let us press on to know the Lord. His going forth is as certain as the dawn; And He will come to us like the rain, Like the spring rain watering the earth.



The Word of God must be the absolute centre of what you do. Worship teams do not set the environment – the Word of God does. Jesus, by the blood, takes you beyond the veil.

Habb. 2:14 “For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, As the waters cover the sea

Zech. 10:1 Ask rain from the Lord at the time of the spring rain - The Lord who makes the storm clouds; And He will give them showers of rain, vegetation in the field to each man.

The Spirit of Elijah

Part 1

Prayer must be conversational. At times vocabulary becomes redundant. Deep cries out to deep – Spirit to spirit, and spirit to Spirit.

We have become too shallow in our approach to God's Word. We personalise 'us' in a subjective and narrow way. See the Scripture in a holistic fashion. We have twisted and rearranged the Scriptures to suit our private interpretations. Ask God for wisdom and the gift of sight. Allow the eternal to define the temporal.

Ask for the skill of a listening ear. Ask Him to extend the passage of the lanes of your hearing – ask for five lanes (as it were) so that traffic from Heaven would not be blocked. Ask for a circumcised ear.

Ask for the tongue of the learned. Ask for your tongue to be purged with coals of fire. Ask for grace to drip from your lips. Let your words be like apples of silver in settings of gold.

Ask for the eye to understand minute detail of the things He constructs. Ask for the details of heavenly things so that we can build accurately. Ask for eyes of fire.

The corporate mantle of anointing has been released upon the church so it can be carried to the completion of the journey. The anointing of Elijah will be returned to the earth.

Malachi 4:5-6

“Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord. He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse.

This is more than domestic. Many have used this to feather their own nests by unduly stressing spiritual fathering and sonship with an ulterior motive fueled by greed.

Anything you can see, related to the eternal, automatically becomes your inheritance. Revelation comes through access granted to you by the FATHER, not through teaching per se. God has got to open your eyes.

A mantle is determined by God's foreknowledge and planning. He ensures correct leadership is placed over specific phases of His doings. He enables a certain configuration of grace to lead the church through a specific season.

Israel was in Egyptian slavery for 400 years. When God wanted to free them, He chose Moses. He was of the tribe of Levi. At his birth, he was fair – he had grace and a force field of attraction to him. Moses functioned under the mantle of anointing called 'Levi'. God knew 10 of the spies would choose not to

enter the Promised Land through unbelief (they did not believe the authenticity of the original prophetic promise). They believed the report of their natural estimation of the land and its power, and determined that they - by comparison - are unable to possess the land. Hence God had to use a mantle of anointing like LEVI that will be able to sustain them in the desert for 40 years. God only had twelve options (tribes). Like a golfer he had to choose the best stick to move the golf ball. LEVI = TO ATTACH.

The name Levi was given by Leah in order to win the love and favour of her husband. The first son she named REUBEN (to see), hoping that Jacob would see her worth. The second son she called SIMEON (to hear). The third son was LEVI (to attach). Levi did not succeed in connecting Jacob to Leah. God needed the mantle of Levi on Moses in the wilderness to disconnect from the wilderness environment and connect to the heavens. Moses could ascend to heavenly things - study and build a tabernacle - a shadow of heavenly things - and this would bring Divine presence, immunity, life, etc. The mantle of anointing upon Levi which was on Moses cannot possess lands. This anointing cannot cross waters, fight wars - it can only connect to Heaven.

Joshua was chosen because he was of the tribe of Ephraim. Ephraim means doubly fruitful - it causes prosperity and possesses the land.

Do not over-emphasise father-son model to a domestic level. Elijah clothed himself within his mantle of anointing and grace when he heard the small, still voice. This mantle has a corporate emphasis and prioritises the WORD of GOD and the NAME of GOD.

Hebrews 1:1

God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

In each epoch of time, God uses specific methodology from Heaven that determines how He will administrate matters in the earth. In Moses' day - he went up the mountain to speak to God. Under Joshua, God appears differently - as a 'Man of War'. When Joshua meets Him at Jericho - God appears differently than how He appeared to Moses. God now had a military emphasis. This present apostolic season is on the brink of being high-jacked by people who do not understand the corporate anointing but use it for personal gain. Whilst God is unchanging, His appearances to us are changing. Our past glory, or the present focus, could become an idol. Many seek to import a previous glory into a new wineskin.

In this season the Elijah anointing is focused on

1. **Bringing people back to the Word of God - His commandments, statutes and precepts. The principle grace of Elijah is to bring people back to the Word of God and to His Name (the essence of who He is).**

Currently the word of God is being corrupted and the name of God is no more pre-eminent in the earth. Pluralism is growing - many do not accept Jesus is the only way.

Elijah stresses two things:

- The sovereignty, inerrancy, exactness and infallibility of God's Word.
- There is no other name whereby men shall be saved. The name is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

This name must be preserved in the Body of Christ. This name must be on your forehead – it must be the centre of your mentality (personally and subjectivity). Know how to engage in the Holy Ghost. Know God as your personal 'daddy'. If you are prone to anxiety, nitpicking, etc., then you are still an orphan. One of the meanings of Elijah is 'whose God is Jehovah' - He is God-centred.

2. In the northern kingdom of Israel, the Elijah anointing emerged specifically at that time in the history of the nation when its civic and religious leaders had turned the hearts of the people away from God. When politicians and church leaders turn people away from God, the Elijah anointing comes in to address error and realign the nation back to God. Many leaders are turning people back to their gifting, not back to God. Certain ideologies have now become rampant in the church in the name of freedom. Sacraments like marriage is not respected. We have dismissed doctrines of 'eternal judgement' and 'hell'. The backslidden church is drunk with ideologies of this world. Elijah anointing comes against the leadership of its time – the Herods, Pharisees, Scribes, inaccurate religious institutions, etc.

1 Kings 18:18-19

He said, "I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father's house have, because you have forsaken the commandments of the Lord and you have followed the Baals. Now then send and gather to me all Israel at Mount Carmel, together with 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of the Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table.

1 Kings 19:9-10

Then he came there to a cave and lodged there; and behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and He said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He said, " I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars and killed Your prophets with the sword. And I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

3. Note - 'Forsaken your covenant': There are many truce-breakers and those who expose the nakedness of their fathers.

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4. The Elijah grace comes for relief and restoration of the whole country back to the way of God. It seeks to address erroneous positions that have crept into our faith. Mixture cannot be tolerated.

5. The Elijah anointing embraces the anointing of the prophet, but extends beyond it. It is an all-encompassing anointing. It speaks to governments but is also sent to widows' houses. The Elijah grace can determine the fall of governments on a national or corporate scale and yet it can feed the widow on a domestic level.
6. The anointing of Elijah marries the law to the person of Christ. It brings God's Word and you into one unit. It is an incarnational anointing. It baptises you in the Word – you are being married to the Word.
7. The Elijah anointing is anti multi-faith. It is intolerant towards religious syncretism. The seeker friendly church gets its ideas from the world; it 'cuts and pastes'. It will tell you to study the world system and integrate it into the church system. You cannot lean upon extra-biblical or unbiblical truth.
8. It is a corporate anointing. Man is first plural (THEM) before singular (HIM). Elijah fell into depression because he thought he was alone. One of the biggest dangers of this season is if you franchise it and copyright it. The 'corporate' principle is represented in the number 7000.

1 Kings 18:13 Has it not been told to my master what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of the Lord, that I hid a hundred prophets of the Lord by fifties in a cave, and provided them with bread and water? And now you are saying, 'Go, say to your master, "Behold, Elijah is here"; he will then kill me

1 Kings 18:19 Now then send and gather to me all Israel at Mount Carmel, together with 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of the Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table

9. This anointing is not specifically about the miraculous. John functioned in the spirit and power of Elijah, yet he did not perform a single miracle.
10. The prophetic ministry of Elijah only emerges in Israel at the spiritual decline of the nation. Leaders today are divorcing, are in drunken stupors, gripped by pornography and other sexual addictions. If you cannot look at another person without a sexual inclination or thought, you have a sexual addiction problem.

Elijah is God's spokesman, reminding and rebuking the leaders – so they would get back to the law of God. The prophets Samuel, Nathan, Elisha, Isaiah – etc. are prominent in the religious civic life of the nation.

The ministry of the prophets is absent in Israel until the decline of the nation. When the nation appointed a king, the nation started to decline. Before then they lived under the law of God.

There may be the presence of false prophets – like Balaam. God leads His people by His Word. Only when people move away from the Word, will God raise up prophets to bring His people back to this.

The consequences of the sins of leaders are significant. Your sin has a direct impact upon the people. If you live wrong, your people will suffer under it. Israel was Promised Land possession, prosperity, and rest (peace) – only if they kept His Word and Name.

Departure from the agreement of obeying His law and keeping His name will open the door for judgement. Every leader must consider the wider consequence of his actions.

The Spirit of Elijah

Part 2

Jesus' Body was broken so that the substance in Him could be disbursed. We, the church, are His Body – the 'Body of Christ'; and the Christ in us must be communicated to others. We often sing to God, 'I need YOU more', yet God is present in each of us – and so the 'more' we desire of God to be accessed is actually located within each of us. Celebrate and access Christ in your brother.

There is nothing new under the sun. God's Word is exalted above the Heavens and the Earth.

The term 'investiture' relates to God clothing or mantling us for this time. There is a Divine investiture in this time – a coronation – we are being brought to the level of enthronement coming through the spirit of Elijah.

The Elijah anointing (like in John the Baptist) will come before a literal return of Christ. God is a God of meticulous and detailed planning. God gives you all the resources you need – He endows you – He imputes it into your spirit. David collected resources for his son Solomon to build the temple. David was anointed three times – as he grew with God, God increased the measure of his endowments. None of us can do what we are doing unless God endows us. Do not be ambitious to do what God has not graced you to do. The boundary lines have fallen to me in pleasant places. We all have endowments – divine investiture. Know your place of function. Not all will be in the forefront. In a technical sense Elijah was the face of the 7000 in Israel. Some will arise to be the physical face of something corporate and powerful.

The Spirit of Elijah in the life of John:

Luke 1:13-18

But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb. And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God. It is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers back to the children, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Zacharias said to the angel, "How will I know this for certain? For I am an old man and my wife is advanced in years."

1. The anointing of Elijah brings you to abide within the Father and Son economy. You are not defined by what you do, but by whose son are you – by who your Father is. When you know Father intimately – you migrate from faith to hope to love.

2. John the Baptist functions in the spirit of Elijah and turns people back to God. There will be a mass movement of people to accuracy. Not just a remnant – but a mass movement. Look at this on the macro-level.
3. The Elijah grace also brings the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, the ‘attitude of the righteous’. Disobedience is to move away from the way of God. People will yearn for the wisdom of God.
4. ‘To make ready a people prepared for the Lord’ – i.e., for His second coming. There is no rapture in how it is currently taught, but there is a resurrection of the dead and immortality. The charges brought against Paul was because of these two doctrines.

Zechariah was OLD. But he was under 50 years, because anyone older than 50 could not function as a priest.

5. This anointing returns people to the kingship of Christ. It turns many people back to the Lord. Shift people back to a Christ-centric view of God.
6. This anointing returns people back to a patriarchal order. Five-fold minister’s do not head churches. Five-fold ministers, headed by an apostle, head the movements of God. Fathers or elders lead households of faith. Apostles and elders met at the first council at Jerusalem. Fathers need to be connected with Apostles. To disconnect is to be disconnected from apostolic grace.

There are many apostles of churches, but few apostles of Christ. The apostolic is known for the revelation of Christ, which it brings. Be gracious enough to lay down your title of ‘apostle’ or whatever else, if it was inaccurately placed upon you.

We need to bring back a patriarchal order based on the grace of fathering. Elijah restores the nations to patriarchal order.

You may be an apostle, but to those you give oversight to, you are a father. You are not an apostle first, you are a father first. Although Jesus is ‘The Apostle’ (Heb.3:1), in the Godhead, He is not called the apostle, but ‘SON’ manifesting the Father.

Malachi 4:1-6

“For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze,” says the Lord of hosts, “so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.” “But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall. You will tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day which I am preparing,” says the Lord of hosts. “Remember the law of Moses My servant, even the statutes and ordinances which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel. “Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord. He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their

children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse.

7. Restore obedience to the Word of God. This anointing operates on the premise of obedience, not faith. Within the scope of faith there is a human estimate that comes to it. In obedience, you do not weigh the situation first, but you simply obey. Your human view does not come within the equation of what God requires. When you obey you simply stay under the authority of what God told you. Mary said 'Whatever He says, just do it'. Placing water in water jars does not make sense, but when it is served it tastes like wine. Tithing is your test – simply obey the principle.

Luke 1:67-80

And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people, And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of David His servant - As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old - Salvation from our enemies, And from the hand of all who hate us; To show mercy toward our fathers, And to remember His holy covenant, The oath which He swore to Abraham our father, To grant us that we, being rescued from the hand of our enemies, Might serve Him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before Him all our days. "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; For you will go on before the Lord to prepare His ways; To give to His people the knowledge of salvation By the forgiveness of their sins, Because of the tender mercy of our God, With which the Sunrise (Dayspring) from on high will visit us, To shine upon those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace." And the child continued to grow and to become strong in spirit, and he lived in the deserts until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

8. 'Knowledge of salvation' – salvation is being redefined for us.
9. John did not understand sonship. He only grew in spirit. He was deficient socially and intellectually. Jesus grew in four areas – see Luke 2:52.
10. John functioned in the office as a prophet. Teaching in this season will be guided by the wind of the spirit.
11. He is a forerunner of Christ.
12. The Elijah anointing informs how people can receive salvation. Has a strong evangelistic thrust to it.
13. The Elijah anointing is revelatory. It gives light to those who sit in darkness.
14. The Elijah anointing is also a shepherding anointing.
15. The Elijah anointing brings you to peace and prosperity. He guides your feet into the way of peace. Wholesome well-being. With the peace will come prosperity.

Luke 3:2-6

in the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zacharias, in the wilderness. And he came into all the district around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins; as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness, ‘Make ready the way of the Lord, Make His paths straight. ‘Every ravine will be filled, And every mountain and hill will be brought low; The crooked will become straight, And the rough roads smooth; And all flesh will see the salvation of God

Key words:

Voice : In the wilderness, i.e. in all cities under the devil’s rule; uninhabitable, hostile

Straight : Has a reformational culture.

Mountains and Valleys: Equalisation in the earth

16. It shifts paradigms – changes mindsets; calls for repentance. It will fine-tune your position in God. Sin is not primarily moral failure. Sin is when you step out of your boundary and wander out of the way.
17. It places an emphasis on reformation (‘Make straight’).
18. It equalises insurmountable differences (valleys and hills), etc. the racial issue, cultural differences, gender issues, economic bias, it will level things out.
19. It has a universal scope. All of humankind will witness the salvation of God.
20. It has a subjective nature to it. You will become a witness of the light.

John 1:1-42

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light.

There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. John testified about Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘ He who comes after me has a higher rank than

I, for He existed before me. ” For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.

This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent to him priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” And he confessed and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” They asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” And he said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” Then they said to him, “Who are you, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am A voice of one crying in the wilderness, ‘ Make straight the way of the Lord, ’ as Isaiah the prophet said.”

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, and said to him, “Why then are you baptizing, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” John answered them saying, “I baptize in water, but among you stands One whom you do not know. It is He who comes after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” These things took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is He on behalf of whom I said, ‘ After me comes a Man who has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me. ’ I did not recognize Him, but so that He might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing in water.” John testified saying, “ I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him. I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, ‘He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit. ’ I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. And Jesus turned and saw them following, and *said to them, “What do you seek?” They said to Him, “Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are You staying?” He said to them, “Come, and you will see.” So they came and saw where He was staying; and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He found first his own brother Simon and *said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which translated means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John; you shall be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

The next day He purposed to go into Galilee, and He *found Philip. And Jesus *said to him, “ Follow Me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, of the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip *found Nathanael and *said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” Nathanael said to him, “ Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?” Philip *said to him, “Come and see.” Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and *said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael *said to Him, “How do You know me?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” Nathanael answered Him, “ Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel.” Jesus answered and said to him, “Because I said to you that I saw you under the fig tree, do you

believe? You will see greater things than these.” And He *said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see the heavens opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man

21. John always shifts the focus to Christ.
22. John defined himself as a VOICE; in this season, you will speak and things will happen.
23. The Elijah spirit is very humble.

Elizabeth and Mary were cousins. Elizabeth and Zechariah were of the tribe of Levi – the house of Aaron – the high priestly line. Joseph was of the house of Judah – which produces KINGS. So Jesus parents had a KING-PRIEST dimension in one.

Matthew 11:1- 19

When Jesus had finished giving instructions to His twelve disciples, He departed from there to teach and preach in their cities.

Now when John, while imprisoned, heard of the works of Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to Him, “Are You the Expected One, or shall we look for someone else?” Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and report to John what you hear and see: the blind receive sight and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who does not take offense at Me.”

As these men were going away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ palaces! But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and one who is more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘Behold, I send MY messenger ahead of You, Who will prepare Your way before You.’

Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist! Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force. For all the prophets and the Law prophesied until John. And if you are willing to accept it, John himself is Elijah who was to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

“But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market places, who call out to the other children, and say, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon!’ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds

24. Jesus referred to John not just as a prophet but ‘MORE’ than a prophet. Later, He says John is the end of a prophetic age. Malachi 3:1 describes John as a messenger. Malak – Melek = king – one sent to deputise on behalf of another. So this anointing has an apostolic dimension to it.

Matthew 17:1-13

Six days later Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up on a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell face down to the ground and were terrified. And Jesus came to them and touched them and said, "Get up, and do not be afraid." And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus Himself alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man has risen from the dead." And His disciples asked Him, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" And He answered and said, "Elijah is coming and will restore all things; but I say to you that Elijah already came, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they wished. So also the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands." Then the disciples understood that He had spoken to them about John the Baptist.

The ultimate is that God does not want us to see Moses or Elijah – he wants us to see Jesus.

25. Elijah must come FIRST – an apostolic picture – and apostles are focused upon the restoration of 'all things' in and to Christ.

Acts 3:19,20

Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.

Jesus will be retained in Heaven until certain conditions on the earth are restored – before He comes to rule with us. We have to heal economies and all other kinds of systems before His return. Do not have a parochial view. Nations have to come under a corporate healing. When Elijah decreed, things happened; when he used his voice things were rearranged.

Now look at Elijah:

1 Kings 17:1-7

Now Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the settlers of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the Lord, the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, surely there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word." The word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Go away from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. It shall be that you will drink of the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to provide for you there." So he went and did according to the word of the Lord, for he went and lived by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. The ravens brought him bread and meat in

the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he would drink from the brook. It happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land

26. Elijah only spoke as he heard. You will SPEAK over nations. Jeremiah was not in exile but in a depleted place and set his face toward a certain nation and his words dropped like a bomb over that nation. From where you are, you will make decrees over nations.
27. The meaning of 'Elijah' bears reference to the most compact focused on the name of God. [Dictionary of Biblical Proper Names: Elijah = God- LORD; strength of the LORD; my God is Jehovah; the LORD God]

Elijah = Jaweh is my God; God is Jah; my God is Jehovah

ELJAH (shortened form) = God - Might; God - Great; God - Powerful; God - Strong

EL = power, might, strength = the absolute and total supremacy of God. Brings back to the sum total of everything God is. We will see some the greatest manifestations we have ever seen. We will only speak when we hear God's Word.

Elijah = speaks about the one true God; It speaks about the mighty attributes within the name of God.

Elijah = the most compact focused on the name of God. We are now zoning in the most compact way to know God. We want a Christo-centric view of God. We want Father, Son and Spirit operating as one.

The name Elijah means that his whole ministry centred on preserving the name of God. He seeks to reconnect the nation to a Christological view of God. We must bring the church to a Christ-centric focus on God.

Malachi 3:16-18

Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, and the Lord gave attention and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the Lord and who esteem His name. "They will be Mine," says the Lord of hosts, "on the day that I prepare My own possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him." So you will again distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.

God is listening to our conversations – how they are centralising their conversations upon His name – and record is made of them.

The Spirit of Elijah

Part 3

The whole book of Malachi can be related to the ministry of Elijah. (Similarly, the book of Hosea; the name 'Hosea' is similar to 'Joshua'; the book does a forensic audit on Ephraim - study this book to study the culture of the charismatic - brings you into personal breakthrough but never into a corporate culture of building the family of God - this is the 'half-baked cake' - it is the 'black and grey').

There must be a Christ-centric orientation.

2 John 1:9-11 Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house, and do not give him a greeting; for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds.

The Doctrine of Christ – equates to abiding in an environment of Father and son – your identity as sons and God as your father. Anyone who does not have a Christo-centric focus must not be received into your house. Do not greet him, i.e. kiss him, etc. All ministry must bring us back to 'father and son'.

Elijah lived in a time where leaders diverted the focus from God to themselves. The honour principle has been abused and exaggerated – encouraging the worship of men. Ahab coveted Naboth's flourishing vineyard in Jezreel; Jezebel secures it; Ahab replaces it with a vegetable garden. He replaces what produced joy in the nation with stuff that fuels his own greed. God does not take glory in man's flesh and perspiration. This man-centred culture manipulates people to promote materialism.

We use the post-resurrection methodology to reveal Christ from the Scriptures, like Christ Jesus did to the two on the road to Emmaus – where He led Himself out from the Scriptures.

Elijah's Lineage:

He was a Tishbite. Tishbite = inhabitant or a stranger in a land.

He lived in a place, but was an alien in that place. He chose to be separated from the popular culture of his day. His environment did not define him. (Tishbite = also means 'Captivity'. Inhabitant of Tishbe = a captive; adding; You shall lead captive.)

Most preachers are contextual preachers. They study the context and then present the gospel appropriately. This is flawed, for it lets context define the gospel. Environment should not define our behaviour. In our noble objective of winning souls, we do so at any cost – even compromising the gospel – this must stop. We seek to find the most attractive ways to reel people in, e.g. make the music palatable for acceptance by them; relaxing dress code, overuse of multi-media, etc. We incite the soul,

but we never touch the spirit. Jesus took the form of a slave. The Greek term for 'form' has embedded within it's meaning the fact that you could change your appearance, but not essentially who you are.

Tishbe was in Gilead.

Gilead = Perpetual fountain; A heap of testimony; a witness; mass of testimony; strong.

This is where you developed your reputation, your witness. It is where you heap up a testimony. It also means 'a rocky region'. South of it was Moab and Ammon. Manasseh occupied this region. Two and a half tribes, including half of Manasseh, did not cross over the Jordan.

Gilead was within a vicinity where two hostile forces lived, viz. Moab and Ammon. These were two sons of Lot. They were born of his two daughters as a result of incest.

Moab means 'who needs a father?' – it mocks the idea of fathering. It practices patricide, the killing of the spirit of patriarchy. Elijah lives within this culture.

Ammon: When you destroy fathering, you produce the spirit of brotherhood or fraternity without the headship of father.

The one spirit, Moab, removes you from headship; and the other, Ammon, celebrates the body without the head, promotes co-equality and democracy. You cannot celebrate brotherhood without fatherly headship.

Revelation 2- Church at Pergamos

Rev 2:12ff

“And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: The One who has the sharp two-edged sword says this: ‘I know where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is; and you hold fast My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit acts of immorality. So you also have some who in the same way hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. Therefore repent; or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of My mouth. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.”

Pergamos = a height; or elevated position.

God says He knows where satan’s throne is within the domain of this church. Throne implies that satan has a governmental influence. This church is apostolic yet has allowed satan to rule. They hold to the name and the Word. Satan dwells and rules where Antipas, the leader of this church, was permitted to be killed. Anitpas = ‘one who is like the father’; ‘one who substitutes on behalf of the father’. This church allowed the principle of patriarchal leadership to be replaced.

Where there is no father, there is no protection. 'ANTI'-pas: 'anti' implies one who creates a defense system of protection. The fathering grace is the security system of the church.

Balak is the King of Moab. 'Balak' = 'one who destroys'. The church must come back to a father-led system of government. Balak hires Balaam to curse Israel for he realises what they represent. Balaam teaches Balak how to corrupt the seed. Do not open yourself to a seed that does not come from your father.

Nicolatians – this spirit is a spirit of the people (Ammonite spirit) – the spirit of liberalism and democracy. Brother will vote for brother.

Elijah is bringing the head back to the body and the body to the head. We must all pursue a relationship with Father and entrench our identity as His sons. When it comes to the corporate movement of the broader Body, God uses His called servants – the fathers to speak to the nation.

Three distinctives of Elijah from 1 Kings 18:

1 Kings 18:1-16

Now it happened after many days that the word of the Lord came to Elijah in the third year, saying, "Go, show yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the face of the earth." So Elijah went to show himself to Ahab. Now the famine was severe in Samaria. Ahab called Obadiah who was over the household. (Now Obadiah feared the Lord greatly; for when Jezebel destroyed the prophets of the Lord, Obadiah took a hundred prophets and hid them by fifties in a cave, and provided them with bread and water.) Then Ahab said to Obadiah, "Go through the land to all the springs of water and to all the valleys; perhaps we will find grass and keep the horses and mules alive, and not have to kill some of the cattle." So they divided the land between them to survey it; Ahab went one way by himself and Obadiah went another way by himself.

Now as Obadiah was on the way, behold, Elijah met him, and he recognized him and fell on his face and said, "Is this you, Elijah my master?" He said to him, "It is I. Go, say to your master, 'Behold, Elijah is here.' " He said, "What sin have I committed, that you are giving your servant into the hand of Ahab to put me to death? As the Lord your God lives, there is no nation or kingdom where my master has not sent to search for you; and when they said, 'He is not here,' he made the kingdom or nation swear that they could not find you. And now you are saying, 'Go, say to your master, "Behold, Elijah is here."' It will come about when I leave you that the Spirit of the Lord will carry you where I do not know; so when I come and tell Ahab and he cannot find you, he will kill me, although I your servant have feared the Lord from my youth. Has it not been told to my master what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of the Lord, that I hid a hundred prophets of the Lord by fifties in a cave, and provided them with bread and water? And now you are saying, 'Go, say to your master, "Behold, Elijah is here"'; he will then kill me." Elijah said, " As the Lord of hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself to him today." So Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him; and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

1. Elijah ruled by 'MY WORD' – God's voice.
2. He did not speak because he thought it was right – He was instructed by the Word of the Lord. The words you speak is God's word.
3. He stood in the presence of the Lord.

Like Elijah did, we must learn how to stand in God's presence. Intimacy is Divine connectivity. This is more than your closet time of prayer. You must train yourself that while in the normal business of life, you are in the presence of the Lord. Conscientise yourself that you are constantly in His presence. Train yourself to be in the realm of spirit at all times.

All angels stand in God's presence. All messengers come from His presence. There is no room for double standards; of living a double life; there must be holiness, righteousness, purity, innocence, integrity, no false motives. Whatever He says, you will say it. When you are standing in His presence, you will be baptised in the Spirit of His Word. Be Presence-centred and Word-centred.

'Lord' = adon = the one who determines physical and climatic conditions of environment. **Stand in the Word of the Lord and your environment will be shaped by your position.** Even if your brook dries, creation will support you. From the perspective of the enemy, Elijah is called the 'troubler', but from God's view, he is called 'man of God'.

What was the historical, political, economical and spiritual milieu of Elijah's day?

The kingdom of Israel was divided into two. The Northern Kingdom was called Israel, comprising of ten tribes. Elijah did not minister to the southern kingdom of Judah. The first king of Israel was Jeroboam from Ephraim. The Southern Kingdom was ruled by Judah; it consisted of two tribes – Judah and Benjamin; headed by Rehoboam, the son of Solomon.

The sins of Solomon brought judgement on the united kingdom of Israel and split it into two. The split in our churches may be because of our sin.

Prophecy over Jeroboam:

1 Kings 11:1-13

Now King Solomon loved many foreign women along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women, from the nations concerning which the Lord had said to the sons of Israel, "You shall not associate with them, nor shall they associate with you, for they will surely turn your heart away after their gods." Solomon held fast to these in love. He had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines, and his wives turned his heart away. For when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away after other gods; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father had been. For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians and after Milcom the detestable idol of the Ammonites. Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, and did not follow the Lord fully, as David his father had done. Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the detestable

idol of Moab, on the mountain, which is east of Jerusalem, and for Molech the detestable idol of the sons of Ammon. Thus also he did for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.

Now the Lord was angry with Solomon because his heart was turned away from the Lord, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice, and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods; but he did not observe what the Lord had commanded. So the Lord said to Solomon, “Because you have done this, and you have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you, and will give it to your servant. Nevertheless I will not do it in your days for the sake of your father David, but I will tear it out of the hand of your son. However, I will not tear away all the kingdom, but I will give one tribe to your son for the sake of My servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem which I have chosen.

Foreign woman	= business, money, friends.
Pharaoh	= the spirit of Egypt
Woman from Moab, Ammonites, Edomites	= spirit of Esau – no regard for firstborn privilege and no understanding of Patriarchal blessing, etc.

The spirit of Elijah is bringing a divided church back together into one.

Solomon’s Sins

1. Intermarriage

This relates to wrong and false alliances. Preserve the sacredness of associations. When seasons change, alliances change. Rebekah said she is sick to the point of vomiting at the thought that Jacob would marry the wrong woman – for if he does, he dilutes the purity of the seed.

Gen 27:46 Rebekah said to Isaac, “I am tired of living because of the daughters of Heth; if Jacob takes a wife from the daughters of Heth, like these, from the daughters of the land, what good will my life be to me.

Gen 28:1 So Isaac called Jacob and blessed him and charged him, and said to him, “ You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan.

2. Inter-religious syncretism – cultural imports.

We imported ‘laughter’, crawling like snake’s, titles (like bishop), clerical garbs, etc. This equates to permitting and building of idolatrous shrines. It is anti-biblical but popular.

3. A lack of loyalty to the Lord – Is your heart loyal?

4. He did evil

5. He was disobedient – he was warned twice.

God sent him enemies:

1 Kings 11:14-26

Then the Lord raised up an adversary to Solomon, Hadad the Edomite; he was of the royal line in Edom. For it came about, when David was in Edom, and Joab the commander of the army had gone up to bury the slain, and had struck down every male in Edom (for Joab and all Israel stayed there six months, until he had cut off every male in Edom), that Hadad fled to Egypt, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, while Hadad was a young boy. They arose from Midian and came to Paran; and they took men with them from Paran and came to Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Egypt, who gave him a house and assigned him food and gave him land. Now Hadad found great favor before Pharaoh, so that he gave him in marriage the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen. The sister of Tahpenes bore his son Genubath, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house; and Genubath was in Pharaoh's house among the sons of Pharaoh. But when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers and that Joab the commander of the army was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, "Send me away, that I may go to my own country." Then Pharaoh said to him, "But what have you lacked with me, that behold, you are seeking to go to your own country?" And he answered, "Nothing; nevertheless you must surely let me go."

God also raised up another adversary to him, Rezon the son of Eliada, who had fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah. He gathered men to himself and became leader of a marauding band, after David slew them of Zobah; and they went to Damascus and stayed there, and reigned in Damascus. So he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, along with the evil that Hadad did; and he abhorred Israel and reigned over Aram.

Then Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephraimite of Zeredah, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow, also rebelled against the king.

Study the life and sins of King Jeroboam, King of the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Elijah comes against all of these sins.

Read 1 Kings 11,12, 14,16.

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Part 4

Use a tool to measure how certain things happen within your region. Consider issues of continuity and discontinuity. Identify where the breach took place – identify it and fix it. Elijah addresses common issues that arise in the global community. Learn how to read the socio-political and socio-economic face of the sky. When did economies and governments depart from the ways of God? Future generations tend to mature prior generational error in their time, without concern to fix the breach. Do not be parochial in your view. In dealing with the deficiencies within Jehu, you will have to go back to Jeroboam; and in understanding the errors of Jeroboam, you will have to study the sins of Solomon. Go to the root of the problem.

All of the spirit of the world must manifest. Learn how to go back to origins – back to the source. John the Baptist places the axe at the root of the problem. We are looking at the spirit of Elijah, operative in John, in a broad picture.

Matthew 23:34-36

“ Therefore, behold, I am sending you prophets and wise men and scribes; some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city, so that upon you may fall the guilt of all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. Truly I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation

We are rebuilding ancient ruins. The decision we make today can correct the mistakes from 1000 years ago. When you identify the mistakes of your forefathers, and you do not correct it, you become guilty of the same mistake. Spiritually analyse and dissect a problem; identify the root cause and discontinue that behaviour.

The mantle of anointing of Elijah identifies root problems – identifies the gates that allow breaches to persist.

Two mountains – blessings or curses – Samaria and Shechem. Many kings ruled and functioned from between these two mountains.

The Elijah anointing has two primary objectives, viz. the Word of God (absolute, inerrant, no compromise and ineffable) and the Name of God. ‘Name’ here implies a Christo-centric focus (abide in the Holy Ghost, keeping the name of Father and Son). On a practical level, know God as your Father – rest in this knowledge. Jesus could not speak to the storm until He learnt how to sleep in the storm. You sleep in the bosom of your Father in the midst of the storm.

Also, we need to study the environment in which we live. We have ignorance at a heightened level in the church today. Whoever possesses land - the earth, controls environments.

Some inaccuracies in church remain unaddressed. See the whole book of Malachi through the spectacles of Elijah, the messenger. One of the dangers of only having a reformational view is that you tend to want to actively correct everything that is inaccurate. But really, all you need to do is go back into the eternal and just present the truth and allow the truth to correct the error. Light will reveal the hidden things in the darkness.

Elijah addresses the civic and religious environment in which he lives. It is also addressing governmental structures. Some individuals will emerge to become the face of a large company of 7000 to speak to governmental structures. The wisdom of the ancient of days will come upon you.

The spirit of Elijah is confrontational. It is passionate about not letting error creep into our faith.

This spirit can operate with the grace and authority of the prophet. The whole Body of Christ is coming back to its prophetic edge. In Israel there were 'sons of prophets' – in schools. Saul, who came into their environment, also prophesied. Conversations in government boardrooms and secret places will be revealed to us. We should get knowledge of the next impending financial fall. This will happen in a normal environment.

Elijah was the chariot of Israel. Elisha asked for the blessing of the firstborn. The right to administrate the mantle of this anointing will fall upon the firstborn. He saw Elijah as 'my father, my father' – he defined him as 'chariot of Israel', i.e. the one who brings God into the environment, and horseman of Israel = military ability to bring Divine protection and immunity (cf. 'Antipas' confers protection as a father). When God the Father went into eternal rest, He engaged an eternal principle of rest – where others will deputise on behalf of Himself.

Mantles never go to heaven. The man in the mantle goes to heaven. Even Jesus left His garment on the floor. It was a seamless mantle. One mantle covers the entire body.

Do not play down the Elijah anointing – do not play it down. Do not play down that which God wants to do through you. Do not have false humility.

A true father is governed by the interest of his son. He wants to promote his son. His good pleasure is his son. See how you can bless someone else. Selfishness governs civic and religious leaders. This is the spirit of Nimrod using noble ideas like accessing Heaven by building false systems. Elijah promotes the spirit of fathering. This spirit beheads democracy to bring back the patriarchal order.

The spirit of Elijah exercises itself at the point where an inter-religious movement reaches maturity. It is anti-religious syncretism. It lives in Gilead (hard and rocky) – a difficult place. It lives between Moab and Ammon but its objective is to bring the people to the Jordan where they die to themselves.

It hates the spirit of independence.

Elijah emerges after the nation of Israel is divided into two groups. Northern Kingdom = 10 tribes; southern kingdom = 1 tribe - Judah + (Benjamin). How did the church split – how will God bring back the tribes; how will the headship of the church be restored.

Identify the departure of the nations of Israel. It started with the sins of Solomon. Study the seven churches - seven churches of one segment in Asia. Jesus forensically audits each one, determining strengths and weaknesses. He brings a rebuke or commendation to them.

In the segmental part, where did we go wrong? How is it that demons can play havoc in the land and are not be affected by our anointing?

Solomon's Sins:

1. **He loved many foreign women.** He mixed his seed. He turned after gods. Check the foreign women in your life. Ahab becomes the manifestation of Solomon. Deal with your weakness of the flesh. What things are seductive in your life? Think about your pride, arrogance - these sleep with us in bed.
2. **Inter-religious syncretism.** He built shrines of every religion. Have you brought foreign elements into the worship team, tithes, leadership structure, etc. Audit the high places that you have built in your life.
3. **He lacked loyalty to God.** He adopted a neutral position. How committed are you to the Lord? We need loyalty to the Lord. David was loyal although he made calculated mistakes (murder, adultery). One of his greatest tests was how he gave.
4. **He established false alliances and covenants.** Discern the false prophets. Discern the voice of the old prophet that seeks to undermine the original voice of the Lord. Only walk with those in agreement with you. There has to be great discerning in this season. Political correctness produces fragile peace.
5. **He did not fully follow the Lord**
6. **He was disobedient to the warnings of the Lord.**

God's judgement results in a splitting of the kingdom under Rehabaom, and for David's sake the tribe of Judah was preserved under Davidic anointing. The zeal you had in the beginning of the Apostolic season must be rekindled, e.g. protracted periods of fasting and prayer, love for God's Word, giving away everything to take the Word into the nations, etc. The lapse in these things opened the door for subtle invasions. We need the zeal of God again.

1 Kings 11:26-40

Then Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephraimite of Zeredah, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow, also rebelled against the king. Now this was the reason why he rebelled against the king: Solomon built the Millo, and closed up the breach of the city of his father David. Now the man Jeroboam was a valiant warrior, and when Solomon saw that the young man was industrious, he appointed him over all the forced labor of the house of Joseph. It came about at that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him on the road. Now Ahijah had

clothed himself with a new cloak; and both of them were alone in the field. Then Ahijah took hold of the new cloak which was on him and tore it into twelve pieces. He said to Jeroboam, "Take for yourself ten pieces; for thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Behold, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon and give you ten tribes (but he will have one tribe, for the sake of My servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen from all the tribes of Israel), because they have forsaken Me, and have worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of Moab, and Milcom the god of the sons of Ammon; and they have not walked in My ways, doing what is right in My sight and observing My statutes and My ordinances, as his father David did. Nevertheless I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand, but I will make him ruler all the days of his life, for the sake of My servant David whom I chose, who observed My commandments and My statutes; but I will take the kingdom from his son's hand and give it to you, even ten tribes. But to his son I will give one tribe, that My servant David may have a lamp always before Me in Jerusalem, the city where I have chosen for Myself to put My name. I will take you, and you shall reign over whatever you desire, and you shall be king over Israel. Then it will be, that if you listen to all that I command you and walk in My ways, and do what is right in My sight by observing My statutes and My commandments, as My servant David did, then I will be with you and build you an enduring house as I built for David, and I will give Israel to you. Thus I will afflict the descendants of David for this, but not always. "' Solomon sought therefore to put Jeroboam to death; but Jeroboam arose and fled to Egypt to Shishak king of Egypt, and he was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

God gives to Jeroboam 10 tribes. He is an officer of all the house of Joseph (a servant of Solomon's labour force). Solomon produced the most evil labour force system because of his lavish lifestyle. Jeroboam is the son of Nebat (means 'aspect') – he gives you a 'perspective' of how you see things.

1 [Kings 11:26](#) Then Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephraimite of Zeredah, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow, also rebelled against the king.

Jeroboam has an absent father – he is opinionated; his mother is un-covenanted. This later matured in Jezebel.

Zeruah = 'leprous; fully breasted'

He ran to Egypt – to King Shishak, which means 'greedy for fine linen'. This king incited his spirit of greed.

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Part 5

1 Kings 12:25 Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and lived there. And he went out from there and built Penuel

Shechem = upper shoulder (that carries the neck) = a governmental position

The man Shechem raped Dinah; Levi and his brother colluded to kill Shechem; Shechem gave his life to the culture and the God of Jacob – he was circumcised and he embraced the faith; Jacob prophesied negatively of Levi and Simeon for their actions against him.

Shechem becomes the capital.

1 Kings 12:25-33

Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and lived there. And he went out from there and built Penuel. Jeroboam said in his heart, "Now the kingdom will return to the house of David. If this people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will return to their lord, even to Rehoboam king of Judah; and they will kill me and return to Rehoboam king of Judah." So the king consulted, and made two golden calves, and he said to them, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem; behold your gods, O Israel, that brought you up from the land of Egypt." He set one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan. Now this thing became a sin, for the people went to worship before the one as far as Dan. And he made houses on high places, and made priests from among all the people who were not of the sons of Levi. Jeroboam instituted a feast in the eighth month on the fifteenth day of the month, like the feast which is in Judah, and he went up to the altar; thus he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves which he had made. And he stationed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made. Then he went up to the altar which he had made in Bethel on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised in his own heart; and he instituted a feast for the sons of Israel and went up to the altar to burn incense

See the prophecy of Malachi 4:5,6 corporately first. We have privatised corporate scriptures. Jeroboam did not want the tribes to connect to David. He is decapitating the headship of the Body. The spirit of Elijah comes back to bring back the headship to the Body. We will see tribal fathers emerge. This is not networking or alliances. It is built around the culture of Hebron. It is not institutional or ecclesial. We are moving away from paternalism to patriarchy. Jeroboam is scared of the spirit of David. Many are securing their territory.

Gen. 49:8-13

"Judah, your brothers shall praise you; Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies;
Your father's sons shall bow down to you. "Judah is a lion's whelp;
From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He couches, he lies down as a lion,
And as a lion, who dares rouse him up? " 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. “ He ties his foal to the vine,
 And his donkey’s colt to the choice vine; He washes his garments in wine,
 And his robes in the blood of grapes. “His eyes are dull from wine,
 And his teeth white from milk. “ Zebulun will dwell at the seashore;
 And he shall be a haven for ships, And his flank shall be toward Sidon

Judah is more than praise. The term ‘Judah’ is derived from ‘Jeduwah’ the root of which is ‘YAD’. Yad refers to the hand – the hand of God used skillfully on its enemy. David, from the tribe of Judah, was skillful with his hands. When you have a Jerusalem focus, the Judah corporate anointing becomes yours. Judah was a man, then a tribe, then a place (province), then the face of a nation.

A sceptre is made from a vine	=	he rules by revelation; law-giver = a kingly-priestly anointing. The west has inaccurate definitions of the apostolic.
Until ‘Shiloh’ comes	=	i.e. the one who builds bridges of peace.
Donkey	=	the mediums, the operating systems that will bring Christ into the city. God created the environment in six days.
Washes his garments in wine	=	every mantle soaked in revelation.
Clothed in blood of grapes	=	every system must be by sacrifice – be prepared to lay down your life for another.
His teeth like milk	=	he speaks with purity and innocence.
Two calves of gold	=	an attempt to recreate the cherubim. He creates the wrong structures for God to become visible to creation. We have wrong structures to create Divine presence.

Jeroboam’s Sins are Rife Today:

1. **Innovative reforms, which contaminated the purity of the faith.** Creative thinking could redefine the boundary lines. When you go over the boundary lines, it is called darkness. What golden calves are we producing? Is it from God or ourselves?
2. **His kingdom was built on insecurity and fear of loss.** God assured him that if He just built by God’s law, he would be fine, but he transgressed. Let go of what needs to go – do not fear loss. The only reason some hold on to people is because of financial security. Jeroboam secured economic centres. Jeroboam was just interested in people’s taxes (tithes).
3. He **secured military and economic interest in his kingdom.** He built the ten tribes on the premise that they do not return to the southern Kingdom under Davidic rule.
4. He **secured religious interest** – away from Jerusalem – the place where God preserved His name and His law. He created his own centres of religion.
5. **He offered the people convenience and cost-saving in their worship of God.**

6. **Created high places on hills and mountains – activity and events – he developed a seeker-friendly model – felt needs are met first.**
7. **He institutionalises idolatry** – a mixture of Yawehism and Baalism. This is religious syncretism – an inter-religious movement - religious pluralism, etc. Divorce is on the increase, etc.
8. **He reset the day of the Feast of Tabernacles to a month later** - (because the harvest came a month later in the north). We believe in the public reading of Scripture, Table of the Lord etc. We do not shift these things.
9. **He integrated the high-priestly ministry into his function as a king.** He is from Ephraim and assumed the function of the house of Aaron. He mixed kingly rule with the priestly.
10. **He introduced a multi-priest system that was hybrid – he chooses priests from the common men who were not from the tribe of Levi.** We are all equal, but not all have the same ranking in God. God determines your rank in the Spirit. We cannot make everything common. Not everyone can operate governmentally on the same level. We are all equal but functionally different. The lesser parts should receive greater honour. One the greatest blunders we have made recently is thoughtless ordinations. Some even have self-ordinations – they upgrade from pastor to apostle. We now need to recognise the ordination of God. Do not rush to ordain. Wait for the man to show some fruit.

Previously, we erroneously taught five-fold ministry must be in local churches – and we made some mistakes in ordinations. There were two groups of priests: House of Aaron – here there were three levels; in the Levitical order there were also priests. Unless you know the ranking of someone, you must never expose them prematurely.

11. **He introduced new sacrifices – he found new ways.** There is much **manipulation and control.**
12. **He did what was devised in his own heart.** He let imaginative creative ideas take him away from God. Anything from your imagination is an image. Illegal inventive thinking may lead to budgetary problems.

In this season you must shut down some operational systems.

[1 Kings 14:6-18](#)

When Ahijah heard the sound of her feet coming in the doorway, he said, “Come in, wife of Jeroboam, why do you pretend to be another woman? For I am sent to you with a harsh message. Go, say to Jeroboam, ‘Thus says the Lord God of Israel, “ Because I exalted you from among the people and made you leader over My people Israel, and tore the kingdom away from the house of David and gave it to you— yet you have not been like My servant David, who kept My commandments and who followed Me with all his heart, to do only that which was right in My sight; you also have done more evil than all who were before

you, and have gone and made for yourself other gods and molten images to provoke Me to anger, and have cast Me behind your back— therefore behold, I am bringing calamity on the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam every male person, both bond and free in Israel, and I will make a clean sweep of the house of Jeroboam, as one sweeps away dung until it is all gone. Anyone belonging to Jeroboam who dies in the city the dogs will eat. And he who dies in the field the birds of the heavens will eat; for the Lord has spoken it.” Now you, arise, go to your house. When your feet enter the city the child will die. All Israel shall mourn for him and bury him, for he alone of Jeroboam’s family will come to the grave, because in him something good was found toward the Lord God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam. Moreover, the Lord will raise up for Himself a king over Israel who will cut off the house of Jeroboam this day and from now on.

“For the Lord will strike Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water; and He will uproot Israel from this good land which He gave to their fathers, and will scatter them beyond the Euphrates River, because they have made their Asherim, provoking the Lord to anger. He will give up Israel on account of the sins of Jeroboam, which he committed and with which he made Israel to sin.”

Then Jeroboam’s wife arose and departed and came to Tirzah. As she was entering the threshold of the house, the child died. All Israel buried him and mourned for him, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke through His servant Ahijah the prophet.

1 Kings 16:34-38

So Omri slept with his fathers and was buried in Samaria; and Ahab his son became king in his place.

Now Ahab the son of Omri became king over Israel in the thirty- eighth year of Asa king of Judah, and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty- two years. Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord more than all who were before him.

It came about, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he married Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went to serve Baal and worshiped him. So he erected an altar for Baal in the house of Baal which he built in Samaria. Ahab also made the Asherah. Thus Ahab did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel than all the kings of Israel who were before him. In his days Hiel the Bethelite built Jericho; he laid its foundations with the loss of Abiram his firstborn, and set up its gates with the loss of his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the Lord, which He spoke by Joshua the son of Nun

Leaven = multiple of 11 – Ahab reigned for 22 years = incomplete (Joshua died at 110 years old – incomplete assignment).

Ahab = ‘brother of my father’; ‘uncle’. This spirit cannot recognise patriarchy. It is not covenantal in relationship. Ahab married the daughter of Ethbaal, a king and priest of Baal.

Jezebel is un-covenanted – she is married but remains single in the married relationship – she maintains her own identity; she insists on individualism and refuses to find her identity in covenant. This spirit views the man heading the church as an uncle and not as a father.

Jezebel does not come in an abrasive way. It is a crafty spirit. It is deceitful. It is covert. It is malicious and cruel and hides behind a form of godliness. It comes to destabilise God's purposes. It is an instigator for the persecutor of the saints of God. It drinks the blood of those who speak, viz. the prophets.

It is guided by no principles – it is unrestrained – it has no fear for God. It will spare nothing to establish an idolatrous position. It loves to occupy key positions.

Ahab places great value on inter-religiosity. The Ahab spirit highlights context. Ashteroth = moon. It stresses the fourth day. This is contextual. Operate from the kairos of the first day

Study the sins of Omri.

Jezebel becomes the most influential voice in Israel.

Ahab allowed for the firstborn and last born to be sacrificed so that the city of Jericho could be rebuilt, viz. Abiram and Secob. Abiram = one who exalts the father. Secob = exalted. God said Jericho must not be rebuilt. Ahab permits two sons (first and last) – 'one who exalts the father' to be killed. Because he does not value sons, he permits a firstborn who belongs to God, to lay down his son to build his personal empire.

Spiritual sons should not exalt their spiritual fathers more than God. Study the line of Abel – no son is known by what he builds. In the line of Cain, sons are defined by what they built. Ahab sacrifices sons to build his own purposes. Do not rebuild the thing that God cursed. Build the family of God.

The ultimate objective of Elijah is to bring ten tribes back to the head.

The Rod (Standard) and Staff (Economy)

The voice of God is like the sound of many waters. The falling water at Niagara Falls has deafening sounds. You can not only hear the sounds, but also see the sounds. Different columns of water of varying thickness, all blended together make the fall. The roar is perfect harmony with no discordance. In the spiritual, every different sound produces the fullness of the sound from Heaven. In the earth today, there will however be some sounds not calibrated to the frequency from Heaven. When you are grounded in the truth, one of your functions is to judge. Different columns of water bring the Word of God. We are hearing the richness of the corporate sound. This is not the same as many voices speaking different messages. God is a corporate being, who contains everything, except darkness. At times He wraps Himself in the darkness of humanity so His coming to us might be seasonal and not destructive to who we are.

Psalm 23:4-6 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows. Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

'Table in the wilderness' speaks of the provision of God during difficult times. This provision comes as a rod and staff.

A rod is a standard – a measuring stick. A staff is an economy – a support to do the work. David, at this time, was on the run from Saul. The rod – the principle – the announced place assigned to him – had already come and it functioned to support him in a wilderness place, where it could be easy to lose his identity.

The rod of God will hold you firmly when adversity arises to challenge your identity. When Israel forgot the promises of God, they were tempted to go back to Egypt where there was fixed identity. Our journey is one of maturity. Getting here requires a journey of transition. The temptation is to go back to the familiar.

Fellowship with the person, who is the ROD. The rod is more than a principle – it is a person. Speaking of the Lord Jesus, the prophet declared, "A ROD will come up from the stem of Jesse."

Isaiah 11:1-3

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth:

and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked

He does not judge by the standards of the world, but by the standard of the heavenly. This is an eternal standard – true of Jesus Christ and true of us, His Body. To handle judgement, one must become mature. With the rod comes a branch. The standard comes with an economy. A branch brings shade and rest – a place of reconciliation. He is both the rod and staff – the standard and the economy that goes with it.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Word became flesh and we beheld His glory – full of grace and truth. Truth is the standard that determines the application of grace. Truth sorts out what God will support and what He will not support. Grace is inaccessible to those who persist in error. The heavenly economy will not support that which by nature opposes God. God does not support that form of speaking which inherently opposes what He wants to do.

Jesus was the standard – He is introduced to us as THE WORD. He comes to restore the heavenly standard to this end, that the invisible God might appear visibly in the earth.

In John 3, Jesus is collecting His disciples. Andrew brought Peter; Phillip had a friend named Nathaniel. Nathaniel is an irascible character – he says what he is thinking. Nathaniel wanted to know where Jesus was from. He said “Can anything good come out from Nazareth?” Jesus said, “Nathaniel, before you were with Philip, I saw you under the fig tree.” When Nathaniel’s requirements of proof are satisfied, he jumps right in and confesses Jesus as the Messiah. Jesus said he would see angels ascending and descending on the Son of man. Until the coming of Christ the heavens had been closed. The water above of the firmament was not available to those below since the fall of Adam. Everything from then on was a type and a shadow until Christ.

The elements distinct to heaven and earth converged in a man – Adam. The wisdom of the heaven intersected earth in a man. When God came to man, man was in the wisdom of God. Do not think spatially of heaven and earth. Heaven and earth reside in the same person. The wisdom of heaven resides in the spirit; wisdom of earth resides in the soul. This duality can be harmonised in man. Where this is broken, he has a duality of nature. Spirit and soul can be harmonised again. The man from heaven (Christ Jesus) is back in heaven. And the man (i.e. you and I) who is arising in the earth is being governed by heaven because the head of that man (Christ Jesus) is in heaven.

Redemption is an accounting term. It means to pay back so that you can have reconciliation. We are seated in heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.

Jesus shows and demonstrates His claim of angels ascending and descending upon Him. We see this in His first miracle.

John 2:1-12

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; and both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with us? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it." Now there were six stone waterpots set there for the Jewish custom of purification, containing twenty or thirty gallons each. Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." So they filled them up to the brim. And He said to them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it to him. When the headwaiter tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom, and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first, and when the people have drunk freely, then he serves the poorer wine; but you have kept the good wine until now." This beginning of His signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him. After this He went down to Capernaum, He and His mother and His brothers and His disciples; and they stayed there a few days.

This was the third day. Jesus is emerging from 'son of man' into 'Son of God'. Jesus is the Son of God. In His days in the flesh, Joseph was his father. Joseph was a righteous man. God did not submit His son to a father who was misaligned to Heaven. Fathers know "Him who is from the beginning".

1 John 2:14 I have written to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one

God will not entrust his sons to those leaders who have no idea of what God wishes to form in them. The father-son model is meant to produce something, this being a spiritually mature son who himself knows the Father. The test of the mature is that they know the Father. Churches today are led by 'boy leaders'.

Isaiah 3:4 And I will make mere lads their princes, And capricious children will rule over them.

The highest frontier today in church is described in terms like 'deliverance'. Dealing with the demonic is the lowest expression of maturity. John said, "I write to you young men because you have overcome the evil one"; hence deliverance ministry is not a yardstick for maturity. If the highest frontier of your spiritual skill is driving out demons, then the most complete claim you can make in reference to spiritual development is that of a 'young man'.

When boys (boy-leadership; infant-leadership) rule you, the only measure of governance that seems good to you is that of the rule of brothers, the ultimate end of which is that brother will murder brother. This is because the father is removed. When a brother is errant and goes away from the father's house, his obstacle in finding his place again is his older brother. The older brother sees no value in the younger brother. The father sees value.

The older brother sees his 'prodigal' brother as competition. He does not recognise him as his brother. The older brother said to the father – 'Your son', not 'my brother'. The father said 'your brother'. The spirit of father negates the spirit of genocide in the world.

In John 2, the wine ran out, and the mother indicated this. This was the initial showing of something about Jesus that is definitive. This shows the unwrapping and unveiling of the man. He is presenting Heaven within one man. The message is both natural and supernatural. He shows the broad sweep of what He has come to do. The first miracle is the template of all He would subsequently do. The context is a wedding feast.

God is in Christ reconciling the world to Himself. A wedding relates to a man and a woman reconciling to oneness. At creation woman came out from man. She was always in him. God extracted woman out from him to show the harmony between the two – the woman was perfectly symmetrical with the man. She showed the multiplicity within him. The spiritual man's side was pierced on the cross and the church engrafted back into Him. Out from the one man (Adam) came a woman; into the side of the other man (Christ) the woman (church) was placed. And reconciliation occurs – the woman is placed in the husband – the church is placed in Christ.

"And his mother was there" – John 2:1. She represents his unqualified connection to the earth. His mother is a soul connection to the natural. Until now He was shrouded in the natural. Jesus was cognisant of the law that said, "Honour your mother and father, so that it might be well with you". Mary was His mother; God was his Father. She represents the law given to bring order to the natural man. The mother presents the law governing the relationship between God and man. This is the thing being replaced by the actual reconciliation between God and man.

The law is a stop-gap measure when all God deals with is the restraint of human behaviour. When heaven opened, the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus replaced the law that governed the activities of the flesh and restrained the soul. The law was insufficient to reprove the sinful nature. Under the law, the wine had run out. Wine speaks to blood - the sacrifices. Sacrifices could by no means give access into the grace of God. The law promoted the righteousness of man's activity (Paul) – this is self-righteousness. The law of the Spirit is in Christ Jesus. The law produces death because no one can keep it. The soul is judged by the standard of the law. Death is swallowed in victory. We have transcended the law of sin and death; you have transcended the confines of your soul.

'They have no more wine': The early church struggled with identity. It kept the customs of the law and attempted to live by the Spirit. Paul challenged this. He refuted the law.

Six stone jars: Six is the number of man. There was no water in them. Humanity had been depleted by the law – no water. The jars were for ceremonial washing – always kept on the outside, being never allowed to come in. In the story of the Good Samaritan, the priest walked passed the man on the road – the law was inefficient to address the condition of the man. The sole purpose of the law was to introduce a standard that would preserve a people until the Seed (Christ) would come. The law provided a measure of grace until the Seed (Christ) should come.

Galatians 4:21-26

Tell me, you who want to be under law, do you not listen to the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the bondwoman and one by the free woman. But the son by the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and the son by the free woman through the promise. This is allegorically speaking, for these women are two covenants: one proceeding from Mount Sinai bearing children who are to be slaves; she is Hagar. Now this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free; she is our mother.

‘Mother’ is analogised to as the mother who comes out from Sinai – and produces slaves and not sons. The ‘mother’ from above produces sons.

Filling the water jars = Jesus is pouring Himself into the world. When the Divine encounters the natural, a different economy emerges and the needs of men are met. The WORD filling humans transforms them from mortal men to carriers of Divine understanding and when it is drawn out, it is unprecedented. When humans are filled with the water of the word, when it is served, it is the best wine. Normal occasions are transformed into extraordinary occasions – and the Lord suddenly comes to His temple. We have this treasure in jars of clay.

2 Cor. 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves

Jesus came to satisfy the law. The law was to render Jesus to be perfect. A sacrifice, before it was offered, had to be examined. The law was the standard by which Christ was judged to be blameless and worthy of sacrifice. He will fulfill the law so that there is no question that He is blameless. He is not defined by the law, but examined by the law.

The abundance of God – plenitude of God: In the economies of grace, is the best wine. Man in God rediscovers the full potential of the Word. One of the aspects of the Word is that it is power. ‘Word’ and ‘power’ are used interchangeably. Power is expressed through sound. When word hits our spirit, it produces belief so that we can access the economy of spirit in God.

The shoot from the stump from Jesse is also a branch. Herein is the duality of rod and staff. Rod implies measurement; nothing can realign without a standard; nothing can be judged without a standard. The first step of reconciliation is to experience judgement. Judgement does not imply condemnation, or being punished (although these may be the consequential effects of unrepentance). Judgement is the bringing back of the standard. This standard rules everything.

An example: A ruler decides the measurement of a table. A ruler is an accurate standard. Two men can have differing opinions about the dimensions of the table. A ruler can settle this argument. An accurate standard rules the opinions of men. When Christ came into the world, although He was not seen in the glory He previously had, He was the rule of God. Once you bring back the Divine standard, then God cannot wink at inaccuracy anymore. It automatically happens. Once the standard is restored, for God to continue to send support to inaccuracy is for Him to contradict Himself. God will cause the

biggest ministries which are misaligned to implode. Those affected by that standard can repent or harden their hearts.

Luke 13:3-5

I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or do you suppose that those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them were worse culprits than all the men who live in Jerusalem? I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish

A falling tower represents misalignment. The condition in Israel was so widespread, the falling tower was designed to draw attention to the condition of the whole nation. This is the clearest indication of the end of a season and the beginning of another. God will whisper to you; if you are sincere you will repent. But if not, your systems will implode.

Heaven is opened – and its economy – come and buy without money.

Thamo Naidoo: This is the season of Rabboni. A blind man used this phrase and a prostitute (Mary) after the resurrection. Rabboni = master teacher; those who taught in the school of Hillel. Hillel knew extreme poverty. He was too poor to sit with the elite students so he sat outside listening in. During a winter he listened with such intent, he became covered in snow and seemed oblivious to it. He laid the foundations for classical thinking in the rise of Greek philosophy. His grandson was Gamaleel who mentored Paul. We need philosophical minds under the leadership of the Holy Ghost. Create capacity to go deeper. Do not oversimplify things. The next phase of this journey will be water in us becoming wine – the regal law of God within us. A flood of humanistic philosophy and liberal thinking is coming – delusion, visions of grandeur, etc. We have to bring back the standard. You and I must become the standard.

Our Spirits Given Back To God, The Spirit

Water (word) becomes wine when water is placed into humanity. The Word becomes flesh in your flesh. Jesus, the patterned Son, provided the model to fill us with hope. We must look at growth and maturity so we can carry God's presence.

Most think our goal is to go to Heaven. This paradigm must be dismantled. God did not make man to merely save him. If that was the case, then simply do not make him. God anticipated man's need for salvation and planned for it before he made man. The Lamb was slain from before the foundation of the world.

Before He made man, God determined the value of His creation to Him. Man could elect to reject His maker. The purpose for which HE made man is so important that the cost to redeem him is worth it, even though it is great.

That he will go to heaven when he dies, is not the reason for creation. Heaven in its present configuration will pass away. God's purposes for creating man justify God coming in the form of man to rescue him. What was so important to God that was embodied in the creation of man?

Adam was the son of God. God formed a man out from dust and filled it with an endowment of being that originates in the person of God, and came to rest as a gift within this frame. The essence of man is spirit, not the form that contains him. The being of man continues after death.

Why would God deposit Himself within man and call him son? The LOVE of God compels God to demonstrate the essence of His nature. Love does not exist apart demonstration (just like faith and hope). God meant to put Himself on display in the matter of love.

God chooses the perfect. God is incapable of choosing a medium to demonstrates Himself unless that form is perfect. When a thing reconciled to God is returned, it is returned to a place of exactness.

If God gave man a spirit that came out of God, is man God? No. We must have understanding of a gift. When you intend to give a gift, you deliver it and it is received. It leaves your estate entirely and comes to vest in the estate of the recipient. The recipient is now the legal owner of the gift. The recipient can intend to deliver and give it back to the giver.

Spirit was given to man as a gift. He became a separate being from God. He was capable of fellowshiping with God. A pale of water from the Indian Ocean possesses the properties of the Indian Ocean but not the possibilities of it. Your bucket (spirit) is not omniscient, omnipresent, etc. If you analyse the bucket you could determine the properties of the ocean. Your spirit can reveal Divine properties. If you take the bucket of sea water back to the ocean and pour it in, then it is subject to all that is in the ocean; now all the possibilities of and in the Ocean become it. Your spirit given back to God can now bear all the Divine potential in God.

Your spirit has the ability to show the love of God. God is not impressed with His own power and ability. If God wishes to reveal Himself, the most critical thing He seeks is to show His love. Man is capable of loving as God's loves.

Psalm 45:7 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of joy above Your fellows

God's display before man is specific to the matter of His love.

A mature son shows the Father in the venue of time as the Father actually is.

Man's ability to connect with his Father was lost. At reconciliation, the Spirit testifies with our spirit that we are sons of God. Man must give his spirit back to God, so God is authorised to govern him in life and to supply him thoroughly all things for life and godliness.

When rescued, God resets man for Divine purpose. This is the baptism BY the Spirit. Water baptism symbolically represents the death of flesh; hence satan has no right to accuse. Empowered by the Spirit - to be made alive equates to 'baptism OF Spirit'.

Baptism BY the Spirit is an assembly. The Spirit who knows you, assembles you in the Body of Christ. It is, however, not automatic that you just begin to function with fluidity or authority, because you were disconnected for so long. Before the fall, Adam probably lived a long time being governed by God in his spirit. Adam lived in the soul for 930 years (counted from the time of his fall). He could not even go back into the garden. He lived seeing his previous state through a filter.

When man sinned he went out, clothed himself and hid. Previously he would come to the presence of God. Now he hides. His Father becomes his enemy. At no point did God ever put fear in man. Man is not native to fear; it is not the norm. Fear is not part of his construction. Fear is learned behaviour that comes out from the realm of the soul. Fear drives mankind who is separated from God.

When things happen to us that are challenging, we often say, "Why me?" This is so because you are looking at the issue from a position of fallenness. From a spiritual place you would ask, "Father, what do you wish to show me?" The outcomes are subject to your Father. Your availability to be taught determines the extent of His attempts to persuade you. The soul has learned that God is your enemy. Coming out from this mindset is a real challenge.

The methodology by which we are restored is different from the final state. We are being restored to show who the FATHER is in the earth. It is singular and also corporate. He fashions us individually to function corporately.

There is a mind to the soul and a mind to the spirit. The mind of the soul is useful to determine reality. Wherever it sources its information to determine reality, influences how it perceives reality.

Adam met with God for a download everyday. He lived in the mystery of Heaven. The earth was the theatre of rule fully eating the mystery of heaven. Adam names every creature after its own kind. He set off the order of families. Jesus also was awakened morning by morning to engage His Father. The

son of the Father makes himself available for the instructions of His Father everyday. Then what comes out from us is joyous to humanity. The rule of righteousness shows the goodness of God to mankind.

Cut off from God, man relied upon the creation to instruct him, trying to discern reality by looking through a veil. He observed, looked and saw with his eyes – and interpreted with his soul; He synthesises, and overlays patterns and then theorised about his existence. Observance, synthesis, overlaying patterns and theory - this is the modern scientific method as the technology of the soul. You end up worshipping the creation rather than the creator. Your mind becomes reprobate. The mind wars against God and no longer retains God in its knowledge.

A son cannot function apart from a father. But if the son defaults to a position of an orphan, the father is irrelevant. The mentality of, "If I don't do it, no one else will; it is up to me" - this produces a culture of hoarding – which negates faith, produces paranoia – everyone is your enemy. It produces suspicion and manipulation; it defines the humans' imperative as primarily the need to survive. In this condition you could not possibly portray the love of God. This mind is carnal.

What happens if someone receives salvation but does not grow up? He will behave as an orphan. This is the overwhelming condition of saved people. What do you do with gifts of the Spirit as an orphan? They are just means for your supply. You put a good show and receive an offering. Your identity is in your gift and ability to supply.

The battle for the human being is waged between the soul and the spirit. If your soul dominates your spirit, God can only come into the guest room of your house – He is never the Lord. But if your spirit is ruling again, you source your reality that determines your well-being. Whatever you think your reality is, directly affects your well-being. In the soul of the orphan, there is no rest because there is always someone bigger than you that threatens your well-being.

The mind must be renewed. God's speech is the source of the spirit information – God talks to you. Most have no faith that God ever says anything to them. You have a responsibility to hear and obey.

The soul wars against the spirit because of a different mind. The mind of the son must replace the mind of the orphan. The son learns obedience by suffering and he grows in favour. The process of a renewed mind does not come simply or cheaply. You have to be aggressive in your search for God.

Many want to reserve the option of not obeying if it gets too difficult.

'LORD' in Latin is 'domino domini'. 'Domingo' = 'Day of the Lord'. Lord means a tyrant – the dominant one – the one against whom there is no other that can prevail – cf. the Tyrannosaurus Rex in his world. Some 't-rexes' in the kingdom rule for their own benefit. God has shown that He will spare nothing to demonstrate His love for man. His motive is holy. He acts without regard for Himself and He acts with total love for those subject to His rule. All the permutations of His rule carry the characteristics of His love – acting in the best interest of those under His rule.

Example: The command "Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the church". How? Wives are to submit to the lordship of their husbands. But man is selfish and self-centred. Wives are to be submitted

as 'unto the Lord'. Wives submit to husbands whose lordship is after Christ. Christ gave Himself up for the church. He gave Himself for her in the manner of perfect love. He loved us more than what we loved ourselves, at the time we hated Him.

What is the rule of Christ in the husband? He prefers her to himself. The children see FATHER God in their father; the wife sees Christ in her husband. Marriage is holy because it's based on the rule of Christ and His church. When you rule for the benefit of those under your rule, you are totally vulnerable as a ruler.

Man, when he is returned to God, is re-integrated into the entire economy that is in God. The FATHER was the storehouse of Jesus. When you come back to the Father, you don't have to work in the kitchen, like the prodigal son. His father brought him back to his prior position and form. He received a robe and a ring.

Robe = Clothed with new identity – that of a son; you discover father by rediscovering son.

Ring – signet = The ring indicates that the son may act for the father, for the estate of his father.

You can command the resources of your Father's house. But you cannot command these as an orphan. Do not behave like orphans in the richness of heaven. Do not hoard; many want the robe (identity) but not the ring (responsibility). Gifts - speaks to an economy. The earth will not supply you with a relevant economy; as an orphan you can manipulate in the earth realm; as a son you do business as a son. When you are re-integrated into the house of your father, all in His house is yours – but it demands maturity – otherwise you waste or hoard for yourself.

Grace and truth – these are inseparable. Truth is the plumbline of Heaven that determines what grace exists to supply. God will supply the orphan but not entrust the purposes of the kingdom to him.

You tithe, not to reap bread, but to show that you can rule over mammon. The true riches of the Kingdom allow you to speak for God. Mammon is the least thing in the kingdom. If you cannot be faithful with the least important thing (money), who will entrust rule over the more serious things. God will test you with a little to see what you will do with much. If you're unfaithful with the least, you will not know the riches of His grace. The grace of God is released under the standard of truth.

The economy of God is the term 'GRACE'. Grace is only available in support of the truth. If you do not access grace, the economy is for you to do it for yourself in your soul.

Five Administrations of Grace

Part 1

When you hear God's Word, the Spirit does not come into a void but into your spirit.

Often we listen and criticise and hear all at the same time.

Satan is being placed in his proper place in creation. What are predators in nature? To the seal the great white shark is an evil. Now we are being introduced to God at a higher level than ever before. When I was a child I thought as a child. There is a level of understanding consistent with childhood. If you drinking milk at a time when you ought to be teachers – and you occupy the place of a teacher or leader, the only thing you can dispense is milk.

There are mysteries to be discussed – but only among the mature. Mysteries are the ways God hides Himself. They are to be searched out. If you seek, you will find. Access brings with it the desire to know God. These Apostolic Schools of Ministry are designed to challenge.

There were six waterpots receiving water. Releasing wine is another stage. Paul said, "I am ready to be poured out as a drink offering." The water of the word is transformed into the wine of the word. You become the Melchisedek who serves bread and wine. It is imperative to mature; it is not discretionary. Water in you will in due course become wine – and then your life will be an acceptable sacrifice to God.

God is bringing people into leadership who have no background of church – like the early apostles. It is more difficult to retrain a religious mind, than to train a non-religious person from the start. They tend to argue. Someone seeking truth is eager to hear something new.

Be intentional and deliberate. Your driving ambition must be to show the nature of God. How can God refer to Himself as US, yet we talk to Him singularly. Discover yourself in God. Seated with Christ in high places, your view of God expands from the view of the Scriptures – the disclosures of the Divine one who transcends time and space within humanity. Do not frustrate your search by the state of your elevation.

Singular versus plural dimensions of God: God is corporate – a corporate being. Corpus = body. It contains things which are part of its being. The corporate can manifests the things within in multiple forms and locations. The CEO of Apple can say, "WE at Apple" – he (singular) is a spokesman for the whole (plural). A reporter commenting on this may say, "Apple has announced". When another is speaking of the thing, it is spoken of it in singularity ('Apple'). God said, "Let us make man" (plural). Moses said "God made man in His own image" (singular).

His nature is different from man for He is Spirit. Man's view of a spirit is interpreted by his world around him. The finite and visible is attempting to define the infinite and invisible. Spiritual things are to be known in spirit. Spirit things are to be above the rational. We must think of God's personhood without reference to a specific form. How? You think of attributes. Like the wind – you cannot see it, but you can, from its attributes, determine its existence.

Think of God as love. The beginning and end are contained with Him – therefore He contains time. Epochs of God are in time. Entering into God, you enter into timelessness. He is timeless for He contains time within Himself. He is the Ancient of Days. Outside of time we refer to things as eternal. Thus 1000 years with such a Being may be formed as a single day – and vice versa. The Day of the Lord is not a day but a kairos.

A corporate being contains things. He is spirit not bound by time and space. He brings out things useful for His intent.

LIFE is contained within God. Whatever is connected to God lives. Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life; Whoever believes in me is timeless – has an existence not defined by time.” God is in Christ, reconciling us to Himself. Reconciliation is unto God – you are assembled to a pre-existent being. If you are Mary’s son, you can be killed, but as the Son of God you are raised to life. You are free to live in protection, provision, preservation and live unto the purpose for showcasing your Father.

This corporate being is capable of choosing how He expresses Himself. What about Himself does He desire to be made known? Where does He wants to convey this knowledge and how does He wants to be known? He wants to be known for His love. Love is the perfection of His being. He wanted His love to be known in the venue of earth. He elected the form by which He would make Himself known. This form is Father and Son. God is being revealed as Father, who loves; and the son of God, like the SON, is an expression of the Father, who is love. And God is revealed as Spirit, who is like Father, who is like Son .

WE often think of Father, Son and Spirit as three different beings, whereas they are three ways in which the corporate being expresses Himself.

He is fully Himself in each form He chooses to present Himself. God (Father, Son and Spirit) is all knowing, omnipresent, etc. The Son is in us and in Heaven at the same time. At Jesus’ baptism – all three manifested. There is no competition in the Godhead.

Death is no bar to the love of God.

To send the Spirit is to send all of the characteristics of God, which were also present in Christ. The Spirit can reveal the Son. When you are enclosed in the Son, you have the Father and the Spirit and the Son.

Conformation to the SON is obedience. The first man lived in God; when disconnected he functioned in opposition to God. When the Son, who came with healing in His wings, He carried a specific endowment of the Spirit to be able to receive the spirits of men. The form of Jesus is Spirit – it has a name to it – called CHRIST – this was the essential definition of Son. We are reconciled to God as sons. God by endowing spirit into our bodies, put a spirit into us which is capable of bearing the image and likeness of God. Putting us all together, you will see God is in His many splendours. You cannot know God singularly. God assembles us into families. In what possible way can the model of an institution showcase God’s nature, when it is by nature opposed to the coming about of the result. Man cannot be reconciled to God institutionally – thus the many splendours of God cannot be harmonised and

displayed. Attitudes of separateness abound. We must eliminate independence and encourage interdependence.

The House of God cannot be built as supported by the government. The model supported today is that the pastor is the head of the gold. But fathers empower their sons to become mature. Fathers do not compete with sons. Fathers do not cannibalise their sons – devouring their own future. The design tool is father-son – it is obligatory.

God is bringing master craftsmen to uncover the foundations of these ancient ruins. We are rediscovering the ancient heritage of the sons of God. This age has not yet seen this. This age has only witnessed errant leaders.

In your process of maturation, God gives us particular and distinctive stages of economy, manifestation of gifts, displays of His character, to make sure our journey is successful. E.g. five-fold ministry

[Eph. 4:11-16](#)

And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; 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. 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; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, 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.

We will discern at every level. We will see people as they are, not as how they masquerade. Discern where they can be trusted to handle the things of God.

The 5 graces are given. A grace is something that God does for us against which there can be no appeal.

Five Administrations of Grace

Part 2

Orchestration is symphonic; same notes played together captured simultaneously; flawless presenting of the same note at the same time that captures the range of the intention of the composer; when you hear the flawless orchestration, the sound is sublime; there is a point at which you don't hear the music, but you feel the emotions that were locked up in the heart of the composer.

FIVE ECONOMIES OF GRACE:

1. THE GRACE OF SALVATION
2. THE GRACE OF RECONCILIATION
3. THE GRACE OF CONFORMATION
4. THE GRACE OF MATURATION
5. THE GRACE OF EXACT REPRESENTATION

When God knows the end of a matter from the beginning, reconciliation is not finished until that which was in the mind of God becomes reality. We grow from glory to glory when we are being re-cultured to the heavenly order.

We work with the certainty that the end will come about. In reconciling us to God, God sent the patterned son who contained the spirit of reconciliation – everything about Him must be consumed. “Eat of me” – He said. True disciples will have His life within them. He came both full of grace and truth.

FIVE ECONOMIES OF GRACE – FIVE FOLD MINISTRIES AND THE SEVEN-FOLD SPIRIT OF GOD

We will attempt to weave the following together:

- 5 graces
- 5 elements of government (five-fold) - He equips us to have a changed mindset.
- 7 Spirits - empowerment

There is a direct connection between the Word and the Son. The Word of God is another definition of the nature of God. When He wants to speak of power to accomplish, He is described as the Word. He does this by DECREE – by speaking. He took the name (i.e. ‘Word of God’) that is descriptive of the manner in which He displays power. God speaks and it is so. When Word becomes flesh, encased in human form are the economies that relate to God’s power. He comes to show us the love of the Father. He takes on the vulnerability of one who has no power within himself.

He submits to the will of His Father of the cross (He could have called down legions of angels). Love is greater than power. Power exists to serve the requirement of love. You die in the hope of the resurrection. The love of God forbids you to die permanently; you will be raised. There is the resurrection of the dead, in which condition you overcome death altogether.

God shows the power of the Word in the Son. The Son does not engage the Word independent of the Father. We will be conformed to exactly this same image. You are IN Him. The exact same economy that attended Him while He was on the earth attends Him now, and we are included in Him. Without Him we can do nothing. Apart from the Father, He could do nothing, even though He made everything. The Son is restrained from doing anything His Father is not doing.

He was full of grace and truth. What was available to Him to display in the earth was exactly the power by which the worlds were made. This power would now take a different expression. All this power was now contained in five economies of grace – against which there could be no appeal. – This is God’s sovereignty.

‘Five’ is the number of grace. Grace promotes, supports, endows, establishes, etc. All these graces are available according to the plumb-line of the TRUTH. If you are not accurately aligned to truth, these economies are not available to you.

1. GRACE OF SALVATION

Nowhere in the Scriptures is salvation described as going to Heaven. The figure like unto which salvation is equated is not going to Heaven. As Pharaoh approached with 600 chariots, God told Israel, “Stand still and see the salvation of our God”. What was this salvation? To them it was, “The Egyptians you see today, you will never see again”. Pharaoh’s heart was hardened. When you harden your heart, you are set up for destruction. God led Israel into this ‘trap’. If your mindset is why ‘me’, you never see what God is doing. God had to destroy Egypt’s might. Egypt’s military might had to be crippled; otherwise Egypt would threaten them psychologically and militarily. God had to deal with the threat. When you come into your inheritance God will stop your enemy from threatening you.

God meant to save them to the uttermost. This is to remove the threat to your peace in the Kingdom of Heaven. See God slay your enemy before your eyes. **Grace for salvation is the transfer of kingdoms.** God has rescued us from the kingdom of Egypt that enslaves. God has taken captivity captive.

Gates of Hell will not prevail. Gates do not move – they are meant to close to assert authority. Gates of ancient cities were a multi-channel system. Gates of a city were the killing ground for an invading army. The phrase ‘gates of hell will prevail’ implies that they will stop the ones sent to you to rescue you; but they will ‘not prevail!’ And there is no appeal against God’s decision to set you free. For by grace are you saved through faith, it is the gift of God.

The one who delivered the gift is the ONE by whom all things were made. This grace brings you OUT to bring you IN. You give up your existing state. You are moved by a transformation of being from the material to the spiritual; from ‘son of man’ to ‘son of God’. Satan had no power because your manner of rescue is in a form that he cannot affect.

Rom 6:1-16

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? Or do you not know that all of us who have

been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin.

Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be! 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

Baptism is the analogy to Israel being rescued from Egypt. Heaven or earth does not see the one delivered as still being in his flesh. Your form has changed from flesh to spirit. The flesh is subject to the accusation of your enemy. The spirit experiences both a change of kingdoms and administrations. You cannot be delivered in your flesh from one kingdom to another. The law of the Spirit is different from the law of sin and death. The one who accuses you uses the law and sin and death – he is the accuser of the brethren. The accuser keeps you in legal slavery so long as you are identifiable in your flesh.

BUT - Baptism is burial, which is for dead people. Water baptism signifies that the old man of sin having died is now being buried. If you bring a charge against someone, in order to have a trial and to convict somebody, you must have a body to judge. If you do not have a body, there is no one to stand trial and the whole process is negated. When you come to Christ you are put to death in the flesh; because it is the flesh that is subject to the accusation of the enemy who uses the template of sin and death to hold you guilty and to inflict slavery upon your mind. Baptism in water is signal to the heavens that you no longer live - that you have died. Baptism is the definitive sign that death has occurred.

Baptism is not death, burial and resurrection. Baptism is burial. Resurrection is a work of the Spirit. Resurrection is in Christ.

If you die you will be raised again. If you give up your life you will find it translated by dematerialising and appearing in a different form.

Do not maintain the condition within you that allows the enemy to hold you captive. You are defined as spirit and not as flesh. The symbol of water in baptism is to attach to you a new identity. Your frequency is akin to Heaven. Your sound is 'Father, Father'. You are connected to divine intelligence. You see no one according to the flesh – including yourself.

When Adam disconnected, he defined himself by creation. The washing of water by the Word relates to the washing of the mind. Do not be defined by your enemy in his image. Adam listened to the enemy's view of him. You will be subject to slavery. Also, it was accompanied by a view of man that he was flesh and not spirit. That is why he clothed himself.

Not only do we cry "Father, Father", but we become the cry of the Father Himself.

This emphasis on salvation is not going to Heaven. Salvation is a change of kingdom, of being, of mindset, of purpose, of identity, or Lordship, a return to Father, abandoning the state of the orphan.

No one is hindered from entering the grace of salvation. The Evangelist sees this probability in even those who seem to be far-gone. Consider the demoniac of Gadara – his possession was no bar for his cry to be heard by Heaven. The Evangelist' grace is given to attune our ear to the cry of those in need of salvation.

Here is a brief synopsis of the other graces:

2. THE GRACE OF RECONCILIATION

This grace is meant to take you back to the original intent – the end from the beginning.

3. THE GRACE OF CONFORMATION

This grace is meant to form you again into the image of Christ.

4. THE GRACE OF MATURATION

You are re-cultured to the wisdom of the Heavens. This grace will bring re-application of the seven Spirits of God.

5. THE GRACE OF EXACT REPRESENTATION

So that it comes to be on Earth as it is in Heaven.

These graces are fully explored in my book "ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN" – to be released in 2015.

2. THE GRACE OF RECONCILIATION

To take you back to the original intent – the end from the beginning.

2 Cor. 5:16-20

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. Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, 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. 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. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

God is in Christ reconciling the world to Himself. God can divest Himself in a form to accomplish a specific purpose. The form of His appearing must be capable of accomplishing purpose. The attitude in God and Christ is the same. The form is capable of accomplishing the purpose. God came in Christ for the purpose of reconciliation. God comes as Himself with His intention, unchanged and undiluted.

Let this mind be in you – this attitude. Be liberated to the freedom to pursue God. You are never safer than when your intent is to know God. Even your mis-steps, He redeems. You are not at risk when you elect to pursue the knowledge of God. This boast is permissible. If any man boasts, let him boast that he knows the Lord.

Jer.9:23-24

Thus says the Lord, “ Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things,” declares the Lord.

Graces – The Seven Spirits of God

Preparing a People who Emanate the Sound of Heaven

Apostles configure the earth to the sound of Heaven. Our focus in this session is 'Preparing a people who emanate the sound of heaven'.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth – Psalm 50:2. Our positioning is meant to be seen among the nations. The nations will say, "Come let us go up to the house of the Lord" (Is. 2; Micah 4).

We will make the sound when we have been configured to the frequencies of the sound. When God changes the season, He changes the sound. The purpose of the shaking is for the purpose of configuring. Christ is in us in fullness but not yet configured in the fashion that God desires. Christ is BEING formed in us. Maturity is the now-demand of God. The standard of this maturity is "the fullness of the stature that belongs to Christ", that we no longer be children tossed to and fro – mixing the seed. We will take up the sound of Heaven and give voice to it.

The voice of God that spoke brought the earth out of chaos and void. 'ONCE MORE' the voice will speak again and restore order – and things again will be very good. You will see the government of God. God is building His house, starting with the grace of salvation – reconfiguring the mind through the Word; reconciling us to the original intent of God; conforming us to that standard through suffering; He is maturing us so that when you see us you will see the Father; then when this done, He will present us as the exact representation on earth as that which is in Heaven.

When Jesus was announced as coming, He was to be the cornerstone of the Father's house. Elisha had double portion of Elijah. When John announced Jesus, it was a declaration of the 'Anointed One'. Double portion was given to the son of promise. When the one with double portion comes, he is typically the last in the line.

The firstborn is first in time on earth. In Heaven the firstborn is one of rank. From the rank of eternal, the firstborn is the one most like the Father. The firstborn in rank is brought last for His purpose is to redeem the firstborn in time. The role of firstborn is to redeem the ones before Him. His activities are always redemptive. You are in the FIRSTBORN. He said, "You will do greater works because I go the Father". The herald (Thamo) has sounded this. This is the sound of Elijah preparing the arrival of the firstborn to his place of prominence – "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

In preparation for the day of the Lord – the day begins at midnight. We are yet in the darkness but the sound is meant to configure a people in anticipation for the moment that will bring them forth.

What is the essential preparation for the day?

It is the diligent that will possess the land. This is the time clearly to migrate. Pay attention. Maturity is something God gives by preparing people and then downloading into them. If the people are

unprepared, the download is wasted. The container will be broken cisterns that cannot hold water. God is restoring foundations – that is why doctrine is coming back.

Sufferings are like fire that cleanses us. Sufferings are designed to disclose the hidden things in your heart. Intentional change of behaviour is expected. Hidden things are addressed seasonally or orderly without any unnecessary collateral damage to you – and even if there is damage, it is not for the purpose of destroying anyone – but for restoring, establishing and renewing. Hence the movement back to ‘family’ is critical, so that the preparation can be done in the least amount of time. Hence, a different configuration of leadership is required.

Isaiah 11:1-10

Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse,
 And a branch from his roots will bear fruit.
 The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him,
 The spirit of wisdom and understanding,
 The spirit of counsel and strength,
 The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
 And He will delight in the fear of the Lord,
 And He will not judge by what His eyes see,
 Nor make a decision by what His ears hear;
 But with righteousness He will judge the poor,
 And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth;
 And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth,
 And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked
 Also righteousness will be the belt about His loins,
 And faithfulness the belt about His waist.
 And the wolf will dwell with the lamb,
 And the leopard will lie down with the young goat,
 And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together;
 And a little boy will lead them.
 Also the cow and the bear will graze,
 Their young will lie down together,
 And the lion will eat straw like the ox.
 The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra,
 And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper’s den.
 They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain,
 For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
 As the waters cover the sea.
 Then in that day The nations will resort to the root of Jesse,
 Who will stand as a signal for the peoples;
 And His resting place will be glorious

Out of Christ, the root of Jesse, will arise a sign and token. We are for a sign and a token among the people. Making a people prepared means that we are assembled to His configuration. We are speaking about being baptised into one Body. When you are assembled as part of an existing Body, you do not

have authority to command the Body, but you simply function in that which is designed to receive you. This is through the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5).

The Seven Aspects or Characteristics of the Spirit.

Seven lamps = seven characteristics of the Spirit. You must be clothed with all aspects of the Spirit.

❖ The Spirit of the LORD.

This relates to rulership. Adam was made to rule. When you rule, you are beyond the influence of others. As a ruler, you get to put on display the essential nature of who you are. Each kingdom exists to display the nature of its ruler and it is measurable by who the citizens are.

The firstborn rules. Everyone connected to the firstborn is destined to rule. Rule is by decrees. It is not the will of the Kingdom, but the authority of the king. Our destiny is to rule. Jesus came back with the spirit of rule. Adam lost this ability. When we remain in the flesh, we remain under the rule of satan.

We can shut the Heavens up, if that serves the purposes of God. Signs accompany the message and angels would attend us. Jesus refrained from calling angels to help, for His destiny was to die. Angels have charge over us. What we announce they are released to obey. But God will not give rule to children or infants. Power, unregulated by maturity, will be the best hope of the orphan for survival. He always reverts to protection and provision. An orphan ruler is the head of gold. The prosperity message does well for those preaching it (and very little for their people), for they are the 'head of gold'.

Rule is a serious matter. You have to be trained to rule. The criterion is to know the heart of the One in whose authority you rule. Rule must not only be right, but you must appear exactly as the One whom you represent. It is both to do and to be.

Even when our rule results in destruction, we sit and watch its intended process of redemption.

Consider Jesus on the boat; He slept in the midst of a storm (A storm can become a rocking chair). Jesus said, "Peace, be still". This is the usual way to greet – "Shalom". He is not in danger by anything He rules. When Adam lost his estate, he defaulted from rule to survival. He lived not as a ruler but as a survivor. He learned the technology of controlling his circumstances.

Rule could be practically exercised. Learn to rest in the storm.

You will begin with a re-introduction of rule. Anticipate the restoration of rule to you. It will start with nature first. Willfully rule your own soul and God will extend to you the business of rule. Push back carnality, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, etc. and then watch how God begins to increase the measure of your rule. As you live for righteousness, watch how God will honour your decrees. You have a measure of rule – a metron – begin to decree over the people to whom you are called. This is the grace of fathering.

This is part of the double honour who is highest in rank. He comes with grace and truth. As you speak truth – you will be vulnerable for you are confronting inaccuracy, but the grace will quickly come to confirm you as an accurate and commissioned servant of God that comes from a place called Zion.

We have different spheres and metrons. Some apostles are fathers of houses, some are fathers of cities. Within your sphere is this standard: You rule for the benefit of those subject to your rule and not for your own benefit. A father endows his house. Do a lot with the little you have. You must prove yourself trustworthy with what you do with what you have. You will do with 'more', what you do with a 'little'. When you rule for the benefit of others, your benefit will ultimately be restored. Righteous sons will attend you because of the gratitude they will show to you for how you bless them.

Rule has been restored to the house of the Lord!

Journeying: A Summation

Life is a journey beginning with and ending with death (i.e. 'death' to the carnal mind who regards it as cessation). God too journeys.

Hebrews 10:5-10 (KJV)

Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

God journeyed out from invisibility to incarnation. The notion that God and man were to be separated as the Divine and the man, is not accurate. The journey of God is determined by His nature as love. Love cannot abide alone. Love is subject to demonstration and therefore incarnation.

Many say that God and man are permanently distanced; man cannot know God. Man could not initiate journeying to God but God could initiate a journey toward man. God presses us for a dwelling place. He created us that He might be embodied in us. The intention of God is that He becomes all in all. The coming of God into visibility will transform man so that we become suitable containers of God. We too, then journey – from the natural to the spiritual. God is appearing and man is finding Himself lost in Him. Every imperative of God was intended to be hosted in human form. He made us to that end.

We are to be intended to be more like God. That man remains away from God comes from a spirit of competition. We reckon that man will never fully submit to God. When the mortal puts on immortality, then we are fully clothed in Him. God will be glorified in man. The place of difficulty is the sinful nature which wars against God – it does not see a time when it does not exist.

Jesus defined the journey of man:

Luke 10:23ff

Turning to the disciples, He said privately, "Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see, for I say to you, that many prophets and kings wished to see the things which you see, and did not see them, and to hear the things which you hear, and did not hear them. And a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And He said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live." But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor."

This lawyer was a canon lawyer – well-versed in the law of Moses. He saw and did not see; he heard and did not hear. He saw what he wanted to see. Then all he hears is a parable to him. When you hear the frequencies of Heaven, you hear the Scriptures on a linear basis. Enter in God’s journey and be transported unto the destination where He is going with us and in us. Do not resist Him – you will not see what He is seeing. Man hears in a volume less than what God intends. When man fell, the eyes of his soul was opened. He viewed himself differently from God. He focused on survival – provision and protection. When the eyes of his spirit was reopened, he sees what God sees. Enter into God and see the exceeding great and precious promises given to you.

Who is my neighbour? – If this is not known, he seeks not to keep the law.

Luke 10:30-37

Jesus replied and said, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead. And by chance a priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion, and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him. On the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return I will repay you.’ Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers’ hands?” And he said, “The one who showed mercy toward him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do the same’

In this story, Jesus encapsulated the journey of man. The journey is from one place in God to another. This journey may be taken with full understanding – and we build altars – and move on from that place. At each stage a new level of economy comes – new levels of faith and sight must be engaged. Press into the mysteries of God. Be more hospitable to the presence of God from glory to glory. Points of departure are always sad because our lives are measured by the furlongs of our experiences. Every leg of the journey draws out the hidden things.

We also have regret because we are more mature, and regret prior times when our lives intersected with others while we were still at lesser mature states and we made mistakes. God still appeared in spite of ourselves and showed Himself majestic. The journey must continue even beyond life itself. Our journey is punctuated by episodes of resurrection. We will experience death and resurrection – and our seasons change.

Our text says “a certain man”. When He speaks of Adam, He speaks of all contained in Adam. The man was on a journey from Jerusalem to Jericho. God wants man as His vicar. If you are a vicar – then you may judge – your presence in the earth judges. Everything is calibrated by the existence of the standard. The moment you put light in darkness, what is in the darkness becomes visible. As sons of God arise, nations will see the standard by which they are meant to function. The point of judgement is the opportunity to repent.

A certain man was on a journey from Heaven to Earth. He fell among thieves. Adam fell into the craft of satan. Satan stole an identity from him. When your identity is taken and replaced with a false identity, you live in creation without authority. You cannot be the standard. Our mandate was to be the embodiment of the truth.

Then there came religion in the form of a priest. Religion was on the same journey – it pretends to speak from the Heavens but it is devilish. When it sees mankind in his depleted broken condition, religion and the law pass around because it is impotent to rescue man and restore him. Similarly impotent, is good works in the form of the Levite (the functionary).

God sent the other son (Samaritan) – he is Jew and Gentile = picture of God and Man in the person of Christ – comes to rescue the first man. He binds up his wounds. Remeditaion of blood and the Spirit (oil and wine). He is now revived but not restored because it is a process. He places him on His donkey (He bore our grief and carried our sorrows). He takes him to an inn – into Himself – into the corporate Body – because the fullness of what He encountered is meant to be completed. He speaks to the inn keeper and assured him He will come again. Pays him two silver coins – two thousand years.

The journey is individualised for each of us. We progress to exact representation not so much individually but more corporately. Everything we experience individually is incomplete – it will only be complete in a corporate setting (a Body). The body that was sown is Jesus; the body raised is the Body of Christ. Christ's grace given to Jesus was designed to reconcile man to God – designed to assemble man into a coporate man.

The head is in Heaven and some of the Body too. The rest of the Body of Christ is in the earth. The body must submit slavishly to the head. The body must consent to the Lordship of the head. People hear what we are saying through their human nature – through the filter or context of being separated from the head. The Body must be an expression of what is already in the head. The intention is to join our spirits together in God – and whoever is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

In the order of Christ, one must go, in order to make room for another. Whenever you are faithful with a little it is inevitable that God will give you more. God is bursting with a desire to be seen more. This is inevitable. If one cannot go up, no other can. The moment when God takes you up, you know God is pressing, and when the reality hits you and you are faced with a wall of responsibility, you long to just go home. If you press the battle, you discover what God has laid up ahead for you.

The challenge is for you to inhabit a higher order of your own inheritance. God never permits us to get comfortable; because we live in the expectation of what we know we can do. Some live in the fear of not knowing what lies ahead. The journey has to keep going in order for us to stay in the will of God. The fear that you will be missed much, militates against your obedience.

God takes your raw material and empowers it. If you are willing, God is able. Every stage of the journey has a beginning and an end. Moses at the end of the journey in the wilderness did an assessment of it. Moses said each expereince was meant to frame an understanding of God to bring them to this one thing, viz. **“I took you through the trackless journey – to teach you this one thing that one will not live by bread alone but by every Word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”**

On the table of shewbread were arranged bread in two rows of six each. This was the bread of His presence. Heaven would be opened and man would eat from the table of the Lord. It also spoke of wine – the revealing of God. The vision for the future was articulated in the form of Elijah which was to come.

This school looked back and now looks forward. Now we are in the building of God of the final stages. We have been provided bread for the journey. 'Up ye out!'

3-1-8 Sonship

Part 1

Our doctrines are formed around the speaking of the Lord. At times God speaks and you may not know that it is Him speaking. Even Peter had to be reminded that 'flesh and blood' has not revealed it to you, but my Father in Heaven'. Some people forget what God spoke to them about. God said to Elijah, "Go to a widow whom I have commanded to feed you." When he got to her, she forgot her instruction and had to be reminded.

We need a new genre of hermeneutical interpretation in the Apostolic. Refer to previous schools where we dealt with this extensively, e.g. the Numerical Principle of Interpretation:

Gen 12:1,2 (KJV)

Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

Gen 22:16

and said, "By Myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son, indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies. In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.

The reference 'seed' appears three times. Abraham is blessed. Isaac gets 100-fold blessings; Jacob is blessed. Ishmael is also blessed.

Gen 16:9 Then the angel of the Lord said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself to her authority." Moreover, the angel of the Lord said to her, "I will greatly multiply your descendants so that they will be too many to count.

The Blessing to Jacob:

Gen 28:3,4 May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples. May He also give you the blessing of Abraham, to you and to your descendants with you, that you may possess the land of your sojournings, which God gave to Abraham.

Galatians 3:11-14

Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, "The righteous man shall live by faith." However, the Law is not of faith; on the contrary, "HE who practices them shall live by them." Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on A tree"- in order that in

Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. Brethren, I speak in terms of human relations: even though it is only a man's covenant, yet when it has been ratified, no one sets it aside or adds conditions to it. Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as referring to many, but rather to **one**, "**And to your seed,**" **that is, Christ**.

The blessing was for the seed of Abraham. We are Abraham's seed through Christ, The promise is to the church: I will bless you and you will be a blessing. You will have an unfair advantage.

This blessing included:

- **PROSPERITY:** There was great prosperity upon all Abraham's descendants. This was also evident in David himself and his men, who became mighty men. Laban by association with Jacob becomes blessed also.
- **PROTECTION:** E.G. Abraham conferred a protective mantle on Sarah and Lot; Samuel upon Israel; Moses upon Israel; Paul upon the Ephesian elders, etc.
- **DOMINION**
- **INTERCESSION**
- **RIGHTEOUSNESS**

Let us focus now on one particular blessing associated with Abraham:

Gen. 14:1-3

And it came about in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim, that they made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar). All these came as allies to the valley of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea).

Gen 14:11-16

Then they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food supply, and departed. They also took Lot, Abram's nephew, and his possessions and departed, for he was living in Sodom.

Then a fugitive came and told Abram the Hebrew. Now he was living by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner, and these were allies with Abram. When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he led out his trained men, born in his house, **three hundred and eighteen**, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. He divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and defeated them, and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is north of Damascus. He brought back all the goods, and also brought back his relative Lot with his possessions, and also the women, and the people.

Abraham was well resourced to save the abducted Lot. We should have adequate resources to save others from captivity. This is the grace to get back what was lost. David pursued, overtook and recovered all after his wives and children were taken captive.

He had 3-1-8 trained servants.

- Adoption: Abraham had 3-1-8 sons born in his house; this is an image of ADOPTION. 'Sons of the **Kingdom**' have a global vision. 'Sons of the **house**' have a vision just to build the local house. We need both. Sons of the house must become sons of the Kingdom.

Gen 15 – Eliezer

Gen 15:2,3

Abram said, "O Lord God, what will You give me, since I am childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Since You have given no offspring to me, one born in my house is my heir.

The phrase 'born in the house' is an idiom of an 'adopted son'. The Hebrew term for 'born' is 'BEN' – which means 'son'. Thus Abraham had 3-1-8 adopted sons.

Mephibosheth was adopted by David (he was Jonathan's son). He fetched him from Lodabar (dry place) and made him sit at his table. Disconnect from the dry place from membership and come to the place of sonship. Know who your primary relationship is and who your secondary relationship is.

The same principle of adoption applied with the voluntary slave. He was released in the 7th year – but was able to voluntarily choose to still be enslaved to his master.

Adoption = uiothesia (Greek) = 'the placing as a son'

This is a powerful metaphor of maturity.

CHARACTERISTICS OF 3-1-8 SONS

- 3-1-8 sons are mature sons
- 3-1-8 sons are trained in your house with the revelation of the house. They had the vision and the purpose of Abraham. They defeated the armies of four kings.
- 3-1-8 sons are like-minded sons. The local house must become a Bible School. The set-man is the dean of the faculty. The local house must be a university of the Word.

There is insanity in the church. Spirit of madness has gripped the Body of God.

- These sons can save the uncle. Lot is Abraham's nephew – he became Abraham's brother. Hence Lot was the 3-1-8's uncle. Ahab means 'uncle'. It is a picture of a denominational spirit (sectarian, titular, etc.). Some apostolic forums are denominational in character. Even in the uncle's house, Jezebel is in charge. Lot also symbolises denominationalism; Lot means wrapping – he straightjackets you; he cannot cover you; he wraps you. 3-1-8 sons can dismantle the spirit of denominationalism.

- 3-1-8 defeat the four kings:

Amraphael = One that speaks darkness = negativity (implies hopelessness; exaggeration, complaints, depression, suicide, etc.)

Arioch = Lion-like (lion could be Jesus, devil or overcomer – but the context determines which lion) – a demon-centred mentality; Many have inaccurate mindsets. The preaching of the Word must address these.

Chedorloamer = Handful = poverty; lack of finance.

Tidal = Desolation = to be cast out from God's presence; you must defeat those things that will rob you of the presence of God.

Overcome these four enemies, and then Melchisedek shows up.

- 3-1-8 = IMAGE AND LIKENESS of God

3 = Triune Godhead

1 = Oneness

8 = Jesus; in Greek numerology: Jesus = 'ihsoys' = 3-1-8

Thus, 3-1-8 = represents the image of God

Christ is the Image of God

Col. 1:15

He is the **image of the invisible God**, the firstborn over all creation.

Heb. 1:3

who being the **brightness of His glory and the express image of His person**, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Adam is the 'shining one' (Lucifer); Adam was made in the image and likeness of God. Likeness = similitude of God (light, fire, etc.) Adam, before the original sin, is like God in every way. Adam could navigate between Heaven and Earth; he was immortal. Jesus came in the likeness of 'sinful man', not in the likeness of the pre-fall Adam.

The 'cherubim' is a picture of man before the fall. Cherubim sing the songs of redemption. Hence angel and messenger are used interchangeably. The 'ANOINTED CHERUB' that covers.

3-1-8 is about image.

Here is a striking co-incidence: All the 3-1-8 scriptures speak about image and likeness.

Example:

2 Cor 3:18

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

'Mirror' for a Rabbi was the brazen laver, which was a picture of the Word. No doctrine in church means there is no mirror in your church.

- 3-1-8 = Self-denial

300 = T; 10 = I; 8 = H

Yhvh = yh (abbreviation). 'Jesus' is abbreviated as 'ih'; hence T is the aspect of the cross. Hence, the principle of self-denial. Churches have become the pastor's little tuck-shop. Every local household of faith must lead to the church in the city.

- 3-1-8 sons were born in Abraham's house, trained by him, but carried God's image.
Your spiritual sons must not carry your image but God's image. We do not own anyone.
- Eliezer's name in Hebrew gematria equates to 3-1-8.

It is highly possible that only he and Abraham went to defeat a coalition of four of Kings and rescue Lot. Consider this potential of two persons securing significant battles, e.g. Jonathan and his armour-bearer; Moses just took Aaron with him to approach Pharaoh.

[Some Bible Numerology: 1 = oneness; 2 = witness; 3 = trinity; 4 = apostolic; 5 = grace; 6 = flesh; 7 = rest; 8 = new beginnings; 9 = perfection; 10 = law; 13 = rebellion; 15 = triple grace; 16 = apostolic; 17 = victory]

3-1-8, 1-5-3, 3-0-0 and 2-7-6 Sonship

This is a season of great acceleration. Optical fibres are now widely used in fibre-optic communications, where they permit transmission over longer distances and at higher bandwidths (data rates) than wire cables. First the natural, then the spiritual. There are many pictures of acceleration in the Scripture, e.g.

- ✦ In John 4, Jesus declared the seventh month in the third month;
- ✦ Aaron's rod budded overnight;
- ✦ Elijah overtaking Ahab;
- ✦ Water changed to wine;
- ✦ The bent woman made straight;
- ✦ 1000 years as 1 day;
- ✦ A nation can be born in a day.

John 5 echoes important principles of migration: 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'.

Areas of migration:

From ...

- ✓ Manifestation to voice;
- ✓ Isolation to relationship;
- ✓ Gift to God;
- ✓ Wandering to possession;
- ✓ Abstract doctrine to dynamic experience;
- ✓ Independence to autonomy;
- ✓ Local to global
- ✓ Evangelism to discipleship;
- ✓ Logos to rhema;
- ✓ Apathy to passion;
- ✓ Caution to faith;
- ✓ Revelation to implementation;
- ✓ Entertainment to equipping;
- ✓ Slavery to sonship.

3-1-8 idiom of adoption – see previous session.

MORE CHARACTERISTICS OF 3-1-8 SONS:

- 3-1-8 = Eliezer (= my God is help). He was born in the house. He protects the Father's seed.

Gen 15:1-4

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I *am* your shield, your exceedingly great reward."

But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house *is* Eliezer of Damascus?"

Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!" And behold, the word of the LORD *came* to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir."

The phrase 'born in the house' is a metaphor for an adopted son; he is the older son; he has oversight over the estate.

Put your hand on the thigh = a euphemistic expression – it was actually placed on Abraham's genitals – this is where the covenant was enacted. He had to swear by the object of circumcision. Abraham's genitals contained his seed; Eliezer was to swear he would protect Abraham's seed (not his own seed). In the seed is the nature of the Father.

Also, Eliezer placed his hand on his sack of seed upon being given an instruction to find a bride for Isaac. He was saying, "I will not contaminate the bride with my seed."

- 3-1-8 sons carry out the father's instructions:

He is able to operate under the instruction of his spiritual father. You need people in the house that are able to follow instructions. There are Achans, Gehazis, Sauls who are unable to follow instructions. Instruction is not abuse. It is a once off instruction.

- 3-1-8 sons are mandated to find the bride for Isaac. 3-1-8 sons are **looking for the bride**; angels assist them. The bride follows the 3-1-8 son.

3-1-8 sons go to the well to find the bride. The bride is always close to water (the Word). Israel passed through the water to come out of Egypt and into the Promised Land. When the sons of the prophet Elisha wanted to build a bigger house they moved closer to Jordan (water - word of God). 2 Kings - polluted water makes the land barren. When your doctrine is polluted – the end result is bareness and unproductivity – churches with no impact on socio-cultural change.

Numbers 5 – a woman suspected of adultery was given water to drink – her abdomen would swell up and her thigh would rot. If you bring pure doctrine into a house with adulterated relationships, its stomach swells – but not fruitful. Rotting of the thigh = failed covenants. Our churches must be Word intensive.

Rebekah was watering the camels – she loved to serve. Rebekah had a nose ring – placed over the forehead – symbolic of the Holy Spirit; He placed two bracelets = two tablets of the law.

Eliezer did not eat until he is told about his errand.

Rebekah chose Isaac without seeing him. We chose Jesus without seeing Him. Never lose your evangelistic zeal. Never stop presenting the message.

There was celebration – but it did not stop Eliezer from his assignment. He concluded his assignment.

Eliezer did not persecute Isaac. After his assignment is completed, Eliezer disappeared into obscurity – he served Abraham for 55 years.

Other types of sons gleaned from a study of biblical numerology:

THE 300 SON:

GIDEON'S ARMY - Read Judges 7

Characteristics:

- Not incapacitated by fear. The mega church has not effected socio-cultural change. These are 'giants' on the earth today – like as in the days of Noah. You can have large churches and have no integrity.
- The water test separated the 300 as distinct – by the way they accessed the water - scooping it up with the hand. The others knelt and drank from the trough; the trough is an image of an institution. Drinking from the hand implies accessing the Word from five-fold ministry.
- The 300 company constitutes the one loaf; highlights the principle of oneness.
- Know how to carry the trumpet in the hand.
- Know how to carry the light in earthen vessel.
- Know how to break the vessels together – they are a broken people – they are humble.
- Deeply connected to grace: Gideon said “Do as I do”. The only time that Jesus rejoiced was when the 70 did what He was doing.
- 300 in Greek gematria is the number for Paul; TAU

THE 153 SON:

Refer to John 21 and previous school notes for a comprehensive treatment of this son.

17X9 = 153

153 direct blessing from Jesus.

'Son of God' in Hebrew gematria is 153.

Mega Fish = Mega Sons

Characteristics:

- Could be drawn into the boat – not into institutional circles - fraternal is institutions; a fraternal is constituted with a mob mentality; a rotational chairman; the leader is not your father. These cannot contain the mega son.
- Can only be landed on the shore – speaks of nations; you need the weight of His glory to go to nations. David could deal with Goliath. David singularly was greater in spiritual weight than the whole army of Israel.
- The instruction is, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat”. They could not lift the fish into the boat. In the first instance, on the first fishing expedition in Luke 5, they could lift it. Now it is different, viz. these fish had weight. It is symbolic of the glory. We need people of substance in the church - people that are strong. They have the glory of the latter house. One mega-son is one whose weight is equal to at least ...
 - 100 people in another church,
 - 5000 people in another church,
 - 100 000 people in another church.

A whole army could not handle Goliath – but David was stronger than the whole army. Shadrach, Meshack and Abednigo had ‘weight’. Jaheal in the wilderness killed Sisera – and transitioned a whole nation (compared to Samson who killed many Philistines and could not transition a nation). Epaphroditus’ offering made up for the lack of an entire church.

John 9 - the man who received his sight and **had three upgrades in one day** – his perception of Jesus grew from ‘man’ to ‘prophet’ and then to ‘Lord’ in a short space of time. This is rapid growth and rapid migration.

- Mega-sons are so heavy that they cannot be lifted into your ship. They cannot be contained in a local church. Local churches must not have a fish tank mentality. This limits growth into full potential. The resources are limited. The believers here are ornamental. Some have bigger churches which are really like a large aquarium. This is a picture of an institution. Mega-sons will also not fit in a fraternal. There is no democratic process of election in a city church. Mega-sons do not fit into a para-church. He will not fit into anything that has a denominational spirit. Some apostolic churches are denominations. Mega-sons will not fit into a network. Institutional ships exist just to make money. Do not partner with this evil generation. There are pastors that hate the voice of God.
- Fish had to be dragged to the shore. ‘Shore’ is a picture of the nations.

Zep 2:11

The LORD *will be* awesome to them, For He will reduce to nothing all the gods of the earth; *People* shall worship Him, Each one from his place, Indeed all the shores of the nations. (NKJV)

- The net did not break. At the first fishing expedition the net broke and the ship began to sink. There is a net that will not break. There will no longer be schisms in the church. There is a net where there is no Korah, Jezebel, Adonijah or false brethren. While the harlot is getting worse and worse, the true church is getting better and better. There are more good people than evil people.
- Jesus did not go fishing – but He had fish in readiness on the braai stand for breakfast. The 153 fish are not for breakfast. Mega-sons are not for breakfast – not for your personal pleasure. They are not cash cows. Not for personal use. They are kingdom sons. Beware of church fixation. There is something bigger than your local church – it is ‘Kingdom’.
- It is apostolic culture that is able to land mega-sons. Another ship with four disciples came to assist – they dragged the fish 200 cubits. 200 cubits is the area of the Holy Place. Here you have the culture of the Apostolic (all the articles of furniture). Zech 5 – the flying scroll – brings judgement on the sorcerer and thief. This culture lands the mega-son. Mega sons emerge from a culture. Rich people have difficulty with this – they hate village life. The gospel is preached to the poor. Institutions cannot land mega-sons.
- The little ship could not land the 153 fish. Peter drags the fish to the land. Peter is symbolic of a spiritual father or set man. Institutions cannot land mega sons. Mega sons are connected to apostolic grace.
- There were no bad fish that required separation (recall the parable of the dragnet of the Kingdom). This was a clean catch. Isaiah 52:1 – “for the uncircumcised and unclean shall no longer come to you”.

The 276 SON

Acts 27:6

There the centurion found an Alexandrian ship sailing for Italy, and he put us aboard it. When we had sailed slowly for a good many days, and with difficulty had arrived off Cnidus, since the wind did not permit us to go farther, we sailed under the shelter of Crete, off Salmone; and with difficulty sailing past it we came to a place called Fair Havens, near which was the city of Lasea. When considerable time had passed and the voyage was now dangerous, since even the fast was already over, Paul began to admonish them, and said to them, “Men, I perceive that the voyage will certainly be with damage and great loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives.” But the centurion was more persuaded by the pilot and the captain of the ship than by what was being said by Paul. Because the harbor was not suitable for wintering, the majority reached a decision to put out to sea from there, if somehow they could reach Phoenix, a harbor of Crete, facing southwest and northwest, and spend the winter there. When a moderate south wind came up, supposing that they had attained their purpose, they weighed anchor and began sailing along Crete, close inshore.

But before very long there rushed down from the land a violent wind, called Euraquilo; and when the ship was caught in it and could not face the wind, we gave way to it and let ourselves be driven along. Running under the shelter of a small island called Clauda, we

were scarcely able to get the ship's boat under control. After they had hoisted it up, they used supporting cables in undergirding the ship; and fearing that they might run aground on the shallows of Syrtis, they let down the sea anchor and in this way let themselves be driven along. The next day as we were being violently storm-tossed, they began to jettison the cargo; and on the third day they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands. Since neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small storm was assailing us, from then on all hope of our being saved was gradually abandoned.

When they had gone a long time without food, then Paul stood up in their midst and said, "Men, you ought to have followed my advice and not to have set sail from Crete and incurred this damage and loss. Yet now I urge you to keep up your courage, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. For this very night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood before me, saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar; and behold, God has granted you all those who are sailing with you.' Therefore, keep up your courage, men, for I believe God that it will turn out exactly as I have been told. But we must run aground on a certain island."

But when the fourteenth night came, as we were being driven about in the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors began to surmise that they were approaching some land. They took soundings and found it to be twenty fathoms; and a little farther on they took another sounding and found it to be fifteen fathoms. Fearing that we might run aground somewhere on the rocks, they cast four anchors from the stern and wished for daybreak. But as the sailors were trying to escape from the ship and had let down the ship's boat into the sea, on the pretense of intending to lay out anchors from the bow, Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, "Unless these men remain in the ship, you yourselves cannot be saved." Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the ship's boat and let it fall away. Until the day was about to dawn, Paul was encouraging them all to take some food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day that you have been constantly watching and going without eating, having taken nothing. Therefore I encourage you to take some food, for this is for your preservation, for not a hair from the head of any of you will perish." Having said this, he took bread and gave thanks to God in the presence of all, and he broke it and began to eat. All of them were encouraged and they themselves also took food. All of us in the ship were two hundred and seventy-six persons. When they had eaten enough, they began to lighten the ship by throwing out the wheat into the sea.

When day came, they could not recognize the land; but they did observe a bay with a beach, and they resolved to drive the ship onto it if they could. And casting off the anchors, they left them in the sea while at the same time they were loosening the ropes of the rudders; and hoisting the foresail to the wind, they were heading for the beach. But striking a reef where two seas met, they ran the vessel aground; and the prow stuck fast and remained immovable, but the stern began to be broken up by the force of the waves. The soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners, so that none of them would swim away and escape; but the centurion, wanting to bring Paul safely through, kept them from their intention, and commanded that those who could swim should jump overboard first and get to land, and the rest should follow, some on planks, and others on various things from the ship. And so it happened that they all were brought safely to land.

God was going to protect all of them because of Paul. 276 people in the ship – all were saved.

276 = 6X46

6 = Flesh

46 = Number of Adam; number of human chromosomes.

This 276 company enjoyed grace, prophetic grace – but they never connected to grace. This is a large group in the house. No-one said, “Thank you.” They disappeared; 3months later they got on to another ship and they continued to prison. Some people just connect to you for their felt need.

Isaiah 4:1 For seven women will take hold of one man in that day, saying, “We will eat our own bread and wear our own clothes, only let us be called by your name; take away our reproach”

Seven woman going after one man – they wear their own mantle; all thy want is his name. Some people want validation by association.

Sonship Characteristics

The father-son connection breaks the curse. Consider Ruth and Naomi. After men established covenant with David, the Jebusites that Joshua could not deal with were expelled.

Acts 15 - The church is the restoration of the Tabernacle of David. This is the city church. The local church must abandon its pre-eminent position. The five-fold concept is applicable to city church – not local church.

3 Tabernacles of David:

- One Housed the Ark
- One Housed the Throne on which David sat
- David himself was the Tabernacle (Ark and throne come together = King-priest ministry)

Mephibosheth sat under David. Sonship evolves into divine sonship.

3-1-8 is a figure of the adopted son.

Eph. 1:5,6

He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Adoption = uihotesia (Greek) = ‘the placing as a son’.

Adoption is to the praise of the glory of His grace. The highest form of praise is to come to maturity in sonship. A believer becomes one by being regenerated, but becomes a son by conduct.

Levels of sonship:

- Brephos – new born babes
- Teknon (child) John 1:12
- Neaniskos (young man)
- Huios (mature son) Rom. 8:14

Rom 8:14-20

For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

The earnest expectation of creation is not the disappearance of the saints but the appearance of the saints. Jesus prayed that we must not be taken out of this world. Creation waits for the appearance of the son of God.

As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be at the coming of the Son of Man. In Noah's time, the wicked were taken (destroyed). The same with the days of Lot. The righteous shall inherit the earth.

Examples of natural adoption:

- Joseph and Jesus
- David and Mephibosheth
- Mordecai adopted Esther

Spiritual adoption is different. New Testament adoption is different from natural adoption.

The term 'begotten' implies the impartation of a new life and spirit.

1 Peter 1:3 (KJV)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

1 John 5:18

We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not

Keep yourself and satan cannot touch you. You are regenerated at the time of being begotten – i.e. the impartation of a new nature.

We enter the family by being begotten and regenerated – at this stage we are called children of God.

Adoption is sonship. The believer must mature from a youth to a mature man. The Apostolic travail is for Christ to be formed in us. In Roman culture a youth was adopted – after placement as a son he accessed the wealth of the father. Adoption pertained to the father's own child. This was the same in Jewish custom. At 12 the boy is accepted as an apprentice in his father's business. At 30 all power of the father is given to him.

Christ was circumcised on the 8th day. At 12 he was an apprentice. At 30 Jesus is declared a son – at the Jordan River. We must have clear end points for maturity.

Characteristics of Sonship

S	=	SELF-CONTROL
O	=	OVERCOMING
N	=	NATURE OF GOD
S	=	SPIRIT SENSITIVITY
H	=	HERITAGE - INHERITANCE
I	=	INTIMACY
P	=	PERFECTION

- **Self-control.**

[1 Thess 5:5-6](#)

for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness;
so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober.

Conduct must match identity. We are sons of the day and sons of the light. Self-control is a fruit of the Spirit. Many people globally are very angry. Hence pastors cannot sit together and reason. Marriages fail because of anger. The way to handle anger is to plan for it, so that when encountered, it is easily overcome.

- **Overcomer**

[Rev 21:7](#)

“He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son”.

The purpose of your present problem is to prove your sonship. All the churches in the book of Revelation had to overcome something. Overcome departure from your first love; affliction; mixture; Jezebel; death; strife and contention; deafness and blindness; democratic mentality. Pastors in a fraternal have to overcome voting, democracy, etc.

In 2 Sam 8:1ff. is a list of enemies that David overcame before he could rule.

In Hebrew gematria, **Jezreel** = 3-1-8. Jezreel is symbolic of overcoming; Jezebel was defeated here; Ahab was defeated here; Gideon was victorious here; Deborah had victory here; Saul died here – he represented a rebellious order.

- **Nature of the Son of God**

[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;

1 Cor. 15:49 Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.

2Co 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

We are to be visible representations of Christ, the patterned son.

Examples of our representation:

Holiness

2 Cor. 6:14-18

Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them; And I will be their God, and they shall be MY people. "Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate," says the Lord. "And do not touch what is unclean; And I will welcome you. " And I will be a father to you, And you shall be sons and daughters to Me," Says the Lord Almighty

Get back to holiness.

The son cannot sin because he has been born of God

1 John 5:18 We know that no one who is born of God sins; but He who was born of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him.

Peace; Peacemakers

Matt 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Love

Matt 5:44 "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

Love even your enemy.

- **Spirit-sensitive**

Rom 8:14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

Acts 13:1-3 – The Spirit separated Barnabas and Saul.

Acts 13:1-3

Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was *there*, prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

Paul in Macedonia - he was forbidden by the Spirit to go into certain regions.

Words are Spirit. To be led by the Spirit is to be led by the Word.

1 Chron. 12 - people came to David while at Ziglag whilst he was a fugitive. People came to him who were ambidextrous; they had faces of lions = dominion; hinds feet = no procrastinators; crossed Jordan at time of flood = activated by trials and tribulation; they are burden bearers; equipped for the battle; they know how to keep rank; people of a loyal heart.

Rise, take up your bed and walk. Do not leave your bed there – otherwise you will revert back to the old location.

If you do not know the Word of God you will be led by a spook. Commit scripture to memory and give the Spirit something to work with.

Led by the Spirit = assurance that you belong to God.

Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God.

- **Heritage ; Inheritance**

Gal. 4:1-7

Now I say, as long as the heir is a child, he does not differ at all from a slave although he is owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by the father. So also we, while we were children, were held in bondage under the elemental things of the world. But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

A child is under tutors and guardians. An immature child does not differ from a slave.

A slave is characterised by two things:

1. A slave is still under worldly elements (secularism, post-modernism, tec.)
2. A slave is under the ceremonial law (celebration of feasts and vestments - wearing of special garments)

A bishop is a desired office, but an apostle is a gift. You desire the office of a bishop; but only God calls apostles. There must be a defrocking of vestments.

Our inheritance is our liberty from worldliness and ceremonial law. We have a better tutor.

The ultimate part of our inheritance is our glorified body - immortality.

[Rom 8:22-23](#)

For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for *our* adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

Adam was immortal – he never knew sickness. We have a small snippet of immortality in Jesus after the resurrection. He could change his appearance; he could appear and disappear at will.

By His stripes we are healed. Primary application is dealing with the sin issue.

- **Intimacy**

[Gal. 4:6](#) Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

‘Abba’ is a personal name used by Jesus alone. It speaks of an unreasoning trust pointing to an emotional intimate tie. There is love and intelligence in the relationship with God.

Power = dunamis = also means divine ability; unnatural signs wonders and miracles; numerical strength; strength of money; intrinsic power. But DUNAMIS also means ‘moral excellence of soul’.

Paul said he came in the demonstration of power, i.e. in the midst of the perverse life and culture of the city of Corinth, he lived in moral excellence.

- **Perfection**

[Heb. 6:1-3](#)

Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment. And this we will do, if God permits.

Perfection = telioles = complete in all parts; full grown; completeness of Christian character.

At perfection you are able to discern. A child has no perception of dirt. In maturity there is perception. A farmer can discern the wheat and the tare. The wheat bows under the pressure of its fruit. The tare stands upright.

Growth and maturing in discerning is pictured in the way the Cherubs are presented in Scripture, e.g.

- in the garden, they are inanimate
- in the Tabernacle of Moses and Solomon, they are still
- in Ezekiel they are living creatures
- but in the book of Revelation, they have eyes inside and outside.

Eyes are symbolic of discernment. As you mature, your discerning increases. Discern the BODY of Christ, the Word of God, different laws and rules on the interpretation of Scriptures, etc. Scriptures cannot be interpreted by a hermit. The Scripture speaks of the eye(S) of your understanding being enlightened. There are many born again experiences ('BEING' born again).

The current battle is a battle between the mature and the immature. The true battle is for discernment and sight.

- Songs of Songs – the Shulamite – one has breasts (mature) and the other sister has no breasts (immature).
- One operates on the earth but one from heavenly places.
- The ten spies saw the descendant of Anak as an obstacle. Caleb saw them as food.
- Eli called Hannah drunk; heaven saw it as intercession.
- The excessive use of incense and vestments in the church today is not holiness, but superstition and man-made tradition.
- When Goliath appeared, others feared because they saw a giant; David saw an uncircumcised Philistine.
- Elders controlling Pastors = Jezebel.
- Usurping of authority = Adonijah.
- Some see meekness as weakness.
- Some saw David as a shepherd; God saw him as a son and king.

How do we get sight?

- Through the breaking of bread – sharing of doctrine;
- The blind man in Bethsaida – had to be taken out in order to get healed – and Jesus had to touch him twice;
- Blind Bartimeus had to throw aside his garments;
- The blind man had to wash in the pool of Siloam = apostolic waters = apostolic doctrine.

David said to Solomon: 'Prove yourself a MAN'. The Hebrew for 'man' here is 'iysh', and iysh equates to 3-1-8.

1 Kings 2:2 "I am going the way of all the earth. Be strong, therefore, and show yourself a man.

Perfection and the Corporate Church/Son

Part 1

Manifestations of Perfection:

Perception:

The ability to perceive is a mark of perfection. This requires positioning. It requires leaving inaccurate locations. Perceive purpose, excellence, condition of the heart, priorities, times and seasons, unction of God, the natural from the spiritual (Namaan could not do this; 10 spies also could not see this; two and a half tribes could not do this; Uzziah also; Appollos also at one time in his life).

Perception will determine which battles you fight. Discern the man of God sent to you (Like the Shunammite discerned Elisha)

Excellence

Those who wait on the Lord - not those who keep the Lord waiting.

Excellence must be seen in the following areas: Management of your money, speech, documents, environment, other people's things, your health - in what you eat (e.g. no table sugar, no fizzy drinks, no high carbohydrates) - do some weight training especially after 40 because you lose muscle mass - engage in at least 30 minutes of walking per day.

Fruitfulness

Only the mature bear fruit. Repentance and righteousness are essential for this.

Also you should have soul fruits - personally lead people to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Established

Be rooted

Fellowship

Strong meat

How do we come to this level?

1. The Gifts of the Spirit

Stir up the gifts. The father lays hands on the son and imparts gifts. Gifts are for edification.

2. Grace

This is the grace of maturation. It has to be accessed through various means, e.g. apostolic pronouncement, laying on of hands, staying near the carrier of grace, get hold of the doctrine, honour the grace-carrier, invest in the carrier of grace, invest in other believers; gather with believers and

value the assembly, rhema - the word of the Lord; receptive growth (Matt. 13); trials and tribulations are for you to grow.

3. God will chasten you as a son.

Heb. 12:5 -10

and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, "MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM; FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES." It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom *his* father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He *disciplines us* for *our* good, so that we may share His holiness.

You will not grow until you have some kind of opposition.

3. In the Presence of the Lord – growth is inevitable.

4. The Spirit of the Lord

2 Co 3:18

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

How do we get sons?

The son is given. But there is a position in the 'father' that is required. What is this position?

1. Covenant - Sons were born to David at Hebron (place of covenant).
2. Honour built into your ministry. Hannah still addressed Eli as 'Lord' even though he misunderstood her.
3. Sower of the Seed of God's Word.
4. Culture – Acts 2:42 – abiding in the vine.
5. Self-Denial. The seed dies and brings forth much fruit.

David said to Solomon ...

1 Kings 2:2

"I am going the way of all the earth. Be strong, therefore, and show yourself a man.

Man = iysh = 3-1-8 in gematric value

Solomon was asked to prove himself a 3-1-8 son.

The Corporate Church - The City Church

Adoption has so far being an individual event. Scripture is primarily to the corporate Body - ('OUR' Father in Heaven).

The following must be seen corporately.

Chosen: Eph. 1:4 - 'us'; 'our' citizenship:

Eph 1:4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him.

Phil 3:3 for we are the *true* circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh.

Obedience:

2 John 1:6 And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it.

Repentance and Revival:

Ps 80:15 Then we shall not turn back from You; Revive us, and we will call upon Your name.

Consecration: Present your BODIES as A living sacrifice:

Romans 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship.

Worship:

Psalms 95:7 For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you would hear His voice,

Dominion:

Rev 5:10 "You have made them *to be* a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."

Anointing:

[1 Cor 2:12](#) Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God,

Reception of Grace: We have received grace.

[John 1:16](#) For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.

Transformation:

[2 Cor. 3:18](#) But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

Exact Representation:

[1 John 4:17](#) 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.

Salvation:

[2 Tim 1:9](#) who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,

Redemption and Sanctification :

[Heb. 10:10](#) By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Perfection:

[Heb. 6:1-2](#)

Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment.

Sonship:

[Eph. 1:3](#) 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,

You cannot read the Bible as it applies ONLY to you. It applies to a plural company.

Adoption is a corporate reality. This is the glorification of His Body at His coming.

In Rom. 8:17-23, note the use of 'we', 'us' and 'sons of God'.

Romans 8: 17-23

And if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* so that we may also be glorified with *Him*. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

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.

Eph. 1:3-6

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 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

God's context is plural not individual. The concept of individual independent churches that feel no accountability and responsibility to other churches is unbiblical.

Even the naming of churches is non-biblical – but it is within God's permissive will. Spiritual fathers must encourage their sons to support other fathers in their cities.

Every major reformational restoration of truth is mirrored in Israel as a church. But the bringing forth of the corporate son was not accomplished.

The '3-1-8' son must be looked at in the plural.

Look at the word 'DWELL'.

Psalm 133:1-3

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brothers to dwell together in unity!
It is like the precious oil upon the head, Coming down upon the beard, *Even* Aaron's beard, Coming down upon the edge of his robes.
It is like the dew of Hermon Coming down upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing--life forever.

'Dwell' implies 'married together', and has a gematria of 3-1-8.

Pictures of this:

E.g. Revelation of Christ.

Rev 1:10-16

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet, saying, "Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands; and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash. His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire. His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters. In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.

Countenance speaks of identity. Christ in the midst of the lampstands - Christ and His Body (7 churches) are together as one corporately. His countenance was like the sun ('sun' = helios = gematria of 3-1-8). Thus the corporate son has a 3-1-8 configuration.

Why come to the corporate manifestation? Because of the kind of enemies we will face.

Isolated churches will come under severe judgement. We have faced enemies in the past (Absalom, Adonijah, etc.) But now there will be a revival of Jezebel - LBGT communities and the atheistic communities - increase of lawsuits against churches. We have to insert our Daniels, Josephs, etc. Paul made an appeal to Caesar; Esther appealed to the King; our launching pad is the corporate city church. We need professionals in various spheres to bring healing to our land.

Revelations 12:1-6

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth. Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems. And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to

the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne. Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

The child here historically refers to natural Israel but also to the church. Sun, moon and stars (also a reference to Israel - bowing to Joseph. The nation, Israel, eventually gave birth to Jesus who was caught up to God. Prophetically, the woman refers to the church, who is clothed with the sun (helios = 3-1-8) and gave birth to two sons - one caught up to Heaven (mature) and one on Earth (immature).

The corporate son has to become visible. Apostles of Christ do not have a burden about local church primarily. The burden must be the corporate Body of Christ. You cannot build a city church with denominations, illegal networks or fraternals.

The Corporate Son

Part 2

Let us look at another illustration of the corporate son. Jesus often spoken symbolically, e.g. 'lamb' of God; Psalm 1 – he shall be like a tree. The book of Revelation cannot be interpreted literally – it speaks of Christ.

Rev. 10:1-11

I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire; and he had in his hand a little book which was open. He placed his right foot on the sea and his left on the land; and he cried out with a loud voice, as when a lion roars; and when he had cried out, the seven peals of thunder uttered their voices. When the seven peals of thunder had spoken, I was about to write; and I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Seal up the things which the seven peals of thunder have spoken and do not write them." Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land lifted up his right hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things in it, and the earth and the things in it, and the sea and the things in it, that there will be delay no longer, but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is finished, as He preached to His servants the prophets.

Then the voice which I heard from heaven, I heard again speaking with me, and saying, "Go, take the book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the land." So I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little book. And he said to me, "Take it and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey." I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and in my mouth it was sweet as honey; and when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter. And they said to me, "You must prophesy again concerning many peoples and nations and tongues and kings."

John saw a messenger – who is Christ – has the Characteristics of the ascended Christ.

Fourfold nature:

1. Cloud – Clothed with a cloud. Cloud is a symbol of the Spirit
2. Rainbow – God is Love
3. Sun – God is Light
4. Pillars of Fire – God is a Consuming Fire

'As when a lion roars' – Jesus is the Lion of Judah;

'Sea' = symbol of Gentile nations;

'Land' = symbol of Israel (Jews);

Hence here we have a picture of Jewish-Gentile reconciliation.

Col. 1:19

For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

Rules for symbolic interpretation – refer to ASOM notes from previous schools.

The Angel raised up his hand toward heaven. The image here is one of reconciling Heaven with Earth. There is a triple witness – voice of angels; voice of the seven thunders (Spirit) and the voice of Father.

'Delay no longer' – at the cross the middle wall of partition was broken.

Eat the little book – a bitter-sweet experience. Reconciliation is sweet, but the memories are bitter.

This is also the unveiling of the corporate son. His face was like the sun.

Corporate son:

The cloud – Operates in the Spirit.

Rainbow – Light passing through water droplets and refracting at angles of 42 degrees (42nd generation)

Fire – Baptised in the fire.

Picture of reconciliation:

Eph. 2:14-18

For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, 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, and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity. And HE came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.

Hand to heaven = accessing the grace of heaven through five-fold grace.

Eph 1:7-12

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory.

Col. 1:19

For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

This reconciliation does not include things under the earth.

The phrase in John 1:14, 'grace upon grace' implies one favour after another or a continual renewal, bringing a constant supply of grace. This is the function of the corporate son, not the function of the local church.

Five-fold ministry gifts are given until we all come to the oneness of the faith. We all must come to the place where we believe the same thing. 'Unity' in Ephesians 4 is really 'oneness'. Be one as the Father and the Son are one. The terms 'they' and 'them' in John 17 occur more than 30 times. Refer to the previous ASOM notes for more on this.

The emergent church views are being promoted, e.g. they deny the trinity. They say the Father propitiates and the son is the propitiation. They say we are making the Godhead schismatic because one is the subject and one the object. But this reasoning is prominent throughout the Scripture; the Father sends the Son. The Holy Spirit too has personal attributes.

We have used poor illustrations to explain the Trinity: e.g. the water, ice and steam analogy – but these cannot exist at the same time. A better analogy is the SUN : the Sun is the Father; the Light is the Son; and the Heat is the Spirit. It is difficult to explain God.

The main objective for a five-fold church is to journey to the 'Perfect Man' - to the corporate man. All sent ones (apostles) must have a passion for the corporate man. Apostles must be tested.

2 Thess. 2 – coming of the lawless one – sits in the temple as God – the MAN of sin – hence the 'man of sin' cannot be a singular man. Thus he cannot be a singular man sitting in the temple in Jerusalem.

Two Greek terms for 'temple' : Temple (erhon = physical temple) ; Temple (naos = spiritual temple)

The man of sin refers to the adamic nature sitting in your temple (networks, denominations, etc.)

Prov. 7:6

For at the window of my house I looked out through my lattice, and I saw among the naive, *And* discerned among the youths A young man lacking sense, passing through the street near her corner; *And* he takes the way to her house, In the twilight, in the evening, In the middle of the night and *in* the darkness. *And* behold, a woman *comes* to meet him, Dressed as a harlot and cunning of heart. She is boisterous and rebellious, Her feet do not remain at home; *She is* now in the streets, now in the squares, *And* lurks by every corner. So she seizes him and kisses him *And* with a brazen face she says to him: "I was due to offer peace offerings; Today I have paid my vows. "Therefore I have come out to meet you,

To seek your presence earnestly, and I have found you. "I have spread my couch with coverings, with coloured linens of Egypt.

"I have sprinkled my bed with myrrh, aloes and cinnamon. "Come, let us drink our fill of love until morning; Let us delight ourselves with caresses. "For my husband is not at home, He has gone on a long journey; He has taken a bag of money with him, At the full moon he will come home." with her many persuasions she entices him; With her flattering lips she seduces him. Suddenly he follows her As an ox goes to the slaughter, Or as *one in fetters* to the discipline of a fool, Until an arrow pierces through his liver; As a bird hastens to the snare, So he does not know that it *will cost him* his life.

Now therefore, *my* sons, listen to me, And pay attention to the words of my mouth.

Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways, Do not stray into her paths.

For many are the victims she has cast down, and numerous are all her slain.

Her house is the way to Sheol, Descending to the chambers of death.

Young, devoid of understanding = devoid of the word of God.

v.9 Twilight = partial illumination

v. 10: Woman standing at the corner and is a harlot; Christ is the cornerstone – hence this church is blocking the view of the cornerstone; if there is a harlot woman, there is also a bride; harlot = false church.

Loud and rebellious = on all TV stations

Lurking in every corner

v.13 - Kissed him : kissed before she talks; meets your felt needs first.

Attire of a harlot; false wigs, false eyelashes; height exaggerated - manifestations of flesh

v.14 - peace offerings and vows

v.15 - makes you feel wanted

v.16 - majors in Egyptians linen – pleasurable activity to seduce

v.17 - manufactured her own anointing

v.20 - Christ has left

v.23 - Death was an arrow in the liver – slow death – hepatitis – jaundice – looks yellow – like gold – but you are not golden, you are sick.

Samson did not come to the 'perfect man'. He has 30 characteristics symbolic of the charismatic season, examples,

- No accountability
- Every time he dried up
- He married the Philistine (flesh)
- Every time he had revival he indulges in sexual impurity
- Wrong relationships
- Wife given to another man

The man with a withered hand is a picture of the imperfect church:

- Cannot wear the armour of God – cannot take on the sword – word of God – no five fold grace.
- Cannot discipline.
- Cannot express worship.
- Problem with the brain – stroke – hence right hand cannot function.
- No involvement with city church. “If I forget thee Oh Jerusalem let my right hand be withered” = forgets the city church.

Why parables? Unto us it has been given, and not given to them. To him who has, more will be given; to him who does not have, what he has will be taken from him.

Your local church is not the complete Body of Christ. True apostles do not see the church in local division – they see the church in the city.

There is one church in every city. We are not called to build denominations, fraternals, para-churches, illegal networks, etc. – these are aberrations of city church.

Some say, “I am of Paul, Peter, Apollos” - Paul rebuked this. We are not here to build our tower of Babel.

Haggai 1:1-3

In the second year of Darius the king, on the first day of the sixth month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying, “Thus says the Lord of hosts, ‘This people says, “The time has not come, even the time for the house of the Lord to be rebuilt. Then the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet, saying, “Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses while this house lies desolate?” Now therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts, “Consider your ways! You have sown much, but harvest little; you eat, but there is not enough to be satisfied; you drink, but there is not enough to become drunk; you put on clothing, but no one is warm enough; and he who earns, earns wages to put into a purse with holes.”

Thus says the Lord of hosts, “Consider your ways! Go up to the mountains, bring wood and rebuild the temple, that I may be pleased with it and be glorified,” says the Lord. “You look for much, but behold, it comes to little; when you bring it home, I blow it away. Why?” declares the Lord of hosts, “Because of My house which lies desolate, while each of you runs to his own house. Therefore, because of you the sky has withheld its dew and the earth has withheld its produce. I called for a drought on the land, on the mountains, on the grain, on the new wine, on the oil, on what the ground produces, on men, on cattle, and on all the labor of your hands.

If you are not building the corporate temple – then you are not, ‘my people’ but ‘this people’. Local house = panelled house. The temple lies waste. God erodes financial power because we are not committed to building the corporate house.

Col 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the saints and faithful brethren in Christ *who are at Colossae*: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

The book of Galatians is addressed to churches in the province of Galatia. Hence we are still infants in our journey towards the corporate city church.

In the Fiji Islands – mega denomination collaborated with govt. to prevent apostolic doctrine.

City church is governed by a plurality of elders. There will emerge a set man among them (e.g. James at Jerusalem). Generally, presently, apostles in one city cannot come together. We do not have Peter and John saying “look on US”. There is thus no shadow from the city to bring healing to our city.

The restoration of the Tabernacle of David relates to the corporate man - a company of people with a Davidic mantle.

Each city apostle must be called of God bearing the certain qualities.

The Lord will appear in His temple (not local church). Solomon asked God to give attention to prayer in this place (temple).

Samson was immature – a babe with a machine gun. He could not restrain his sexual habits. Know how to deal with the opposite sex.

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| C | - | Construct your parapet – your eyes do not see evil |
| H | - | Handle Not |
| I | - | Ignore |
| C | - | Call for help |
| K | - | Kick-down (run) |
| S | - | Scream for your wife |

Practice self-control.

Independent Churches – The Way of Jeroboam

1 Kings 16:15

In the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, Zimri reigned seven days at Tirzah. Now the people were camped against Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines.

1 Kings 16:30

Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD more than all who were before him.

1 Kings 22:50

And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of his father David, and Jehoram his son became king in his place.

Jehu walked in the way of Jeroboam.

2 King 3:1

Now Jehoram the son of Ahab became king over Israel at Samaria in the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years.

Jehu was part of the 7000; he had a majestic anointing – he went after anointing; he empowered eunuchs; he killed Jezebel without touching her; but his problem is that he walked in the ways of Jeroboam. Many defeat Jezebel and yet still walk in the way of Jeroboam.

Jeroboam – was a servant of Solomon; from a widows house; he was gifted and industrious; he received 10 tribes; Rehoboam increased taxes on people; Jeroboam ceased the opportunity and took ten tribes.

Jerusalem in the south; In the North – Samaria was the capital. The majority followed Jeroboam. He knew the three feasts and that the people would go to Jerusalem and he would lose power. Jerusalem is a picture of a city church. So he set up a false system to obviate this.

Jeroboam set up Bethel and Dan; he emphasised locality opposes to corporate house.

1 King 12:30 Now this thing became a sin, for the people went *to worship* before the one as far as Dan.

He made houses of the high places; he made priests of the lowest of the people; he made high places to imitate Jerusalem; he had branches and franchises. He ordains a feast in the 8th month (not the 7th); he sacrificed on an altar not ordained by God.

The young prophet comes to him and curses the altar – and not the house. Jeroboam was seemingly successful; he had a 22 year reign; calf in Bethel and Dan - high places. Nothing bad happened to him in this time. Pastors think they are right when nothing bad happens. Everything went well for twenty years, but judgement came.

1 Kings 14:9 You also have done more evil than all who were before you, and have gone and made for yourself other gods and molten images to provoke Me to anger, and have cast Me behind your back.

The local church has become the idol of many.

God cuts off every male in Israel =		No sons; Your people will get feminised
v.11 Dogs shall eat	=	Religious spirit
Birds of air eat the dead	=	Unclean spirit and demons

Micah and Uzziah are also pictures of independent churches.

Babylon and Egypt also are principles that are opposed to the corporate church.

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It almost felt like an act of crime
To gather here for the very last time
But Thamo received a proceeding word
And the voice of God was clearly heard

This saying, to us, is no longer strange
"Everything is going to change"
It's the words of a people on the move
You cannot afford to stay in the groove

So while this chapter is being concluded
There is a truth to which **Thamo** alluded
For the next phase to have a blessed beginning
You have to succeed with the fat lady singing

To be positioned for the new's exposure
The old must have an accurate closure
The one thing that stands right in the centre?
The way you exit is the way you enter

We heard about the desolate house
Where the widow lives without a spouse
This is a church with a barren womb
It does not have an upper room

It kills the prophets, and so by choice
It always refuses to hear God's voice
But from now on He will send the scribes
Preaching the word and accepting no bribes

It's going to seem like heaven is leaking
As in this season, we'll hear His speaking
It's doctrine that's going to fall like rain
To water our earth and bring life again

Deep, once more, will be speaking to deep
Your spirit with His, the baby will leap
The text and the pretext both serve the plan
The context is formed in the heavenly man

Our lives must be lived in two dimensions
Two realms joined without any tensions
Heaven and earth will function as one
When the Father is seen in the corporate son

As long as the house of David's not ready
The house of Saul will be standing steady
But the latter will soon be shutting down
When the former puts them out of town

So this is a word for the sir and the madam
Your adama is always in need of an adam
Someone whom God has sent to you
A rain-maker that He can clearly speak through

In old positions you cannot remain
You need the former and the latter rain
Without it, your grass will wither and die
And you'll be longing for the sweet bye and bye

While so many people fear malaria
They should be afraid of Samaria
It's a mixture of seed, great insanity
And it's all in the name of christianity

We had a look at Elijah's anointing
And to what the Spirit of God is pointing
This mantle comes to a church backslidden
Confronting what's wrong, exposing what's hidden

It also touches the state of the land
That carries the sin of the leader's hand
With a central message that is heard
"Back to His Name and back to the Word"

When the people of God walked in His will
The voice of the prophets were totally still
But as soon as they would fall away
This spirit was brought out into the day

God wants obedience, our faith will not do
You simply act on what He says to you
This anointing is actually able to hold
The full extent of what we call the five-fold

It brings reformation, both local and global
It's able to speak to the least and the noble
It will touch both the simple and the wise
The hills and the valleys it will equalize

When you turn your vineyard into a veggie garden
Elijah will come and he will not pardon
He'll speak from the throne 'cause he has no choice
This season will work through the tool of the voice

Elijah's name carries the most compact view
Of the God of heaven, the One that is true
The Tishbite will tell you, you cannot define
The gospel by your context and time

The seeker model has too many holes
We can't be selling our souls for souls
Elijah will stand against this trend
'Cause the means can't be justified by the end

Moab and Ammon were the prophet's neighbours
This is the place where he started his labours
Among the orphans his message was born
Where they killed the fathers and no-one would mourn

This message has a three-fold strand
In His presence we must learn to stand
We also have to be ruled by the word
And only speak what we have heard

In the sins of Solomon we saw
His heart was not loyal to God anymore
Twice he did miss the serious warning
And the day of destruction for him was dawning

As this king got hooked to the foreign embraces
We're also importing from other places
Like druggies that seek the fix they need
We go around and mix the seed

For us to impose the heavenly plan
We have to look where it all began
It takes a person of natural birth
To let a spirit manifest in the earth

So even if to Abel it reaches
 We have to back and repair the breaches
 Seek the wrong within your own heart
 Or else, in his death, you have played a part

Elisha, the son, began to perceive
 That Elijah was making ready to leave
 To get the anointing that he sought
 The father's mantle had to be caught

And so, with Solomon it all began
 Then, like a wildfire, this legacy ran
 It later comes to Jeroboam
 This man knew nothing about Siloam

His father was opinionated
 His mother was never correctly related
 The first will put a thought in your mind
 The second, her husband no-one could find

And so this king took the people away
 From where their Davidic foundations lay
 A new religious system he started
 The head and the body were being parted

Instead of God's promise he held on to the people
 And took their taxes to build his steeple
 Don't use a person without knowing his ranking
 Or God will come and give you a spanking

And so it comes to the king and the queen
 Ahab and Jezebel appear on the scene
 He is the uncle, the father's brother
 She takes the role of the harlots' mother

He mocks the lineage, she's unrestrained
 There are no sons whom they have trained
 So the first and the last of another must die
 While building their tower in the sky

In this there are many lessons to learn
 And if we don't hear, our fingers we'll burn
 So let us take heed and let us repent
 These things were, for our instruction, meant

Sam had us look at Psalm 23
 The rod and the staff that comforts me
 The former becoming the measure of rule
 By which God will judge the wise and the fool

And so the rod of Jesse will judge
 Not by emotions, malice or grudge
 Man's perception does not guide His decisions
 He seeks what's in line with heaven's visions

With the rule also comes an economy
 It's the branch that supplies from eternity
 It only supports what is in line
 With the requirements of the eternal design

That's why, on earth, we are able to love
 With the power and nature received from above
 The acid test of being mature
 Is that you know the Father for sure

If you are only busting the devil
 You've merely grown to an infant's level
 Where your only measure is that of a brother
 And that results in killing each other

It takes a father to end the wars
 Of orphans saying "this son of yours"
 He gets the whole house re-aligned
 Rejoicing over the son he did find

So when we as humans are filled with the Word
 People will hear what they've never heard
 Because it's been touched by the divine
 The water in us will become the best wine

So when someone calls it what it is not
 You know that leader has lost the plot
 While buildings around him crumble and fall
 He still does not get the message at all

We've got to get rid of the harmful leaven
 We were not saved to go to heaven
 Some may call it the kingdom and glory
 But you cannot access from the second story

While debating the Spirit awakes much emotion
 Just look at the bucket and the ocean
 The first cannot hold a ship or a shoal
 But when examined, represents the whole

The fall will always be deeply regretted
 Where man adopted the scientific method
 Observation is followed by analysis
 And then theory's preceded by synthesis

This is the sign of the reprobate mind
 Who always searches, never to find
 The satisfaction that sonship will bring
 "Cause he wants the robe but not the ring

So the battle continues between spirit and soul
 They both are fighting to seize control
 If you are God's but the soul dictates
 The guest room will be the place where He waits

The orphan and the reprobate
 Will act like a thief in his own estate
 But fathers have come to see and make sure
 That the sons of God become mature

We learned that God is a corporate being
 With all the parts totally agreeing
 He wants us to know Him by His love
 And not just look for power from above

You do not choose what will be your form
 What has been set becomes your norm
 But for some it has to be this way
 That the head of gold will have the say

The sons will not walk in autonomy
 But will share in heaven's economy
 When God does choose His grace to reveal
 Against this act there is no appeal

Salvation's picture is seen at the sea
 Where God ended the threat and Israel was free
 So Pharaoh's tomb had a huge inscription
 "You never again will see this Egyptian"

A corpse can never stand to be tried
 And there is a law against homicide
 So you have to change your baptism style
 And bring the man out after a while

The first in the lineage, according to birth
 Is the one that is first-born when seen from the earth
 But the one that is most like the Father, will be
 The first-born when viewed from eternity

A people will come as a sign and a token
 Through whom the decrees of heaven are spoken
 They are the ones that God has been training
 For a time such as this, for ruling and reigning

You have to use the language of choice
If you want the rain to hear your voice
And if you think the speaker is cheap
First see, if in the storm he can sleep

You can be of any nation or tribe
But journey is the way to describe
The life that you live here on the earth
Ending at death, beginning at birth

But this is not limited only to us
The ways of God are also thus
He came out of invisibility
To incarnation for all to see

God to us, is so related
Not to be separated
The journey is determined by love
God in man, birthed from above

So as we travel we must become less
Like the natural world, but also progress
To become more like Him, not only in form
But also in substance unto Christ our norm

And so we see in Luke chapter ten
Our journey described in four different men
The priest, the Levite, Adam and one
Whom God sends down as the older son

He's pictured as a Samaritan
Heaven's solution for man's sin
God and man, Gentile and Jew
The Lord Jesus Christ, reconciling the two

That is the reason why man's travel story
Is described by Paul as "from glory to glory"
And if, by now, you still should doubt
The message to you is "up ye out"

Sagie taught us more about sons
The special kind, the adopted ones
In your house they have been trained
By systems they cannot be contained

When Abraham learned of his nephew's fate
He simply reached for his 318
By them the uncles and brothers are saved
They are mature and well-behaved

These sons can accomplish so many things
They even defeat the four mighty kings
In the set-man's instructions they will abide
When they go out looking for the bride

They only propagate the father's name
They'll never put his seed to shame
Their lives are known by self-denial
Their character blameless and never on trial

So if the set-man would ever say
My sons should drink some petrol today
These sons will be, by means of election
A 318i with fuel injection

Gideon's army shows another face
Of sonship through their connection to grace
This one is called the 300 son
They know no fear and never run

Then there is also the mega-fish
They're not meant to be in your breakfast dish
They can only be landed on the shore
Of them the church must have many more

Then there is the 276
Enjoying their weekly religious fix
They hear your words and do some good deeds
But they're only there because of their needs

By the time you think they hang on your lip
They've already taken another ship
Their journey is only an outward form
To get a passage past the storm

Then there is the thing of the thigh
I still can't seem to understand why
In the revelation of the earth and the heavens
You still get the sons who are "007's"

To come to sonship and maturity
Is the highest form of praise there can be
The words "begotten" and "regeneration"
Speak of your entry into God's holy nation

These steps must be followed without any option
If you want to come to the place of adoption
The placing of sons is what it's about
And they will be helping creation out

Sons overcome the natural man
To gain self-control, for anger they plan
And if they are really serious
Their lives will be marked by holiness

If you clearly listen to what has been said
You'll see the reason to take up your bed
For the setting sun might bring you back
To the place of your sickness, misery and lack

Our glorified bodies are the highest peak
Of the promised inheritance that we seek
Here is a wonderful thing that we heard
To be led by the Spirit is to be led by the Word

A bishop is only an office desired
Some must be defrocked and some must be fired
But it does not matter how righteous you look
If you don't know the Word you are led by a spoon

While sons will be known by their purity
Discernment's a sign of maturity
What some will accept, others will fight
The battle that's raging is all about sight

If you cannot perceive you will turn and flee
When Goliath parades as the enemy
But through the eyes of a son will be seen
An uncircumcised, big Philistine

So 153 is a very big fish
And 318 is recorded as IYSH
276 will catch the next ship
But 007's, don't give them a grip

If Charles is becoming a threat to you
Then perception might be your problem too
"Those who wait on the Lord" the Bible said
"Those who keep the Lord waiting" is what some read

And then we all became very quiet
He spoke on excellence in our diet
If you do not know how to eat for life
You'll be digging your grave with a fork and a knife

Now after forty, as some can agree
Your best growth becomes horizontally
You need to walk and train with weights
But also lead souls through the pearly gates

If you know the Word, don't make an assessment
 But rather respond with a healthy investment
 It's not good enough just receiving the wine
 We need each other 'cause iron sharpens iron

The 318 is actually one
 The city church, the corporate son
 So if you build in isolation
 The LGBT is your next revelation

While John Travolta had the stand
 Both of his feet were on the land
 But the Son of God also covered the sea
 The Jew and the Gentile in one family

The young man only has a little light
 The harlot deceives him with her height
 She brings peace offerings and has a false head
 While Egyptian linen covers her bed

Her husband's on tour, she tells him so
 But Christ has already left long ago

Arrow in liver, he's a wounded fellow
 Looking like gold, but in fact, he's yellow

What must you do before this drops
 Maybe a couple of bunny hops
 Your local church, though nice and pretty
 Cannot be the temple in the city

Samson was caught with the oldest trick
 He did not know how to handle a C-H-I-C-K
 Jeroboam really started the way
 And the corporate man still suffers today

And now as we start to say goodbye
 You must not ask or wonder why
 Don't go to rest or sit and be cosy
 'Cause soon we'll be meeting again in Jozi

We want to say "thank you" with all our heart
 To River of Life where these schools did start
 You've earned your stripes, you've served us well
 Eternity of your grace will tell

Speak to Me (by Tommy Walker)

Listen to the melody at - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-b8Gylbkuww>

F **B^{bmaj7}**
 I am Your servant and I am listening
D^m **C** **B^b** **C/E**
 Speak to me, Lord, speak to me
F **B^{bmaj7}**
 I need Your wisdom, Your truth and comfort
D^m **C** **F^{sus}** **F**
 Speak to me, Lord, speak to me

Chorus:

F/A **B^{b2}** **C/E** **F** **D^m**
 Speak to me, Speak to me
B^b **C** **Cm7/F** **F7**
 Through Your word, through Your Spirit, Speak Your words of life
B^{dim7} **B^{b2}** **C/E** **A^m** **D^m**
 Speak to me, Speak to me
G^m **C** **F^{sus}** **(back to verse: B^b/D C/E)**
 I am listening, I am waiting, Speak to me

F **B^{bmaj7}**
 I am Your servant and I am listening
D^m **C** **B^b** **C/E**
 Speak to me, Lord, speak to me
F **B^{bmaj7}**
 My heart is silent, my soul is longing
D^m **C** **F^{sus}** **F**
 Speak to me, Lord, speak to me

I WILL RESTORE (By Morris Chapman)

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INTRO: C F/C Cmaj7 Gm7/C C7

VERSE 1:

Fmaj7 G/F Em Am
 What was lost in battle , What was taken unlawful
Dm Gsus-G Gm7/C C7
 Where the enemy has planted his seed
Fmaj7 G/F
 And where health is ailing
Em7 Am7
 And where strength is failing
Dm G Bm7b5 E7 Am A7
 I will restore to you all of this and more,
Dm G C Gm7 C7
 I will restore to you all of this and more.

CHORUS

(C7) Fmaj7 G/F Em Am
 I will restore, I will restore
Dm G Gm/C C7
 I will restore to you all of this and more
F#m7b5 B7 Em Am
 I will restore, I will restore
Dm G Bm7b5 E7 Am A7
 I will restore to you all of this and more,
Dm G C
 I will restore to you all of this and more.

<i>To Verse: Play Intro To Chorus: Gm7 C7</i>
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VERSE 2:

Fmaj7 G/F Em Am
 Where your heart is breaking And where dreams are forsaken
Dm G Gm7/C C7
 When it seems what was promised , Will not be given to you
Fmaj7 G/F Em Am
 And where peace is confusion, And reality an illusion
Dm G Bm7b5 E7 Am A7
 I will restore to you all of this and more,
Dm G C Gm7 C7
 I will restore to you all of this and more

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