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- *Enemies of the Household - Babylon – The Institutionalized Church*
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- *Fathering and Sonship*
- *The Day of the Lord*
- *Kingdom Prayer*
- *Ministry of Kings*
- *Ministry of Reconciliation : Forgiveness*
- *Exact Representation*
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Introduction :

Time to become aggressive, revolutionary and unapologetic in how we present truth. The point at which you will be provoked is the point at which you will change and at which God will begin to build. Receive the spirit in which things are going to be said.

One of the reasons for the Apostolic School of Ministry is that the school will prepare church leaders to lead congregations into a brand new season. Luke 24 was given as the framework for the school of ministry when it was started a few years ago. On the road to Emmaus, Jesus revealed Himself to two of His disciples, by doing three things:

1. He Opened the Scriptures:

Open the Scriptures in a relational culture – note he did this ‘while he walked with them’. Fellowship at the table is extremely important. Jesus revealed Himself out of the Scriptures. Jesus used the OT and led Himself out of the Scriptures. We believed the whole of the scriptures – both OT and NT.

2. He Opened their Eyes :

Blindness is a harsh reality in a religious environment. Learn how to wash at the pool of Siloam (the sent one).

3. He Opened their Minds

We start putting the pieces of the puzzle together.

Eg. John 14 “I will not leave you comfortless” = “I will not leave you fatherless (as orphans)”. This will only make sense if you understand the whole issue of households of faith.

This season will launch things to bring to finish the eternal purpose of God. Hence this is a time of increased warfare.

HOUSEHOLDS OF FAITH

4 Ingredients that contribute to the NT church : Acts 2:42 – Apostle Doctrine ; Fellowship ; Breaking of Bread (administration of Grace) and Prayers (Going beyond the realm of the flesh). Jesus breaks the word, reclines at the table; prayers = his appearance as a spirit.

The primary wineskin of an apostolic community is building a household of faith in the earth. The hierarchy is not five fold ministry. Workman cannot be the wineskin. They are the builders – and the builders cannot be the house. The wineskin is the container which contains the new thing God wants to do. We are moving away the titular culture. When the perfect comes, the imperfect must go.

The church is the household of God.

How do we define true religion?

James 1:27

Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this:
to **visit orphans and widows** in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Note the following hermeneutical principles

1. First the natural, then the spiritual. So do not only interpret scriptures literally.
2. First shall be last and the last shall be first. The last things created are usually first in the mind of God (eg. man). Hence the literal application could be secondary and the 'greater' figurative application more relevant.

Orphans = fatherless ; widow = husbandless. We must restore the spirit of the father to the house so that we do not have orphaned or widow culture that is without covering or protection.

Note also the repeated reference to genealogy throughout the Scriptures. Why is there a study of the registries in Nehemiah and Ezra. God choose to build the human race in the NT according to households of faith and family units in the OT. People in the OT are always referred to as the son of someone.

Paul said the Corinthians had many instructors but a few fathers. Instructors = leading people who have the condition of being a child. 'Instructors' are 'boy leaders'.

Mark 12: 38-40

- 38 In His teaching He was saying: "Beware of the scribes who like to walk around in long robes, and like respectful greetings in the market places,
39 and chief seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets,
40 who **devour widows' houses**, and for appearance's sake offer long prayers; these will receive **greater condemnation.**"

Most churches today are 'widows houses' – devoured by a religious spirit. The Fathering grace is necessary. In this grace there be any expression of the five fold ministry – but this 'ministry emphasis' is secondary to the fathering dimension.

Build households by using the spirit of Elijah.

If you cannot honestly call someone (your spiritual leader) your father – you are in a widow's house – you are open to attack and are vulnerable. The biggest problem in the church is a migrant culture – this is a cry for fathering. Are you caught in the contemporary culture of instructors without a father?

Malachi 4: 1-6

- 1 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."
- 2 "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.
- 3 "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.
- 4 "Remember the law of Moses My servant, even the statutes and ordinances which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel.
- 5 "Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord.
- 6 **"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."**

Children = 'ben' = sons

The present season is plagued by a curse of absent fathers. When fathering is restored, illegal churches will shut down. Elijah is more than a prophet. The sign of an Elijah anointing is not prophecy. The sign of this anointing is "MY FATHER, MY FATHER" (this the cry of his son Elisha to him when he was translated) – a return to fathering. A new emphasis on trans-generational building. There will be recognition a spirit of the progenitor

Biggest problem in Africa is ancestral worship – this is a cry for fathering

Constitution of the Household

It is the church, the ekklesia (Qahal – Aramaic word) – we are a nation (a holy nation). Israel is the shadow that pointed to the substance – the 'real' which is us. It had 12 tribes with each tribe having a clan and a household in each clan. Every congregation is a household. Up to now, we have looked for the crowds, not households with a father over it.

Acts 1:15-26

- 15 At this time Peter stood up in the midst of the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred and twenty persons was there together), and said,
- 16 "Brethren, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.
- 17 "For **he was counted among us and received his share in this ministry.**"
- 18 (Now this man acquired a field with the price of his wickedness, and falling headlong, **he burst open in the middle and all his intestines gushed out.**
- 19 And it became known to all who were living in Jerusalem; so that in their own language that field was called Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)
- 20 "For it is written in the book of Psalms, '**Let his HOMESTEAD be made desolate, And let no one DWELL in it'; and, 'Let another man take his OFFICE.'**"
- 21 "Therefore it is necessary that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us—
- 22 beginning with the baptism of John until the day that He was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection."
- 23 So they put forward two men, Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus), and Matthias.
- 24 And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all men, show which one of these two You have chosen
- 25 to occupy **THIS MINISTRY AND APOSTLESHIP** from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place."
- 26 And they drew lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Portion = inheritance given now to you (not in the future). Note three things about Judas:

1. v.20: First aspect of Judas' inheritance was **his homestead** (NOTE : "Let his homestead be made desolate")

Judas has a homestead over which he was the head. Jacob prophesied over his twelve sons. These prophecies are a shadow of things to come. Judas' house was to carry the treasures of the purposes of God – yet his house becomes devoid of purpose – desolate and barren of divine assignments. Note : 'LET NO MAN DWELL IN IT'

2. v. 20: **LET ANOTHER MAN TAKE HIS OFFICE**

'Office' = episcopate = someone that functions as superintendent – as an inspector to bring relief or help. One who visits inspects and provides covering. He is an overseer – an elder – providing covering. Elders were known for the dignity and ability to provide covering. Judas hung himself – lost his headship. Spiritual covering is important. Spiritual covering works by virtue of the assessment of what the needs of the house are.

3. v.25: **Ministry** = diakonia = to produce serviceable labour ; one who provides compassionate love toward the needy. The superstar ministry is over. A culture of servitude is needed – he who is the greatest is the servant of all.

Are all your people serviced with compassionate love? Every single ministry of the church must fulfill this.

4. v.25 **Apostleship** = apostole = a dispatching or sending off ; also a gift sent forth; The grace in you is the gift sent forth to the people. Note in this listing, apostleship comes last, not first.

Session 2 :**HOUSEHOLDS OF FAITH (Part 2)**

Thamo Naidoo

Not because you call someone 'Father', does it mean you understand 'Households of Faith'. Each household is headed by a father. Judas was the head of a house. His ministry was that of a deacon in character – labouring for the benefit of others and not for personal benefit (but he sought to abuse his function for personal gain). The more you become a servant – the more you become a King. The more you give your Isaac, the more you see Jehovah Jireh. Judas' bowels gushed out = symbolic of losing all his grace to the ground.

Another Objective : Learn to banquet at the Lord's Table – Build an alliance of Relationships. Hebron is the place where conjugal relationships take place. True unity will not take place through networking which has a culture of cloning.

An ALLIANCE presents to us the model of Hebron. The idea of alliance is that we create relationships for mutual benefit – not just for gaining something – not just for partnership for advancing a common cause. The mutual benefit is that each party needs the grace of the other. You relate to another for who they are, and not for what you can get.

Unity will come when the heads of each household are knit together. Then the people under each head will have the same mind. Bring unity first through the headship of the Body. The term 'Alliance' implies a union of relationships that assumes patriarchal connections. Heads of households came to David at Hebron, then all of Israel became united. Then whole tribes were joined to David.

This is the joining of the sticks (Ezekiel 37) Ephraim and Judah joined. 'Joined' implies intimacy.

Ezekiel 37:15-19

- 15 The word of the Lord came again to me saying,
 16 "And you, son of man, take for yourself one stick and write on it, '**For Judah and for the sons of Israel, his companions**'; then take another stick and write on it, '**For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and all the house of Israel, his companions.**'
 17 "**Then join them for yourself one to another into one stick**, that they may become one in your hand.
 18 "When the sons of your people speak to you saying, 'Will you not declare to us what you mean by these?'
 19 say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I will put them with it, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand."'

When heads joined, no one leads as a matter of being elected or appointed – it may happen supernaturally, but hierarchy is not the point.

Joining = quarab = to come close enough to touch, speak, etc. – highlighting proximity and intimacy. You cannot be fathered by email.

We have to define 'FAMILY' in the present season.

Your natural family is not your true family. They only become your true family when they share the things you share in God.

Matthew 12:46-50

- 46 While He was still speaking to the crowds, behold, His mother and brothers were standing outside, seeking to speak to Him.
- 47 Someone said to Him, "Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside seeking to speak to You."
- 48 But Jesus answered the one who was telling Him and said, "**Who is My mother and who are My brothers?**"
- 49 And stretching out **His hand toward His disciples**, He said, "**Behold My mother and My brothers!**
- 50 "**For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother.**"

You have to come to the place where you have no natural mother and father – like Melchisedek, you become without genealogy in the natural because you have been born from above. Like Eli, if you let your natural children blind you from the God's purposes, the house will be bankrupt of the purposes of God.

Lot never knew how to produce sons – his three daughters had an incestuous relationship with him and produced Moab, which means 'What father?' .

If anyone is not a son, remove that person from key functions, because they are not a pillar in the house.

THE THEOLOGY OF 'HOUSEHOLDS OF FAITH'

THE CHURCH IS THE NEW HUMAN RACE OF CREATION

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

- 17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.
- 18 Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the **ministry of reconciliation**,
- 19 namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the **word of reconciliation**.
- 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.
- 21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

'creation' = part of a new colony and order of humans; your category of function is different to the world.

We constitute a new family – a new species.

We have to reconcile people back to the father. The problem in the garden : Adam was called sons of God (Lk.3) – he alienated himself from the father – he lost his authority. Jesus reconnects us back to our father. Now we must also reconnect everybody else to the father. You connect by recognizing grace in someone.

We are a new creation. God in Christ was reconciling us back to Him. The new creation is built on the pattern of family.

Case Study :

Matthew 16:13-20

- 13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"
- 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets."
- 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
- 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are **the Christ, the Son** of the living God."
- 17 And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not **reveal** this to you, but **My Father** who is in heaven.
- 18 "I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.
- 19 "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."
- 20 Then He warned the disciples that they should tell no one that He was the Christ.

Note he does not say 'Jesus Christ' (a reference to his humanity) or 'Christ Jesus' (the heavenly ascended Christ); he just says 'CHRIST' – referring to the pre-existent Christ before the six day creation. Who is this 'Christ'? In Colossians it says the fullness of the God head is in Christ. The godhead, i.e. Father, Son and Holy Ghost is in CHRIST. All these are resident in CHRIST. Matt 28 : 'Baptise in the name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit' = in the nature of each one of the godhead.

Christ is not a surname – it is a revelation of something greater – the fullness of the godhead.

Then after saying you are the CHRIST, Peter says to Jesus 'YOU ARE THE SON'. Hence in the Son, is the Father and the Holy Spirit. 'Christ crucified' - is partaking of all his parts. Creation is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God. The fullness of Christ (which is Farther, Son and Holy Spirit) must be resident in all the sons.

Note : My father has revealed this to you.

You are 'Peter' = Petros = masculine; 'On this rock'= Petra = feminine (implication of a womb)

Upon this confession of the Christ being the fullness of the Godhead, I will produce a womb to bring forth Christ.

Christ in you in the hope of Glory.

I will Build my church;

Build = oikoidomeo = to establish a building that will be called the household.

= To build a house or a city

The house of Lord is like a city or a tower. I will build something that will have the image of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This house will have the nature and power of the Godhead in it. Christ will not be seen in His fullness unless we manifest Him as the Sons of God.

Note the progression from :

↓	Christ -
↓	Son -
↓	Build -
▼	My Father has revealed

Ephesians 2:13-22

- 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
- 14 For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall,
- 15 by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace,
- 16 and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.
- 17 And He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near;
- 18 for through Him we both have our **access in one Spirit to the Father.**
- 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are **fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,**
- 20 having been built on the **foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone,**
- 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord,
- 22 in whom you also are being built together **into a dwelling of God** in the Spirit

Session 3 :**HOUSEHOLDS OF FAITH (Part 3)****Thamo Naidoo**

We are building the theological framework for understanding Households of Faith – through this wineskin God will release his purposes. We must not build numbers (noses and nickels) – but households patterned after the heavenly order.

We will lose the new wine if this wineskin is not properly built – also so that the household of God will not be desolate.

See Matthew 23 – the recurrence of the word – ‘house’.

Back to Matt 16:19 : I will build my church. You are the Christ = the pre-existent Christ that operated before Gen 1:1. This Christ was in the timeless zone in the eternal. This Christ is the fullness of the godhead (Col.2). The godhead (Father Son and Holy Spirit) is Christ. We preach Christ and Him crucified – not just crucifixion in the flesh as an historical event. You cannot know Christ after the flesh. We must be baptized in the name (nature and character) of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – not in water but the nature of the fullness of the godhead (which is Christ). In each of us there must be a manifestation of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I will build :

Cf. the rib taken from Adam = taken from him to build the fullness of what the man represents. Do not reduce Jesus to an historical context. Study the pre-existent Christ. On this ‘petra’, I will build = on the womb of this confession.

Build = oikodomeo = building a household on the foundational principle of family. This household will be connected to the family in heaven and made up of different households.

Rebuke the spirit of the mocker – cast the bondwoman and her son out. Silence the mocker by producing the truth incarnate.

Gates of hades will not prevail. Gates = seat, counsels that authoritatively plot against the community of believers. What God builds in unity within households will stand against every vice of the enemy – the enemy will not withstand it’s advance in God’s purposes.

Anyone that is not a son will produce a mixture – God wants to purge the seed to produce a perfect church.

The hierarchy of the NT church is not five fold ministry. Judas had a household of which he was head; also he was an elder that provided spiritual covering ; he functioned in the ministry of the 'diakonia' – work of a deacon serving the needs of others; he also was in the apostleship – a gift sent from God to his household. He lost all of these four dimensions of ministry.

Workman cannot become part of the building – Households cannot be headed by any five fold ministry – but by FATHERS, who may (or may not) have a five fold office calling.

Ephesians 2:13-22

- 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
- 14 For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall,
- 15 by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace,
- 16 and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.
- 17 And He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near;
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v. 18 note the emphasis on the FATHER – highlights specific attributes of God.

Matt 13 – only one of the parables on sonship calls God - 'FATHER' – more on this later.

Households = speaks of family units in the household of God. This family is made up of twelve tribes (James 1:1) – tribes are made up of clans – then families. Pure religion is to provide covering over the widow and the orphan (see book James).

v.20 Built on foundation of apostles and prophets : They are not the structure – they provide the grace – the infrastructure.

The early church met from 'from house to house' = these are not physical houses or traditional cell group meetings. Scripture must interpret scripture. These were 'households' of faith. These become the church in a city –

so that there were multiple elders. Name of churches is unbiblical – identification of churches should be by the FATHER over that house.

Father = (Grk.) Pater ; This word is related to the Greek word for 'Family' = (Grk.) Patria

Father characterizes 'family'. The seed of the father must be demonstrated in the son. Inaccurate fathers from some churches will be removed – these are hirelings. The predominant grace on a father must be seen for his sons. Get back to the dominant patriarchal grace. The grace in you as a father, is the 'fathering grace' – not you specifically. But you have to receive the person to receive the grace of fathering he carries.

Do not focus on a house or mansion in heaven – you are the house of God that He wants to fill in the earth.

Psalm 127:1-5

- 1 Unless the Lord **builds the house**, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the Lord guards the city, The watchman keeps awake in vain.
- 2 It is vain for you to rise up early, To retire late, To eat the bread of painful labors; For He gives to His beloved even in his sleep.
- 3 Behold, **children are a gift of the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward.**
- 4 Like **arrows in the hand of a warrior**, So are the children of one's youth.
- 5 How blessed is the man whose **quiver is full of them**; They will not be ashamed When they speak with **their enemies in the gate.**

Unless you build your house on the rock This Scripture has reference to building your congregation on the Rock, his word. Psalm 127 -The only way to build is by letting God build the house.

Children = Ben = son

To receive an inheritance you have TO BE (a son) – you do not have TO DO something.

A son is given (appropriately and strategically placed) – sons have to be given to you – they are begotten by the Spirit.

Operate from 'rest' and not works – even if it is only one son (like Jacob – in him are the twelve tribes).

There are not only sons in the house. Others are slaves and servants (Like Martha – cannot sit at the table – or at the feet of Jesus – but continue to serve the table).

House = 'bayit' = a house made of family units

v. 4 arrows in the hand of a warrior = in the hands of a father.

Your children will contend with the enemies in the gates.

Wealth will come to the feet of apostles – transforming economies. etc.

Gates = seats of governmental influence = highest form of counsels determining human movement in the earth.

Quiver full of them = 5 arrows in a quiver = five fold ministry. These need to be positioned in strategic places. Fathers must train their sons to rule the land. Fathers have to give oversight to sons in key places in society.

Build = 'Benah' = means to construct houses, cities; has the idiomatic meaning of bringing an increase.

House = 'bayit' = also refers to people that proceed like descendants. Build people. Describes large family units in a big house. They asked Jesus, 'Where do you live?'. Jesus responded 'Come and See'.

John 14:1-6

- 1 "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.
 2 "In My **Father's house** are many **dwelling places**; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare **a place for you**.
 3 "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.
 4 "And you know the way where I am going."
 5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?"
 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

To understand John 14, read the preceding verses in John 13, which concerns his betrayal.

House	=	'oikia'
Build	=	'oikodomeo'
Dwelling places	=	'mone'

v. 4 'where I am going' = a reference to the cross – so that you could be connected to the Father.
 Mansion is not a ten bedroom house.

John 14:23-24

- 23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him **and make Our abode with him**.
 24 "He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me.

abode = is the same word as dwelling place (or mansion)

v.18 "I will not leave you **as orphans** (i.e. fatherless); I will come to you.

Orphans = fatherless , Hence I will not leave you fatherless. Other versions say, 'I will not leave you comfortless'. Recall the two woman – with issue of blood for 12 years and the young 12 year old daughter of Jairus. The one with issue of blood – absence of covering – no husband. Other young girl / woman (12 yrs old) has a father – she has a productive womb.

John 14:26-31

- 26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

- 27 "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.
- 28 "You heard that I said to you, 'I go away, and I will come to you.' If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because **I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.**
- 29 "Now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe.
- 30 "I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me;
- 31 but so that the world may know that **I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me.** Get up, let us go from here.

I am going to my Father's House = Father's family. House of God has the culture of family

Ps 133 - unity ... there the Lord commands a blessing on family. We are the dwelling of God – each of us. When the household comes together – blessing is automatically activated – there the Lord commands a blessing. Simply position yourself accurately in Him – provision will follow.

"I go to prepare a place for you" : 'Place for you – where I am you may be also' = His location is wherever you are. Your location is already presently in heavenly dwelling places in Christ. You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you. You are literally with Christ in heavenly places.

The only thing prohibiting this (flow of resource and access to inheritance) is immaturity in the son – so long as the heir is child – inheritance is withheld.

No demon can withstand you at this level.

Households is not cell groups. Household met under the grace of a certain man – the head of household.

They met in the temple and from house to house, all different sizes. The houses they met in were essentially the grace of a man, who is called an elder.

Oikos = family dwelling in a house linked to a certain lineage.

First reference of family is in Genesis – 'Noah and his household' .

Gen 7:1

Then the Lord said to Noah, "Enter the ark, you **and all your household,**
for **you alone I have seen** to be righteous before Me in this time.

When a leader makes a mistake, his people are negatively affected – and the converse is also true. Feast of the Tabernacles - the Father and the son made the journey to Jerusalem – stayed together in Booths.

Note how God singled out and then dealt with Achan and his entire household

Joshua 7:13-26

- 13 "Rise up! Consecrate the people and say, 'Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, for thus the Lord, the God of Israel, has said, "There are things under the ban in your midst, O Israel. You cannot stand before your enemies until you have removed the things under the ban from your midst."
- 14 **'In the morning then you shall come near by your tribes. And it shall be that the tribe which the Lord takes by lot shall come near by families, and the family which the Lord takes shall come near by households, and the household which the Lord takes shall come near man by man.**
- 15 'It shall be that the one who is taken with the things under the ban shall be burned with fire, he and all that belongs to him, because he has transgressed the covenant of the Lord, and because he has committed a disgraceful thing in Israel.' "
- 16 So Joshua arose early in the morning and brought Israel near by tribes, and the tribe of Judah was taken.
- 17 He brought the **family of Judah** near, and he took the **family of the Zerahites**; and he brought the family of the Zerahites near **man by man**, and **Zabdi was taken**.
- 18 He brought his household near man by man; and **Achan, son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, from the tribe of Judah, was taken**.
- 19 Then Joshua said to Achan, "My son, I implore you, give glory to the Lord, the God of Israel, and give praise to Him; and tell me now what you have done. Do not hide it from me."
- 20 So Achan answered Joshua and said, "Truly, I have sinned against the Lord, the God of Israel, and this is what I did:
- 21 when I saw among the spoil a beautiful mantle from Shinar and two hundred shekels of silver and a bar of gold fifty shekels in weight, then I coveted them and took them; and behold, they are concealed in the earth inside my tent with the silver underneath it."
- 22 So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent; and behold, it was concealed in his tent with the silver underneath it.
- 23 They took them from inside the tent and brought them to Joshua and to all the sons of Israel, and they poured them out before the Lord.
- 24 Then Joshua and all Israel with him, **took Achan the son of Zerah, the silver, the mantle, the bar of gold, his sons, his daughters, his oxen, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent and all that belonged to him; and they brought them up to the valley of Achor**.
- 25 Joshua said, "Why have you troubled us? The Lord will trouble you this day." And all Israel stoned them with stones; and they burned them with fire after **they had stoned them with stones**.
- 26 They raised over him a great heap of stones that stands to this day, and the Lord turned from the fierceness of His anger. Therefore the name of that place has been called the valley of Achor to this day.

Note : TRIBE – CLANS – HOUSEHOLDS – MAN

v.15 God judges the whole family of Achan. When the head went wrong, the whole body suffered. Those under Saul were in debt, discontented and distressed.

2 Sam 2:3-4

- 3 And David brought up his men who were with him, each with his household; and they lived in the cities of Hebron.
- 4 Then the men of Judah came and there anointed David king over the house of Judah.

To come to a Hebron position you have to bring your whole family with you. You cannot rule over the entire community until

NT references to households

Matt 10:5-15

- 5 These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them: "Do not go in the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter any city of the Samaritans;
- 6 but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
- 7 "And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'
- 8 "Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give.
- 9 "Do not acquire gold, or silver, or copper for your money belts,
- 10 or a bag for your journey, or even two coats, or sandals, or a staff; for the worker is worthy of his support.
- 11 "And whatever city or village you enter, inquire who is worthy in it, and stay at his house until you leave that city.
- 12 "As you enter the house, give it your greeting.
- 13 "If the house is worthy, give it your blessing of peace. But if it is not worthy, take back your blessing of peace.
- 14 "Whoever does not receive you, nor heed your words, as you go out of that house or that city, shake the dust off your feet.
- 15 "Truly I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city.

The culture of just going to a city for ministry needs to change – identify the household you are going to – know the man of peace. Go to the congregation that will receive you. Bless the house that receives you. Days of reckless traveling are over. Enter through a household of faith – in it there is security and protection.

Structure of the household :

Matthew 24:42-51

- 42 "Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.
- 43 "But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into.
- 44 "For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will.
- 45 "Who then is the faithful and sensible slave whom his master put in charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time?
- 46 "Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes.
- 47 "Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions.
- 48 "But if that evil slave says in his heart, 'My master is not coming for a long time,'
- 49 and begins to beat his fellow slaves and eat and drink with drunkards;
- 50 the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour which he does not know,
- 51 and will cut him in pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Feed your people spiritual food in due season with present truth – otherwise when the Lord comes and visits them, they miss their visitation.

Examples of Household headed by individuals

Romans 16:10-16

- 10 Greet Apelles, the approved in Christ. Greet those who are of the household of Aristobulus. Greet Herodion, my kinsman. Greet those of the household of Narcissus, who are in the Lord.
- 12 Greet Tryphaena and Tryphosa, workers in the Lord. Greet Persis the beloved, who has worked hard in the Lord.
- 13 Greet Rufus, a choice man in the Lord, also his mother and mine.
- 14 Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas and the brethren with them.
- 15 Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them.
- 16 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

Pope = papa = father.

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

- 10 Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.
- 11 For I have been informed concerning you, my brethren, **by Chloe's people**, that there are quarrels among you.
- 12 Now I mean this, that each one of you is saying, "I am of Paul," and "I of Apollos," and "I of Cephas," and "I of Christ."
- 13 Has Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?
- 14 I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius,
- 15 so that no one would say you were baptized in my name.
- 16 Now I did baptize also **the household of Stephanas**; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any other.
- 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not in cleverness of speech, so that the cross of Christ would not be made void.

1 Corinthians 16:15-20

- 15 Now I urge you, brethren (you know **the household of Stephanas**, that they were the first fruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves for ministry to the saints),
- 16 that you also be in subjection to such men and to everyone who helps in the work and labors.
- 17 I rejoice over the coming of **Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus**, because they have supplied what was lacking on your part.
- 18 For they have refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men.
- 19 The **churches of Asia** greet you. Aquila and Prisca greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.
- 20 All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

Galatians 6:6-10

- 6 The one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches him.
- 7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.
- 8 or the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.
- 9 Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.
- 10 So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the **household of the faith**.

Man that leads a church is not a pastor but a father. You cannot fire your father.

Phillipians 4:22-23

- 22 All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.
 23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

2 Tim 1:16-18

- 16 The Lord grant mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains;
 17 but when he was in Rome, he eagerly searched for me and found me—
 18 the Lord grant to him to find mercy from the Lord on that day—and you know very well what services he rendered at Ephesus.

2 Tim 4:19

- 19 Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.

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Prophetic Vision (Cynthia):

Ten kings of the world standing in front of stage on which 7 apostles are standing ; kings bow; one mandate – true living God; household has to be upgraded to welcome the kings of the earth.

The dominion mandate – we have positional rule because of our inheritance is in Him. Positional dominion has to become practical dominion. There are several keys to dominion. One is through EXACT REPRESENTATION.

Gen 1:27 – let us make man in our image and likeness let them have dominion See Gen 1:26-28

Genesis 1:26-28

- 26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."
- 27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Dominion is given to the image of God in you – the SON of God represented in you. Dominion will be given to sons.

Psalm 45:16 – In the place of the fathers will be the sons.

Psalm 45:16

In place of your fathers will be your sons;
You shall make them princes in all the earth.

There are conditions that alter the image of God. Examples:

- **Associations and relationships** : Samson walked with Delilah – cut his hair – stripped him of his glory.
Saul relationships; Laban relationships, Moab, Pharoah, Nicolatian relationships – all of these distort godly image.
- **Presumptuous sin** – concocted in your mind because of your suspicion. When David wanted to sympathize with Iram – he presumed David's men were spies – hence shaved off half their beards – distortion of image. Nebuchadnezzar image also altered because of pride. Gehazi rebelled against his spiritual father and got leprosy which disfigured him = distorted image.
- **Nicolatianism** – conquering and ruling – Jezebel comes to alter the image – change the vineyard to a garden patch.
- **Evil speaking and slander alter the image** – Miriam got leprosy because of speaking against Moses.

Focus of the present teaching: Spirit of Babylon and how it alters the image of God in you.

Recall : Nation – tribe - clan – households. **Babylon = institutionalized Christianity comes to alter this image to networks, fraternals and denominations.** We must dismantle that which are the enemies of exact representation. These institutions do not deserve any sympathy. Instead of tribal leadership you have denominations that emphasizes documental validation rather than lifestyle validation, etc.

An illegitimate network is a glorified denomination. Churches ought to be entirely autonomous – being led by the Spirit and not by the lead apostle. There are also aberrations of the father-son wineskin.

Instead of clans we have para-churches and fraternals. A fraternal is not a household. It is plagued by a host of inaccuracies. All of these distort the image of God on the earth.

Focus on BABYLON :

BABYLON is one of the major spirits with which we are contending. In studying Scripture, know when the type becomes the anti-type. The term 'Israel' was first applied to a man – then to the entire nation – then just to the northern tribes – then to Jesus – then to the church.

Similarly Babylon was a geographical location but later becomes imprinted on apostate Israel. Now the apple of God's eye has transitioned into the enemy of God. Ezekiel 16 speaks about his beloved – umbilical cord still connected to the placenta. Placenta was responsible for your nutrition in a specific location = past or illegitimate connections. Baby grows up to be a woman who now becomes harlot = Israel becomes apostate.

Book of Revelation must be seen as an historical book. In AD 70 apostate Israel was destroyed. Then Revelation must be read as a prophetic book. Hence there is another Babylon = the apostate church. There are two churches on the earth. Even within a church there are wheat and tares. Sometimes the tares are more in number. There are 'alleged' churches – they need apostolic evaluation. The false church is our enemy = the institutionalized church – it may even be within and amongst us. This whole false dimension is called Babylon. Co-existent realities. In our midst there is the man of sin who exalts himself above God.

Characteristics of this False Dimension:Daniel 1:1-15

- 1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.
- 2 The Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the vessels of the house of God; and he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and he brought the vessels into the treasury of his god.
- 3 Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, the chief of his officials, to bring in some of the sons of Israel, including some of the royal family and of the nobles,
- 4 youths in whom was no defect, who were good-looking, showing intelligence in every branch of wisdom, endowed with understanding and discerning knowledge, and who had ability for serving in the king's court; and he ordered him to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans.
- 5 The king appointed for them a daily ration from the king's choice food and from the wine which he drank, and appointed that they should be educated three years, at the end of which they were to enter the king's personal service.
- 6 Now among them from the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.
- 7 Then the commander of the officials assigned new names to them; and to Daniel he assigned the name Belteshazzar, to Hananiah Shadrach, to Mishael Meshach and to Azariah Abed-nego.
- 8 But Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself with the king's choice food or with the wine which he drank; so he sought permission from the commander of the officials that he might not defile himself.
- 9 Now God granted Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the commander of the officials,
- 10 and the commander of the officials said to Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has appointed your food and your drink; for why should he see your faces looking more haggard than the youths who are your own age? Then you would make me forfeit my head to the king."
- 11 But Daniel said to the overseer whom the commander of the officials had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah,
- 12 "Please test your servants for ten days, and let us be given some vegetables to eat and water to drink.
- 13 "Then let our appearance be observed in your presence and the appearance of the youths who are eating the king's choice food; and deal with your servants according to what you see."
- 14 So he listened to them in this matter and tested them for ten days.
- 15 At the end of ten days their appearance seemed better and they were fatter than all the youths who had been eating the king's choice food.

1. **Babylon BESIEGED Jerusalem**

v. 1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem **and besieged it.**

Jerusalem is referable to the church - New Jerusalem coming out of God in Heaven. Heaven is the new idol of Christians. The 'father's house is not heaven. Absent from the body = to be present with the Lord. We are already seated with Him in heavenly places. We are constantly descending out from Him.

Spirit of Babylon comes to capture and besiege the true church. Diagnostics as a science is needed in the church today. You have to diagnose when you are imprisoned in a church. Engage your mind to find out if you are a jail bird. There must be consciousness of your captivity.

By the rivers of Babylon where we sat down – strange land – are you in that strange land? Have you lost your joy - 'how can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land'. People in church have become sad. Devoid of any attempt to socialize or fellowship. They become irritable and angry.

The intent of Babylon is to make you poor – in the image worshipped in Babylon, all the gold is in the head. Only a certain sector benefits. There is not distribution of grace.

There is idolatry, ...

There was intimidation – if you do not bow down you were thrown to lions. Threats are made in accurate churches.

Image was 60 cubits high – multiple of six = humanism and secularism that has crept in. There is money madness and music madness.

Proverbs 7 – image of the harlot : sits at the corner – blocks Jesus, the cornerstone. Loud and rebellious; false manifestations and exaggerated expressions of the flesh; seduces believers through false manifestation; Egyptians tapestry; takes young man captives – stabs his liver = jaundice = yellow = looks like gold but is false.

Vulnerability – lower parts of the image is made up of a mixture

Babylon will bring you into a sitting position. Sitting = a religious posture

Babylon will cause you to stagnate. If your spiritual landscape has not change in past two years you are in serious trouble.

2. TAKES CAPTIVE TREASURES OF APSOTOLC COMMUNITIES AND CULTURE

See v.2

v. 2 The Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, **along with some of the vessels of the house of God; and he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and he brought the vessels into the treasury of his god.**

Nebuchazezzar stripped the holy place of its treasure ; lampstand (apostles doctrine), incense altar (prayer) ; table of showbread (fellowship and breaking and bread).

Institutional churches cannot accept apostles doctrine.

Ezekiel 8 – violation of apostles doctrine – an image of jealousy in the temple ; also elders in the dark worshipping idols; wept meditating on the past; instead of prayers, the elders worship the sun.

Nebuchadnezzar hides them in his own house. **Instead of apostles doctrine you have the literature of the chaldeans** – and it is a 3 years course (v. 4 and 5). You have to constantly study and constantly upgrade yourself as a pastor.

Instead of the Breaking of Bread, Babylon, the false church has the food offered to idols. Daniel refused the food off the king's table because it was offered to Babylon's idols first. Paul said you become one with the demon when you partake the food offered to them. **Dispensationalism is the food offered to idols. Doctrine of the rapture and the two Israels, the antichrist, 7 year tribulation are all doctrine of demons.** If you eat this food your countenance will change, and the image of God will be distorted.

Instead of fellowship you have captivity – you are an inmate – your fellow captive. They eat the same food, dress the same. Babylon attacks the four pillars of an apostolic community.

In Zechariah we read of the Flying scroll = 20X10 cubits = 2000 cubits in area = prophetic of the Holy Place. This scroll was judging the thief and the perjurer. The timber and the stones are consumed – this is the judgement that an apostolic culture will bring into the house. – When you introduce the apostolic to your church, your numbers will shrink initially.

When Elisha pursued Elijah he went through four locations Gilgal (circumcision) – Bethel – Jericho (fragrance) – Jordan (prayers). In the midst of an apostolic culture, there is also judgement (eg. Ananias and Saphira).

A fraternal is not a household.

Daniel 5:1-12

- 1 Belshazzar the king held a great feast for a thousand of his nobles, and he was drinking wine in the presence of the thousand.
- 2 When Belshazzar tasted the wine, he gave orders to bring the gold and silver vessels which Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them.
- 3 Then they brought the gold vessels that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God which was in Jerusalem; and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them.
- 4 They drank the wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone.
- 5 Suddenly the fingers of a man's hand emerged and began writing opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, and the king saw the back of the hand that did the writing.
- 6 Then the king's face grew pale and his thoughts alarmed him, and his hip joints went slack and his knees began knocking together.
- 7 The king called aloud to bring in the conjurers, the Chaldeans and the diviners. The king spoke and said to the wise men of Babylon, "Any man who can read this inscription and explain its interpretation to me shall be clothed with purple and have a necklace of gold around his neck, and have authority as third ruler in the kingdom."
- 8 Then all the king's wise men came in, but they could not read the inscription or make known its interpretation to the king.
- 9 Then King Belshazzar was greatly alarmed, his face grew even paler, and his nobles were perplexed.

- 10 The queen entered the banquet hall because of the words of the king and his nobles; the queen spoke and said, "O king, live forever! Do not let your thoughts alarm you or your face be pale.
- 11 "There is a man in your kingdom in whom is a spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of your father, illumination, insight and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods were found in him. And King Nebuchadnezzar, your father, your father the king, appointed him chief of the magicians, conjurers, Chaldeans and diviners.
- 12 "This was because an extraordinary spirit, knowledge and insight, interpretation of dreams, explanation of enigmas and solving of difficult problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Beltshazzar. Let Daniel now be summoned and he will declare the interpretation."

When apostolic culture is taken into the denominations it will signal the demise of that inaccurate church.

Apostles doctrines has to be filtered through to grassroots level. Although Paul was spiritual father he also cared and ministered to people like a mother (see Thessalonians) = As a spiritual father, you must also 'feed' like a mother – eat meat – process it and produce milk to make it palatable without compromising the truth.

Jehosophat appointed teachers to teach the people. Natural man cannot receive things of the Spirit. Babylon has naturalized the people. Sons of Issachar had understanding of the times. Even Samuel stilled wept for Saul and took time to accept David.

Babylon banishes you to an inaccurate location. The nation could not celebrate the feasts of the Lord – because you needed the temple.

Babylon has Ashphenaz .

Daniel 1:3-4

- 3 Then the king **ordered Ashpenaz, the** chief of his officials, to bring in some of the sons of Israel, including some of the royal family and of the nobles,
- 4 youths in whom was no defect, who were good-looking, showing intelligence in every branch of wisdom, endowed with understanding and discerning knowledge, and who had ability for serving in the king's court; and he ordered him to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans.

Ashpenaz = 'I will promote the sprinkled' : Babylon cannot promote those who are immersed in God but those who are sprinkled. Ashpenaz is the master of eunuchs. Joshua required circumcision in the wilderness. Babylon does not have someone to circumcise. Babylon will castrate you.

Several ways to make a eunuch ; eg removal of the penis. This was demeaning – stripped of their masculinity.

Pediatrician - examine the scrotum – to make sure the testes are in there – migrates from abdomen to the testes. If does not migrate it dies in the abdomen. Hence the boy will grow up as a eunuch.

Klinefelter syndrome – loss of testosterone – has an additional chromosome (47) – this affects his gonads – This defect affects his representation – it manifests as a lack of aggression

Apostle doctrine is your chromosome. Babylon removes your gonads – produces a eunuch – a distorted image of man. This church lacks aggression – murmurs, incompetence. Dominion cannot come to the eunuch. Eunuchs cannot reproduce a household after the order of God. Our biggest problem is not the devil – it is the alleged church - the false church.

The false church is modern Babylon. You are supposed to hate it and not consort with it. This dimension will only make you a eunuch to be employed by Jezebel. The false is bigger than the true church – and the Lord says, “Come out of her” The only people that rejoice at the demise of the system is the holy apostles and prophets of God. Woe to you if you tithe to an illegal church. The harlot is the enemy of God – you are supposed to hate God’s enemies.

Revelations 17:1-13

- 1 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, “Come here, I will show you the **judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters,**
- 2 with whom the **kings of the earth committed acts of immorality,** and those who dwell on the earth were **made drunk with the wine of her immorality.**”
- 3 And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns.
- 4 The woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a gold cup full of abominations and of the unclean things of her immorality,
- 5 and on her forehead a name was written, a mystery, “BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”
- 6 And I saw the **woman drunk with the blood of the saints,** and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. When I saw her, I wondered greatly.
- 7 And the angel said to me, “Why do you wonder? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns.
- 8 “The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction. And those who dwell on the earth, whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come.
- 9 “Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits,
- 10 and they are seven kings; five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while.

- 11 "The beast which was and is not, is himself also an eighth and is one of the seven, and he goes to destruction.
- 12 "The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour.
- 13 "These have one purpose, and they give their power and authority to the beast.

This is the same harlot of Ezekiel 16 – historically it was the Roman empire

Babylon means confusion = disorientation of time, place and ... 'Drunk with the wine of her fornication'. Woe to them that have mixed wine = interference with the anointing.

This harlot had religious affiliation and economic affiliation = was natural apostate Israel but is also characteristic of the false church in this season.

Kings of the earth commit fornication with her = a reference to believers (kings) = illegitimate relationship.

One of the manifestations of confusion is illogicality = the inability to reason.

This women is located in the wilderness = place of extraordinary manifestation (as Israel in the wilderness had powerful signs and wonders displayed) = ideal environment for seduction of the people of God into Babylon. In Prov.7 she kisses before she speaks = meets your felt needs first.

'Sits on the scarlet beast'= a reference to the flesh. This system knows that 90% of young people are addicted to music.

Women was arrayed in purple – a false church – looks beautiful outside but filled with filthiness inside.

Babylon makes you dirty – it is a false church that can grow rapidly. Not everything that grows is legitimate – just looks at medicine – eg phantom pregnancies.

'Drunk with the blood of the saints' – now the harlot had become a vampire – sucks your blood – the life of the saints.

If Ashpenaz cannot change your image – they send you to the next room for training to change your language – learn the literature of the Chaldeans = the Word of God is systematically departing from your mouth. What do Christians talk about when they meet? Every thing else except the Word. You must develop a delight for the Word.

Babylon wants to take ownership of your diet. Daniel refused this food. Those who eat apostolic doctrine will have a better countenance. 'When they saw the boldness of Peter and John ...' = there is an aggression in the apostolic to tackle Babylon.

More strategy – 'I will change your name'. All the names of the three Hebrew boys had Jehovah in it . Now their names had the names of Babylon gods in it.

Daniel 1:7

Then the commander of the officials **assigned new names to them**; and to Daniel he assigned the name Belteshazzar, to Hananiah Shadrach, to Mishael Meshach and to Azariah Abed-nego.

Session 7**KINGDOM PRAYER****Shaun Blignaut**

Transformation will not spearheaded by prayer.

Prayer here is not so much for personal establishment. Prayer must be the normal prayer of a son of God. Kingdom prayer and sonship are related. In the sermon on the Mount Jesus was laying down Kingdom law. In Matt 6 Jesus teaches on prayer. There are no personal pronouns – it is always in the plural – it embraces community. It is not focused on the individual

Prayer must relocate the Throne of God from the heavenly dimension into the earth and only sons can do this.

Jesus became obedient through the thing he suffered. Became = ginomai = a process unfolding – stepping into maturity through the things you suffer. A son builds the family name – a Son is the point from which the social and moral continuance of the father is carried out. The cry FATHER is one of intimacy and identity – the point of reference. The activity of the Throne can be relocated into the earth.

In the term SON is KING and PRIEST. You are the carriers the same offices of God in the heavens. Those that are led by the Spirit are the sons of God. Hence there must be interaction between the sons and the Holy Ghost.

The laws given at Sinai were external to man – but God is moving it from the external to the internal – in the heart and the mind. Sons are those that have the law of God written on the heart and mind.

Prayer is not the words we utter first – it is a groan you express from your spirit – it may not be physically detectable – consider Hannah. Prayer is of the inward man of the heart. There is a groan that is emitted from the depths of the heart with stammering lips. The focus on is getting the will of the Lord done. It is motivated by a desire of the Throne of God to relocate.

The four codes of Acts 2:42 need to be established.

God's methodology for relocation is a priest. In Latin, 'priest' means a bridge builder. In Hebrew it means 'messenger' – embraces the apostolic sent dynamic (also : 'one who draws near'. Everything in the entire cosmos must be reconciled back to HIM. The church is the first-fruits of this entire process. When God deals with the earth, he examines the conditions of the priesthood. Prayer is a vital component of this process.

Matthew 6:5-15

- 5 "When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.
- 6 "But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.
- 7 "And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words.
- 8 "So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.
- 9 "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.
- 10 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.
- 11 'Give us this day our daily bread.
- 12 'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
- 13 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]
- 14 "For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.
- 15 "But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

Babbling = meaningless formulas that do not stir the heart of God. This prayer is not about the generation of words – it is heard first deep within you.

Luke 11:1

It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples."

In the cry FATHER – it connects you with God's eternal purposes and also with other sons and thus God's corporate purposes. Your spirit is connecting with the one from whom it came. In the charismatic season – it was external manifestations of strong prayer that constituted a successful prayer meeting. Now we are looking to the internal constitution of the heart.

'Teach us to pray'

Teach = didasko = the shaping of the will by instruction or indoctrination – an incarnation process unfolding within you – the reception of grace in the heart.

Matthew 21:12-13

- 12 And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves.
- 13 And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a robbers' den.

It is written = an appeal to the eternal will of the Father.

John 2:16

16 and to those who were selling the doves He said, "Take these things away; stop making My Father's house a place of business."

17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house will consume me."

Prayer = an approval of God's identification and approval. Jesus went into the temple (priests) and house (sons).

The cry ABBA' is not words – it must become a lifestyle.

To be a strong house of prayer, the temple has to be cleansed. You are temple of God that needs to be cleansed.

Die and be cleansed from all carnality. Cleansing comes through the installation of right doctrine. Prayer is your representation of your Father in the earth.

Throw away weakness and rejection.

Jesus is teaching on Kingdom law. He establishing the corporate communication code of the sons. Get compliancy in all of your life because the angel of death is coming.

Jesus prayed early in the morning

Mark 1:35

In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left *the house*, and **went away to a secluded place, and was praying there.**

Jesus spent the night praying

Luke 6:12

It was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and **He spent the whole night in prayer to God.**

An open heaven

Luke 3:21

Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and **while He was praying, heaven was opened,**

Prayer shifts the veil of obscurity and carnality and prohibitions in your life.

Note the words, 'OUR', 'US' and 'WE' in the prayer in Matthew 6. The focus is the Kingdom and not primarily on personal needs. It is not how long or loud you shout, but the mentality with which you shout. This prayer is concerned about corporate expression. It is practiced only by sons.

Psalm 89:4 Righteousness and justice the foundations of your throne. Whenever you have righteousness and justice you have the Throne of God. So it is easy to relocate the throne.

Prayer = to wish = to have an internal thought and God answers you. Before he raised Lazarus, Jesus said to the Father, 'I know you always hear me – but for the sake of these....' .

John 11:41,42

- 41 So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised His eyes, and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.
- 42 "I knew that You always hear Me; but because of the people standing around I said it, so that they may believe that You sent Me."

Jesus never verbalised a prayer, yet He says God heard him. Prayer is a condition of one's heart and spirit. He verbalised thanks to the father for the sake of those around Him.

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Session 8 :**THE HARLOT CHURCH****Frans Du Plessis**

The time has come to cast out the bond woman. There must be a revelation of the false dimension. John the Revelator thought the harlot was the bride by virtue of her apparel.

Christ was also the new Israel – the first born which came out of Egypt (see Matthew). Seed of the woman will crush the head of the serpent.

Look at Jezebel as a type of the harlot, which eventually becomes a nation. This harlot, when you attack it, will change to recruit your sympathy. Ishmael bullied and mocked Isaac. The false church derides the true in respect of numbers, finance, etc. This season is a time of inheritance. Inheritance is available when the testator died – you can access this NOW. Reception of your inheritance is dependent upon your maturity. Abraham had to cast out the bond woman.

Revelations 18:20

*"Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you **saints and apostles and prophets**, because God has **pronounced judgment for you against her**.*

Matthew 23:31, 37

- 31 "So you testify against yourselves, that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets.
- 37 "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.

The religious spirit always killed prophets and apostles. Elijah was intimidated by Jezebel. She attacks Judah – she wants to destroy divine seed.

1 Kings 16:31

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.**

She seduces Israel into Baal worship. Same spirit as Potiphar's wife attempted seduction of Joseph.

Jezebel cuts off all the prophets – 1 Kings 18:4 – she kills off the seed so that there can be no generational transfer . She promotes mixture to produce bastards.

Jezebel = without cohabitation – she cannot produce. She intimidates. She represses and drains you. Even Elijah succumbed to depression because of her. There were 7000 others also protected and provided for by God. God knows how to preserve the remnant.

1 Kings 19 – She threatens Elijah with death. He runs – God sends him back to anoint three people Elisha / Jahiel and Jehu = three anointings = prophet, priest and king.

Jezebel sends letters in the name of Ahab – to secure Naboth's vineyard

1 Kings 21:11

So the men of his city, the elders and the nobles who lived in his city, did as Jezebel had sent word to them, just as it was written in the letters which she had sent them

Dogs eat Jezebel . Dogs = religious spirit. In Revelation she rides a beast which eventually kills her.

Phillip 3:2 - Beware of dogs

Rev 22:15 - 'Outside are the dogs'

The spirit of father is being released in affirmation – This is my Beloved Son ...

'You shall be my Witnesses' = we give the sentence of death to the enemy.

God will raise up a JEHU anointing to deal with Jezebel.

2 Kings 9 – instruction to anoint Jehu in the inner chamber

Jehu on his way to kill Ahab – envoys sent to intercept him – these join him.

Jehu kills Ahab with one accurate arrow (word). There is a present accuracy in the apostolic – in the words we proclaim.

Jezebel = a priest daughter; harlots who were priest daughters were burned. In Revelation : 'I saw a great mountain burning with fire cast into the sea.'

Eunuchs also assisted Jehu by throwing Jezebel down – eunuchs are once again restored to fatherhood

Session 9 :**A TURNED HEART : CIRCUMCISION****Ben Kleynhans**

We must build relationship with each other, i.e. between fathers and son. Circumcision is part of the father-son relationship. Sonship is all about 'identity' – brings accountability. Sonship alters incorrect images.

The father has a true heart for his son. A father will confront his sons concerning inaccuracies in his sons – without being afraid that you will lose them.

God is also establishing ORDER. Abraham was dependent on his son to bring to pass his prophetic destiny

The following is a direct excerpt from Dr Ben's Teaching Note : 'A Turned Heart'

MALACHI 4:6 (NIV)

"He will **turn the hearts** of the fathers to their children, and the **hearts of the** children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse."

The revelation of God to his covenant people has always been in the **order** of **father to son**. That is how we embrace our status as the children of God and how we receive salvation and relationship with God. This is our inheritance as "heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ" (Romans 8:17).

Our relationship with God is a reflection of the order of father and son. We must understand that **ministry relationships** are to reflect the **order** of father and son as well. Because the church has not realized the essence of father and son relationship in ministry, we do not receive our inheritance. Although God has given us all things in Christ, the church has **not** received the **fullness of that inheritance because** her ministry is not manifested in father-son relationship. That is why God is sending us the spirit of Elijah. God will restore the alignment between fathers and sons in the ministry. God's actions and expression are the revelation of his person and essence, and God revealed himself to us in terms of relationship: Father, Son, Spirit. He created and redeemed us, and we are his children = Cutting of covenant. God requires that the covenant he made with us through his son also be the model for all relationships in the kingdom.

DEFINITION: COVENANT = means "to cut"

The sign of a covenant relationship between God and the seed of Abraham is the **cut of circumcision**.

MOSES :

(Look what happened to Moses when he refused to circumcise his sons) After centuries of bondage, God raised up Moses and **set** (NB! **Setman!**) him as the **man** to lead the people of God into the freedom of divine purpose.

Moses was drawn out of a woven womb in the Nile to become “learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians” (Acts 7:22). AND - Upon realization of his place in the plan of God, “esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt” (Hebrew 11:26b).

Moses lived for 40 years in the Midian wilderness and had two sons. The Angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in a burning bush, revealed His name, and gave this stuttering shepherd the power to cripple the pride of Pharaoh. With all that Moses was, and was to become, when Moses obeyed his call and went toward Egypt, God came to Moses to kill Him!

EXODUS 4:24-26 (NIV)

- 24 “At a lodging place on the way, the LORD met [Moses] and was about to kill him.”
 25 “But Zipporah took a flint knife, cut off her son's foreskin and touched [Moses'] feet with it. “Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me,” she said.”
 26 “So the LORD let him alone. (At that time she said “bridegroom of blood,” referring to circumcision.)”

This man Moses = giver of the law, author of the Torah, prophet like unto Christ – did not fulfill his duty as a father to his sons and circumcise them. God will invest 80 years in a man, developing him to be the deliverer of His people, BUT if this man of God does not align his life with the order of God, God will come to kill him.

The question is this: does God love us more than he loved Moses? What makes us think that we can run the church any way we please, and that God will spare us from his wrath? WE MUST TURN OUR HEARTS! WE MUST RETURN TO THE ORDER OF FATHER AND SON IN MINISTRY. God would not have spared Moses if he did not properly father the nation that he was to lead to deliverance. We must have fathers (now is the season) who will be a father to sons. We must have fathers who will circumcise their sons.

CIRCUMCISION TODAY

Some may fail to see the significance of the rite of circumcision for today. Any student of the New Testament and of the writings of Paul will tell you that the rite of circumcision is totally unnecessary for salvation. The apostle Paul vehemently opposed any attempt by religious teachers of his day to make any requirements for salvation outside of faith in Christ! The apostle Paul writes against circumcision throughout his epistles (Romans 2:25-29; 1 Corinthians 7:18-19; Galatians 5:11-12; Philippians 3:2-3; Colossians 2:10-11; Titus 1:10-11).

Paul is so opposed to those who teach circumcision so much so that he calls them “dogs” and “concision” which means “mutilators of the flesh”.

Paul felt so strongly about this point that he wrote:

GALATIANS 5:12 (NIV)

12 "As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate (castrate) themselves!"

This is extremely strong language. PAUL CIRCUMCISED TIMOTHY. That is why the following account of Paul in the book of Acts is so strange:

ACTS 16:1-3 (NIV)

- 1 "He came to Derbe and then to Lystra, where a disciple named Timothy lived, whose mother was a Jewess and a believer, but whose father was a Greek."
- 2 "The brothers (of these two households) at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him."
- 3 "Paul wanted to take him along on the journey, so he circumcised him because of the Jews who lived in that area, for they all knew that his father was a Greek."

Paul said so much against circumcision in so many letters; YET, Here we see him circumcising an adult believer. His words and his actions seem to conflict, until you understand that Timothy's circumcision was not a matter of salvation. Timothy was already a believer! BUT It was the act of a father in ministry to a son in the gospel. Timothy was found by Paul a young man who would become his "dearly beloved son" (2 Timothy 1:2). Timothy was extremely well-versed in Scripture and raised in a multi generational foundation in Christ. Both his mother and grandmother were mentioned by name as training Timothy in godliness.

2 TIMOTHY 1:5 (NIV)

"I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."

2 TIMOTHY 3:15 (NIV)

"and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

Timothy is referred to as a disciple, a true believer in Jesus. Timothy was highly recommended by the brethren of other fellowships as well as by his own. Timothy had evidently been involved in the ministry, in a local and even trans-local level. Timothy was obviously qualified as a candidate for ministry with Paul. There was only one problem. One thing is mentioned twice in the first three verses of Acts 16 : "His father was a Greek". Paul did not circumcise Timothy for salvation BUT Paul circumcised Timothy for ministry. Paul did not circumcise Timothy so he would be accepted by God BUT So he could be accepted by men! It was an act of a father to a son in preparation for ministry.

This does not mean that ministry people must meet some sort of physical requirement as a qualification for service. Circumcision was always more than a physical mark. It was a sign of the covenant of the generations of Abraham. It was a token of their obedience to God. It was a sign that each son of Abraham would pass on to his son as a mark of generational inheritance in God. It was a sign of the circumcision of the heart. Circumcision of the heart implies total devotion to God.

DEUTERONOMY 10:15-16 (NKJV)

- 15 "The LORD delighted only in your fathers, to love them; and He chose their descendants after them, you above all peoples, as it is this day."
 16 "Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer."

JEREMIAH 4:4 (NKJV)

- 4 "Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, And take away the foreskins of your hearts, You men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, Lest My fury come forth like fire, And burn so that no one can quench it, Because of the evil of your doings."

When circumcision of the heart is mentioned in the Bible we know it is not physical, BUT a sign of a "turned heart" Circumcision has always been an external sign of an internal singularity of devotion to Yahweh. The cutting away of flesh is symbolic of cutting away anything "fleshy" in the heart that hinders the relationship between father and son. Circumcision was more than a sign of the covenant. It was a necessary spiritual surgical procedure that had to take place for ministry to be in proper order. If there is no circumcision of the heart, then the ability to hear the voice of God is muffled, as if the ears are covered with flesh.

JEREMIAH 6:10 (NKJV)

"To whom shall I speak and give warning, That they may hear? Indeed their ear is uncircumcised, And they cannot give heed. Behold, the word of the LORD is a reproach to them; They have no delight in it."

Now I know why people don't change. Because they can't hear (they cannot become doers of the Word).

NEW TESTAMENT

The first martyr of the church, deacon Stephen felt the same way about the heart problem of the people of his day, affecting the ability to hear the word of the Lord:

ACTS 7:51 (NKJV)

"You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears!
 You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you."

When Paul circumcised Timothy, it was more than just a physical, outward sign. It was a spiritual operation to cut away the flesh from the heart of a son in ministry. It is something that must be done by a father in the ministry, so the son can proceed with hearing ears and an open heart. A SON'S RESPONSE

A son in the ministry must place his life into the hands of a spiritual father. Must be trust!!! If Timothy was to minister the Gospel to his full effectiveness, he had to yield his life to Paul. This vulnerability is an openness to change and an openness for impartation (most people build a wall around them because of their past hurts – but now is a new season) It is a quality of trust that a child has for his father! The son must fully trust his father to perform painful surgery in proper righteousness

The son must become an Isaac, allowing his father to bind him with cords, and yield to a sharpened knife.

Before Moses could deliver the people, he had to circumcise his son.

Although a father in ministry will be the instrument, God is the source of the circumcision.

DEUTERONOMY 30:6 (NKJV)

"And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live."

God cuts on every son that wants to become a man in His house.

He will allow no one to escape the removal of flesh. A son in the ministry must understand that what may feel like an offense in the flesh is actually the removal of offense in his life. Some will run away at the first feeling of pain. Bleeding, they feel wounded instead of honored to be a son.

Some will abandon a father's house and accuse him of abuse that never occurred!

Led by the pain of their wounding instead of by the Spirit, they prove by their slanderous departure their need for circumcision. Sadly the son will go from one father's house to another, hopping from church to church, leaving a trail of blood behind him.

The son will cry of his "wounding" until he can find someone who will listen and refuse to cut on him as a son.

The son, in seeking to escape pain, escapes from purpose, and identity in God that comes through a father.

In refusing to have his flesh cut off, he is "cut off" from his potential in the kingdom.

The proper response is to follow the example of the Joshua Generation:

JOSHUA 5:8 (KJV)

"And it came to pass, when they had done circumcising all the people, that they abode in their places in the camp, till they were whole."

When a son is cut by a father in the ministry, he should stay where he is until the wounding is healed, before he continues further in ministry.

WHY?

Otherwise, the source of direction in ministry may be the leading of pain instead of the purpose of the Spirit.

Sons must be led by the Spirit, not the flesh.

ROMANS 8:12-14 (NIV)

- 12 "Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation — but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it."
 13 "For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live,"
 14 "because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God."

A father in the ministry circumcise the son by dealing with an area of the flesh that must be removed from the son's life. Some men called to be a father resist entering into covenant relationship with a son in the ministry because of the pain inherently involved in such a commitment.

(Mute – voices with no substance)

Employees are paid to "do" something BUT Sons are brought up to "become" something.

Fathers who do not circumcise their sons leave them as bastards and not as sons.

DEUTERONOMY 23:2 (KJV)

2 "A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to his tenth generation shall he not enter into the congregation of the LORD."

A bastard = one that is not circumcised and therefore is not a son.

HEBREWS 12:8 (KJV)

"But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons."

By not following the order of father and son, we have fathers with clean hands but impure hearts.

They are not willing to raise up anyone but themselves as the head of the house.

They would rather rule over an employee than raise a son.

But circumcision is = not always a joyful experience for the father and son. The cost is everything a father has within him. The absence of a father's care in a son's life is the abuse of neglect. Failure to circumcise a son is the painful mark of a father who does not care!

ABRAHAM – New name – Identity – turned heart

Abraham had to circumcise every male that was in his house; whether he was a bought slave or born in the house as a slave.

GENESIS 17:1-2, 5, 9-14 (NIV)

- 1 "When Abram was **ninety-nine years old**, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless."
- 2 "I will confirm my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."
- 5 "No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations."
- 9 "Then God said to Abraham, "As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come."
- 10 "This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised."
- 11 "You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you."
- 12 "For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised, including those born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner — those who are not your offspring."
- 13 "Whether born in your household or bought with your money, they must be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh is to be an everlasting covenant."
- 14 "Any uncircumcised male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant."

The Lord gave the order of circumcision to Abram at the same time he changed his name to Abraham.

Abram means "High father"

Abraham means "Father of a multitude"

Abraham received a new name "when" he received the revelation concerning circumcision.

Also circumcision was the time when the male child received his name and his identity.

Abraham was instructed to circumcise his seed on the eighth day of their birth (see Acts 7:8; Philippians 3:5).

The eighth day is significant in the order of father and son because the same number of days were necessary for consecrating the sons of Aaron to their father's office. Aaron's sons were not anointed with oil.

Only Aaron received the anointing as the head of the priesthood. His sons received the anointing by wearing their father's garment for seven days. On the eighth day, the period of their consecration ended (Leviticus 8:6-13; 8:30-31). On the eighth day they emerged from the house of God with their father Aaron **as sons in the ministry**. It is on this day that the sons of Aaron **received their identity**.

Also Jesus and John the Baptist were given their names on the eighth day when they were circumcised.

END

We live in a generation of Timothy's. The Church is full of men who have been well-nursed in the bosom of the church, BUT Never fathered by the ministry of an father. **Many leaders in the church have enjoyed the process of spiritual conception; few have taken the responsibility of being a father.**

What God desires is fathers who will "travail until Christ be formed" (Galatians 4:19) AND Sons whose hearts will turn by being circumcised!

To be a priest you had to also be cut on the right earlobe, right thumb and right toe

Ear = To hear / obedience / sensitive

Thumb = What my hand touch (be His hands extended)

Toe = Where my feet walks (His will not my own)

***** **A Poem** *****

THE SON'S RESPONSE TO A LOVING FATHER

By Thinus van Niekerk

As a father you watch over us – and so immaculate
Forensically helping our lives to become more accurate

For there are many boy instructors we've been told
But only a few fathers that will lay down their lives for the fold

So "Sir, yes Sir," we will follow your every command
And with respect and honor we will kiss your hand

And unto that hand we submit our lives
Following your example, by giving first fruits, offerings and tithes

Continued

In your house into mature sons we hope to grow
Knowing well that sometimes blood has to flow

And when it hurts and our hearts are sore
In this we are confident: we will be called orphans no more

So when you stand in the gate, may the enemy take notice and see
That your quiver is not empty, but filled with sons of immortality

We really appreciate every thing you say and do
With all our hearts, Dr. Ben, we love you.

Session 10:**THE ENEMIES OF THE HOUSEHOLDS****Babylon – Institutionalized Christianity** Part 3 **Sagie Govender**

The whole concept of 'Babylon' has changed in application - it is now is a system within the church. It is manifested in Jezebel coming to tempt the servants of God. It is also seen in systems of Absalom, Adoinjah, Korah, etc. You have to function within a city church – otherwise you are one movement behind. Korah and his households were swallowed in the earth. The intent of Babylon is to distort image. You must have an accurate measure by which to judge the success of your ministry. If your ministry is predominantly healing oriented – then hospitable attendance should diminish.

Nahum 1:1-15

- 1 The oracle of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.
- 2 A jealous and avenging God is the Lord; The Lord is avenging and wrathful.
The Lord takes vengeance on His adversaries, And He reserves wrath for His enemies.
- 3 The Lord is slow to anger and great in power, And the Lord will by no means leave the guilty unpunished. In whirlwind and storm is His way, And clouds are the dust beneath His feet.
- 4 He rebukes the sea and makes it dry; He dries up all the rivers. Bashan and Carmel wither;
The blossoms of Lebanon wither.
- 5 Mountains quake because of Him And the hills dissolve; Indeed the earth is upheaved by His presence, The world and all the inhabitants in it.
- 6 Who can stand before His indignation? Who can endure the burning of His anger? His wrath is poured out like fire And the rocks are broken up by Him.
- 7 The Lord is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble, And He knows those who take refuge in Him.
- 8 But with an overflowing flood He will make a complete end of its site, And will pursue His enemies into darkness.
- 9 Whatever you devise against the Lord, He will make a complete end of it.
Distress will not rise up twice.
- 10 Like tangled thorns, And like those who are drunken with their drink, They are consumed
As stubble completely withered.
- 11 From you has gone forth One who plotted evil against the Lord, A wicked counselor.
- 12 Thus says the Lord, "Though they are at full strength and likewise many, Even so, they will be cut off and pass away. Though I have afflicted you, I will afflict you no longer.
- 13 "So now, I will break his yoke bar from upon you, And I will tear off your shackles."
- 14 The Lord has issued a command concerning you: "Your name will no longer be perpetuated. I will cut off idol and image From the house of your gods. I will prepare your grave, For you are contemptible."
- 15 Behold, on the mountains the feet of him who brings good news, Who announces peace!
Celebrate your feasts, O Judah; Pay your vows. For never again will the wicked one pass through you; He is cut off completely.

Nineveh founded by Nimrod. 100 years after Jonah, the prophet Nahum is prophesying against Nineveh
 Sancherib, the Assyrian – ruled Nineveh. The judgement would be executed by Nebuchadnezzar.
 Nebuchadnezzar = ‘the confusion of the household of treasure’

Nineveh is a type of the church. (The prefix ‘Beth’ has reference to the church eg. Bethsaida, etc.) Signs and wonders are not validation of your position. Many types of the church in the Word. Cities also are pictures of the church. Nineveh was once the people of God, but fell into sin – and judgement fell on it – now in the hands of the Babylonians. The culture and spirit of Babylon is now on Nineveh.

Nahum 3:1-19

- 1 **Woe to the bloody city**, completely full of **lies and pillage**; **Her prey never departs**.
 - 2 The noise of the whip, The noise of the rattling of the wheel, Galloping horses And bounding chariots!
 - 3 Horsemen charging, **Swords flashing**, spears gleaming, Many slain, a mass of corpses, And **countless dead bodies— They stumble over the dead bodies!**
 - 4 All because of the **many harlotries** of the harlot, The charming one, the mistress of sorceries, Who sells nations by her harlotries And families by her sorceries.
 - 5 “Behold, I am against you,” declares the Lord of hosts; “And **I will lift up your skirts over your face, And show to the nations your nakedness And to the kingdoms your disgrace**.
 - 6 “I will **throw filth on you And make you vile, And set you up as a spectacle**.
 - 7 “And it will come about that all who see you Will shrink from you and say, ‘Nineveh is devastated! Who will grieve for her?’ Where will I seek comforters for you?”
 - 8 Are you better than No-amon, Which was situated by the waters of the Nile, With water surrounding her, Whose rampart was the sea, Whose wall consisted of the sea?
 - 9 Ethiopia was her might, And Egypt too, without limits. Put and Lubim were among her helpers.
 - 10 Yet she became an exile, **She went into captivity**; Also her small children were dashed to pieces At the head of every street; They cast lots for her honorable men, And all her great men were bound with fetters.
 - 11 You too will become drunk, You will be hidden. You too will search for a refuge from the enemy.
 - 12 All your fortifications are fig trees with ripe fruit— When shaken, they fall into the eater’s mouth.
 - 13 Behold, **your people are women in your midst! The gates of your land are opened wide to your enemies; Fire consumes your gate bars**.
 - 14 Draw for yourself water for the siege! Strengthen your fortifications! Go into the clay and tread the mortar! Take hold of the brick mold!
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- 15 There fire will consume you, The sword will cut you down; It will consume you as the locust does. Multiply yourself like the creeping locust, Multiply yourself like the swarming locust.
- 16 **You have increased your traders more than the stars of heaven—**
The creeping locust strips and flies away.
- 17 Your guardsmen are like the swarming locust. Your marshals are like hordes of grasshoppers Settling in the stone walls on a cold day. **The sun rises and they flee**, And the place where they are is not known.
- 18 Your shepherds are sleeping, O king of Assyria; Your nobles are lying down. Your people are scattered on the mountains And there is no one to regather them.
- 19 There is no relief for your breakdown, Your wound is incurable. All who hear about you Will clap their hands over you, For on whom has not your evil passed continually?

V. 1 **Woe to the bloody city**, completely full of **lies and pillage**; **Her prey never departs**.

Note the **church is described as a bloody city**. It sheds the blood of the saints from Abel to Zechariah. It executes the saints of God. It operates in strife and contention – devouring each other. Many institutional churches are plagued by a devouring spirit – there are constant meeting to sought our issues and contentions.

A MEGA CHURCH THAT HAS COME UNDER THE SPELL OF BABYLON

Nineveh is full of lies and robbery. It is full of lies; lying prophecies; lying signs and wonders. It is under the pressure of maintenance. Do not build your church on personal prophecy but on apostles doctrine. Those who come for signs and wonders, when they cease, you will have to manufacture these – to maintain the people.

The church presently tells lies, eg mansions in heaven, dispensationalism.

Greatest robbery is to rob people of exact representation. – then you guilty of child abuse. The church exist for the benefit of God's people – not for the benefit of the leader. Jesus never used anyone he healed – healing does not equip people for effective service. (Jesus never used Lazarus – although he raised him from the dead).

The present church has only maintained a healing and deliverance mode. Cities in which demons were expelled in the past are worse now because it was not apostolically fortified.

Nineveh has deceit . Institutionalized religion – there is no confidentiality. We violate the dignity of people by making a public spectacle of them.

'Its victims never depart'. People whop suffer in these churches never leave – they are prisoners and victims of the system - psychological bondage.

- v. 2 : **City with the noise of a whip** = strength is maintained by intimidation -of hell- of demonic attack.
- v. 2 : **'Gallop with Horses** = competitive culture
- v. 3 : **'Flashing your swords** = parading your revelation
- v. 3 : **'A great number of bodies'** = corpses, carcasses.
 You have to diagnose death correctly; eg. listen to the heart & breath sounds – shine light into the eye = if the person is unresponsive to light – the person is dead. Light = Proceeding Word of God – if a person is unresponsive to the light of the proceeding Word – they are dead spiritually. The dead need a resurrection. If most are dead, that that church becomes a mortuary.

Woe to you if the excitement in your church is because of signs and wonders. You have prepared the church for antichrist and not for Jesus Christ. Antichrist recruits because of this and because people did not have a love for the truth. (see 2 Thess 2:7-11)

2 Thess 2:7-11

- 7 For the mystery of **lawlessness is already at work**; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.
- 8 Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and **bring to an end by the appearance of His coming**;
- 9 that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with **all power and signs and false wonders**,
- 10 and with all the deception of wickedness for those who **perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.**
- 11 For this reason God will send upon them **a deluding influence** so that they will believe what is false,

Africa's church is built on signs – not on apostles doctrine. They therefore live by experience.

- v. 3 : **'They stumble over the corpses'** = The dead become stumblingblocks.
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v.4 : ' Because of the multitude of the harlotries'

Babylon has become the habitation of every fowl bird = demonic activity = becomes the dry place = no running water. Instead of personal prophecy you have you divination. Divination makes you addicted to the prophet and not Jesus Christ. The Bride of Christ is beautiful. The false has all sorts of addictions (eg prescription medication – the alteration of the mental state = this is sorcery).

v. 4 : Moves from the individual to nations = it has BRANCHES.

Apostles do not build branch churches. Each new church is autonomous. We do not have a colonial mentality. Denominations employ pastors. If you can be fired, you are an employee.

v. 5 : 'I will lift up your skirt over your face and show your nakedness' = day of exposure of genitals – and everyone will see your venereal disease – because you were not connected to one husband.

v. 6 : Cast abominable filth, make you vile = Make you a spectral.

v. 7 : 'All will flee from you , saying 'Nineveh is laid waste' = Desolation

v. 1: 'Victims can't depart' = Sado-masochism = sexual perversion or stimulation through punishment – inflicting pain on someone - takes years of systemic abuse.

God is weakening the holding power of the institutional church – even financially.

v. 13: 'People in your midst are women' = Men are become effeminate – altered chromosome structure. A loss of aggression – become vulnerable. Lack of patriarchal strength.

v. 13 : 'Gates of your land are wide opened' = Easy access by demons
(he who breaks the hedge – a serpent will bite him)

Jehu could dismantle Jezebel. He submitted to a servant of Elisha. The greater submitted to the lesser. Thus he could dismantle a system that lacked humility (Jezebel). Even the eunuchs who submit to and are thus infused by an apostolic grace – their natural hormonal tendency is changed and they throw Jezebel down.

Institutional churches boast of growth and numbers. Church growth has become an idol.

‘Multiplied your merchants more that the stars’ – commanders and captains = absence of fathers

Every time the light (WORD) comes – ‘the grasshoppers flee away’

Father-son is not about ownership – it is about bringing sons to maturity.

Holy apostles and prophets will rejoice at the demise of Babylon. (Rev.18:20)

Four codes of an Apostolic Culture and Community

1. Doctrinal Code : Apostles Doctrine
2. Relational Code : Fellowship
3. Sustenance Code : Breaking of Bread
4. Communication Code : Prayers

Matthew 6 - Seek first the kingdom = the eternal - then the things which are natural will flow out of it.

More Light (apostolic doctrine) to the mind results greater sight. The entrance of Your Word brings light and understanding. The things which are seen are temporal – the unseen is the eternal. True apostles will cause you to see that which is veiled – things suddenly become apparent.

You cannot see the Kingdom unless you are born again = an experience of consistently being put into the womb of God to see new things of the kingdom.

Prayer is the communication code of the Kingdom. This is prayer for true sons.

Jesus is the root and offspring of David. In deity He is the root; in humanity He is the offspring.

You are a king, but you come before Him as King not as a king, but as a priest. On the earth you engage Babylon as a king. In your sonship is both king and priest.

Daniel : Stone cut out from the mountain. Mountain represent a governmental position. If you are governmental in your mindset and doctrine and the relational sphere, then you are to be governmental in your communication system. A king rules by DECREE – the establishment of a certain law – by what the mouth speaks.

He represents us in the Heavens - we represent Him in the earth.

When you say 'FATHER !' – in the back of your mind - you assert sonship, family, circumcision, etc.

Psalm 89:20-29

- 20 "I have found David My servant; With My holy oil I have anointed him,
- 21 With whom My hand will be established; My arm also will strengthen him.
- 22 "The enemy will not deceive him, Nor the son of wickedness afflict him.
- 23 "But I shall crush his adversaries before him, And strike those who hate him.
- 24 "My faithfulness and My lovingkindness will be with him, And in My name **his horn** will be exalted.
- 25 "I shall also set **his hand** on the sea And **his right hand on the rivers**.
- 26 "He will cry to Me, '**You are my Father**, My God, and the rock of my salvation.'
- 27 "I also shall make **him My firstborn**, The **highest of the kings of the earth**.
- 28 "My lovingkindness I will keep for him forever, And My covenant shall be confirmed to him.
- 29 "So I will establish his descendants forever And his throne as the days of heaven.

Horn	=	Governmental strength
Hand	=	Rule
Sea	=	Humanity
Rivers	=	A line of demarcation in the spirit
Right Hand	=	Hand of government and favour

David = a type of the church. God wants to re-enact the principles that made David successful - in our day.

Son = huioi = bringing someone's life into proper alignment with the nature of God. Fathers must model the nature of God to their sons. Learn also how to affirm your son.

V 26 : You are my father = not a cry coming from everyone – only from true sons - = a cry of identity, intimacy, of covenant. When the church comes into this awareness and reality of FATHER, God will make you the FIRSTBORN.

v. 27: First born received double portion – he would govern in the absence of the Father. First born = he who broke the womb = unlocks the pro-generative power of the Father. First born = God is about to establish a remnant people in the earth. This will happen when there is a cry from the earth, viz. 'FATHER'.

First born = right of double portion,
 = right of headship above your brothers
 = right of invocation of a verbal blessing

v.27 : 'Make you highest above the kings (demonic powers) of the earth'. You are more senior than the devil. Bless those that curse you, etc. Exude the love of God no matter what people may do to you. Hate the evil systems but love the people. Even sing the song of the bow for fallen priests. Jesus said, 'Father forgive them for they know not what they do'.

Psalm 2 : why do the heathen rage? – God sits and laughs at them. God sits confidently in his Throne.

Prayer is methodology for engaging the heavens. Look at heaven and earth as two aspects within the make up of man. The mind must be overwhelmed and brought into conformity with your spirit.

Ecc 5:1-3

- 1 Guard your steps as you go to the house of *God* and draw near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools; for they do not know they are doing evil.
- 2 Do not be hasty in word or impulsive in thought to bring up a matter in the presence of *God*. For *God* is in heaven and you are on the earth; therefore let your words be few.
- 3 For the dream comes through much effort and the voice of a fool through many words.

Let your words be few = an attitude in prayer. The mouth and the heart must be guarded in prayer.

Guard = shamar; First used in Gen 2:15 – tending a garden ; means also to protect something or WATCH.

The inner attitude of heart must not stray off-course like sheep.

Proverbs 4:23

Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it flow the springs of life

Watch over your affections and thoughts when you pray. Maintain alertness - a discipline as a soldier guarding a castle.

John 10:27 My sheep listens to my voice

Listening = examine the merits of a case. Shut your heart and mouth and learn to listen.

To listen = to sense a sound.

Detect the frequency of *God's* heart. *God's* throne is like a great transmitter – He is always speaking. He speaks in divine sounds.

Luke 10 Mary sat at *Jesus* feet listening to what He said (logos). Proverbs 4:20 My son pay attention to my Words.

The voice is the conveyer of words. Logos = the hidden intelligence behind the words of *Jesus* = this is the Father

When you learn to the voice of *Jesus* you hear the frequency of the Father.

Matthew 6:9-15

- 9 "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.
- 10 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.
- 11 'Give us this day our daily bread.
- 12 'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
- 13 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]
- 14 "For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.
- 15 "But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

This prayer unfolds the relationships we have with God : A father-son relationship with God. When the Lord builds up Zion, He shall appear in His glory. Build = Benah – root word = ben = Son. Zion = shining mountain = perception, fortification and strength. That mountain church is made of sons.

Hallowed be Thy name	=	Deity - worship; relationship
Thy Kingdom Come	=	Sovereign - subject relationship
Thy will be Done	=	Master - Servant relationship
Daily bread	=	Beneficiary relationship = our daily allotment of grace – acknowledgement of apostolic prophetic anointing. Bread (Acts 2:42 – broke bread from house to house) Bread = his body broken for us. Work for food for eternal life. He is the bread of Life. How does this bread come to you ? There must be a recognition of the preacher. The Word (Bread) was full of grace and truth. Hence the need to be connected to an apostolic source. Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
Forgive us	=	Saviour - sin relationship
Lead us	=	A Guide-pilgrim relationship

From this foundation we can proceed to ask.

This prayer defines the spirit we ought to pray

Our	=	an unselfish spirit
Father	=	family spirit
Hallow	=	reverence spirit
Kingdom	=	loyal spirit
Will	=	submissive spirit
Give us this day	=	dependent spirit
Lead us not into ...	=	Broken spirit
Thine is the kingdom	=	Confident spirit
Power	=	Triumphant spirit
And the glory	=	Exalted spirit

Hence you should be confident in prayer. Jesus said, Father I know that you always hear me' ... Prayer contains short imperative statements. Check that there are certain aspects of your sonship that needs to be circumsised.

First three elements deal with the glory of God; Request ; then focus on man's need

First born has the right of verbal invocation. In baptism, you are immersed into the eternal nature of God

There is a confidence coming back to the sons.

We dealing with the 'Theology' of 'Households of Faith'.

Theology = Theos + Logos = a study of the intelligence of God.

The new covenant will be established in a people God calls 'HOUSEHOLDS.'

Seed principle = in seed is the design of God. We are the result of an invisible seed (to the naked eye). God is the Father of all the families both in heaven and on earth. Hence churches should not be institutional. Headship in the church should mirror headship of the Godhead. The Church is the new human race of God – twelve tribal groupings – made up of multiple families. Church must be built on family. Your church must be built on the concept of agape love.

See : 1 Chron 22:6-14 : David's desire to build God a house. "He shall build a house for my name"

1 Chronicles 22:6-11

- 6 Then he called for his son Solomon, and charged him to **build a house for the Lord** God of Israel.
- 7 David said to Solomon, "My son, **I had intended to build a house** to the name of the Lord my God.
- 8 "But the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 'You have shed much blood and have waged great wars; you shall not build a house to My name, because you have shed so much blood on the earth before Me.
- 9 'Behold, a **son will be born to you**, who shall be **a man of rest**; and I will give him rest from all his enemies on every side; for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quiet to Israel in his days.
- 10 'He shall **build a house for My name**, and he shall **be My son** and I will be his father; and I will establish **the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever**.'
- 11 "Now, **my son**, the Lord be with you that you may **be successful**, and **build the house of the Lord your God** just as He has spoken concerning you.

PRACTICAL ASPECTS – GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE OF HOUSEHOLDS

God first establishes governmental structures. Gift of administration = not clerical proficiency, but administrations of graces. Fathering includes both the paternal and maternal grace. In the true grace of a father, is the rib of the mother. Both husband and wife are fathers over the house. The wife of the set man is not the mother over of the house and the him - the father. The two are one flesh – fathering – in this one fathering spirit is both mother and father. (see Paul's maternal expressions of care in the book of Thessalonians).

Restoration of the household principle. We will see a restoration of all the three feasts in the OT – when households are restored. Passover (3 feasts) Pentecost (1 feasts) and Tabernacles (3 feasts).

At Passover, the head of each household had to sacrifice a lamb. The first born of every house that a father protected was covered. Widow's houses do not have proper covering – scribes and Pharisees invade them and make this desolate. Fathers administrate the lamb (Jesus said 'you must eat my flesh and drink my blood – otherwise you have no part of me').

If we restore Acts 1 and 2. The order here is You have to fill the house of Judas which is made desolate – this had to be restored first (in Acts 1) before you have Pentecost (in Acts 2). Church is constituted by the principle of twelve tribes and gates. If one house amongst the twelve is vacant, the glory will not come.

Nothing falls from heaven anymore – bread comes through apostolic doctrine. Faith comes through HEARING – not reading. 'Bread' (grace) is locked up in certain people.

Feast of Tabernacles – could only be celebrated once all the land has been conquered. Purposes of God are vested in spiritual Israel. This feast you celebrate when you have harvested the land. The fathers take their sons and make a journey to Israel – build booths and celebrate for 7 days. This a prophetic statement of building the household of God.

Then we will see the conquest of the Land.

Sons start to enjoy benefits of the grace of the father. Do not be politically plugged in – just for sake of seeming to joined to valid apostle or father. It must be heart joining orchestrated and determined by the Spirit of God

Ham exposed his fathers nakedness. Japeth and Shem were blessed. Ham's son Canaan was not blessed. Hence Africa's struggles.

Congregations are headed by fathers. They are Elders or overseers.

Elder = episcopos = a patriarchal culture (Acts 1:20 – Judas is an elder) = means to 'look after' ; to visit ; to give serious consideration of someone with the aim to providing covering.

Why was the 'apostolic' and apostles restored before 'fathering'?

Luke 11 – the key to open mysteries is given apostles and prophets – hence apostles had to come first to open the key to fatherhood. Fathering has to be a spiritual thing.

Covering – is a spiritual administration determined by the Holy Ghost.

The capacity to father is a release of grace. Canaan exposed the naked flesh of his grandfather, that contained the grace of fatherhood - in his father. Paul said, 'I know no man after the flesh – not even Christ'.

You can covet the Gifts, but not the OFFICES of five fold ministry. Covering does not come from a man – but from the grace of God in him. We need to 'Honour' the one who is 'father' in our midst.

Mal 1:6

" **'A son honors his father**, and a servant his master. Then **if I am a father, where is My honor?** And if I am a master, where is My respect?' says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests who despise My name. But you say, 'How have we despised Your name?'

To get spiritual covering, you have to honour the person that functions as your spiritual father – providing spiritual covering.

Eph 6:1 says, 'Honour your father and mother **'in the Lord'**. This is a reference to spiritual parenting (first the natural , then spiritual). Compare Paul's statement concerning his fatherhood 'in the Lord' over Timothy in 2 Cor 4:7 For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child **'in the Lord'**, ...

Presbus = (presbytery) = refers to an ambassador

Two types of Elders : 1. Episcopus; 2. Presbuteros

Some people will only head their own house – epsiscopos.

Some people will father other heads of other father's households – then prebus (ambassador)

Ambassador = an aged person expressing the mind of God – they emerge by virtue of favour upon them. Some become fairer than others = their works follow them. From here some emerge to become elders in the city.

Elders in Israel functioned as representatives of the people. Elders over households represent entire households. Your inheritance is directly linked to the one that is carrying it. Be careful how you guard your hearts. Be careful how you speak about the King (your father) – lest a bird (reference to demonic forces) hear and do it (Ecclesiastes).

Ecclesiastes 10:20

Furthermore, in your bedchamber **do not curse a king**, and in your sleeping rooms do not curse a rich man, for **a bird of the heavens will carry the sound** and the winged creature **will make the matter known.**

There is not only one father to a house. There is a primary father, with elders who also function as fathers to others. So you have multiple fathers and multiple sons. When there is maturity – they act when they know what is in the heart of the father. – so they full represent the father’s spirit and disposition in everything they do and say.

Psalm 45:16-17

- 16 **In place of your fathers will be your sons;** You shall make them princes in all the earth.
 17 I will cause Your name to be remembered in all generations;
 Therefore the peoples will give You thanks forever and ever.

See Luke 2 and 3 - how God arranges sonship

Luke 2:23-38

- 23 When He began His ministry, **Jesus Himself** was about thirty years of age, being, as was supposed, **the son of Joseph, the son of Eli,**
 24 the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph,
 25 the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Hesli, the son of Naggai,
 26 the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Josech, the son of Joda,
 27 the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri,
 28 the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmadam, the son of Er,
 29 the son of Joshua, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi,
 30 the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim,
 31 the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David,
 32 the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son of Nahshon,
 33 the son of Amminadab, the son of Admin, the son of Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah,
 34 the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor,
 35 the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Heber, the son of Shelah,
 36 the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech,
 37 the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan,

38 the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, **the son of Adam, the son of God.**

If you cannot identify someone as your father – then pray seriously about this.

Genesis 4:25-26 - 5:1- 6

- 25 Adam had relations with his wife again; and she gave birth to a son, and named him Seth, for, she said, "God has appointed me another offspring in place of Abel, for Cain killed him."
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 2 He created them male and female, and He blessed them and named them Man in the day when they were created.
 3 When Adam had lived one hundred and thirty years, **he became the father of a son in his own likeness**, according to his image, and named him Seth.
 4 Then the days of Adam after he became the father of Seth were eight hundred years, and he had other sons and daughters.
 5 So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years, and he died.
 6 **Seth lived one hundred and five years, and became the father of Enosh.**

Adam probably had more sons before he was 130 years old – yet Seth is reckoned because of his exact representative-ness. Sonship starts when you express exact likeness of your father. Seth replaced Abel in the earth. You rather have 5 sons than 500 members. Only after 105 years Seth produce Enosh = it takes time to produce a son – this is not an overnight thing. Your image must be seen in your sons.

PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF THE HOUSEHOLD

Father = Pater; Family Patria . The character of the family is the spirit of the father. See yourself as a son of someone – not a member of some church. Saul questioned David's identity by asking 'Whose son is this?' You have to prove your lineage by pointing out your father. Not the personality of a man, but the grace resident within a man.

In Gen 2. Eve produced from Adam's rib:

Rib = benah = God built the rib of a man to become a woman (the womb-man) which is able to produce sons.

Church is governmental (picture of a crown on the head of the woman – ruling over the day and night – pregnant with a child)

Gen. 2:24

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

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No man can produce a son in the natural. There has to be spiritual begetting through the energizing work of the Holy Spirit. Natural sons can become the spiritual sons of father that is not their biological father. In this case the natural father of the sons must allow his sons to LEAVE him and cleave to the spiritual father.

Any man who wants to be called a son of God has to be made in the likeness of God. You produce the nature of God in sons, not your personality. The grace a father brings to his sons is not specific to race, cultural or

personality. Yet grace is communicated through his flesh or human-ness. Hence do not uncover your father's weakness in the flesh.

After Cain and Abel, Adam produced Seth as an exact representation of God's nature contained in Abel.

The apostolic works on image, likeness and sonship.

Genesis 10:1-10

- 1 Now these are the records of the generations of Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah; and **sons were born to them after the flood.**
- 2 The sons of Japheth were Gomer and Magog and Madai and Javan and Tubal and Meshech and Tiras.
- 3 The sons of Gomer were Ashkenaz and Riphath and Togarmah.
- 4 The sons of Javan were Elishah and Tarshish, Kittim and Dodanim.
- 5 From these the coastlands of the nations were separated into their lands, every one according to his language, **according to their families**, into their nations.
- 6 The sons of Ham were Cush and Mizraim and Put and Canaan.
- 7 The sons of Cush were Seba and Havilah and Sabtah and Raamah and Sabteca; and the sons of Raamah were Sheba and Dedan.
- 8 Now Cush became the father of Nimrod; he became a mighty one on the earth.
- 9 He was a **mighty hunter before the Lord**; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the Lord."
- 10 The **beginning of his kingdom was Babel** and Erech and Accad and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

Be careful of the spirit of the hunter – it will produce networks.

Jesus' mother and father had to take care of him. God communicated to Joseph about issues. God spoke to the father.

WHO ARE FATHERS?

Matthew 23:1-10

- 1 Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to His disciples,
- 2 saying: "The scribes and the **Pharisees have seated themselves in the chair of Moses**;
- 3 therefore all that they tell **you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds**; for they say things and do not do them.
- 4 "They tie up **heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but they themselves are unwilling to move them with so much as a finger.**
- 5 "But they do all their deeds to be noticed by men; for they broaden their phylacteries and lengthen the tassels of their garments.
- 6 "They love **the place of honor** at banquets and the chief seats in the synagogues,
- 7 and **respectful** greetings in the market places, and being called **Rabbi** by men.
- 8 "But **do not be called Rabbi**; for One is your Teacher, and you are all brothers.
- 9 "**Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven.**
- 10 "Do **not be called leaders**; for One is your Leader, that is, Christ.

- 11 "But the greatest among you shall be your servant.
 12 **"Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted."**

In this apostolic season – our message is our lifestyle and our homes. Pharisees sit in the seat of delegated authority yet they do not live the message they preach. This passage is not saying that you must not call anyone Father, teacher or leader – because other scriptures allude to this and support it (cf. Paul in 2 Cor 4 ,etc.) The principle of this passage is: If you do not live by what you preach, then do not call yourself FATHER.

V5 they seek to impress and gain acceptance through excessive dress. Scripture interprets scripture. The issue here is: If a man is not practicing what he is preaching, he cannot be called 'Father'.

Positioning of representative leadership must represent fully the one ...

Mark 7:10-13

- 10 "For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who speaks evil of father or mother, is to be put to death';
 11 but you say, 'If a man says to his father or his mother, whatever I have that would help you is Corban (that is to say, given to God),'
 12 you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or his mother;
 13 thus invalidating the word of God by your tradition which you have handed down; and you do many things such as that

Father = (Grk.) Pater (3962 in Strongs)
 = Human father
 = Remote progenitor – that brings to you a certain grace
 = One who provides covering

Covering = analyses your life – and covers in the area of their needs.

Father = (Heb.) AB = remote progenitor

Even over great physical distance, fathering can take place (remote progenitor) – this takes place in the spirit. You cover by your situational position in Christ over someone. Bow your knee to the grace of the man who covers you.

Ephesians 6:1-4 : Honour your father and mother in the Lord ; Fathers must not provoke your children to wrath

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

- 1 For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was not in vain,
 2 but after we had already suffered and been mistreated in Philippi, as you know, we had the boldness in our God to speak to you the gospel of God amid much opposition.
 3 **For our exhortation does not come from error or impurity or by way of deceit;**

- 4 but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing men, but **God who examines our hearts.**
- 5 For we never came with flattering speech, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed— God is witness—
- 6 nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, even though as apostles of Christ we might have asserted our authority.
- 7 **But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children.**
- 8 Having so **fond an affection for you**, we were well-pleased **to impart to you** not only the gospel of God but also **our own lives, because you had become very dear to us.**
- 9 For you recall, brethren, our labor and hardship, how working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.
- 10 You are witnesses, and so is God, **how devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers;**
- 11 **just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children,**
- 12 so that you **would walk in a manner worthy of the God** who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

v. 7 as a nursing mother

The nursing mother grace comes out of apostolic grace. Mothers have a soft spot for sons. The mothering dimension to the church needs to be brought back – there has to be tender loving care – but there is also an authority in this.

What if a man has the grace of a father but disconnected from the throne of the father? Fathers must produce the son to represent the throne on the earth.

Grace of fathers in the house, not the gender – so females also can also father. Transmitting the grace ‘My Father My Father’ is dependent whoever can SEE it. (recall Elijah said to Elisha – if you SEE me when I am taken you will receive double portion of my spirit – i.e. double portion of a fathering grace).

A man can have the grace of father and mother in him. Zipporah circumcised sons of Moses while on the way to Egypt – do not take uncircumcised son on an apostolic mission with you – you can endanger the mission. Paul refused to take John Mark. There is a skill of doing warfare.

Heart of a father.

Father is one who resemble another in disposition and actions.

The Pharisees said to Jesus : ‘To say that God is your father – is to say that you equal to God’ To call God your father is to say that you are the exact representation Him.

Fathers impart prophetic-apostolic direction to their sons. Gen 48 and 49. Note how Jacob released prophetic decrees on his sons. He was configuring the destiny of his sons. When patriarchal-apostolic grace prophesies – it is powerful. True fathers can rearrange birth order (cf. on Joseph's sons – Ephraim placed first before Mannaseh). Fathers do this best when their natural sight is lost – blind to the natural – blind to cheque books, status. Etc.

Fathers function and display the spirit of the Heavenly Father.

True function of a father is to give the administration to his sons. A true father sits on his throne and patiently waits for his son to give to him all things.

Fathers portray consistency in the relationship with sons despite the erratic behaviour of the sons – eg. the prodigal son . Father waited with loving care and forgave his son. Errant sons may come back – and the father must receive them with loving care.

Fathers desire to give sons a name above their own. Fathers publicly declare the pleasure in their sons. When the father sees the image of father in a son – then he will give to you all things (Psalm 2 – you are my son - ask of me and I will give you the nations as your inheritance). Only call someone your son when you can see your image in them.

1 Cor 4:14-17

- 14 I do not write these things to shame you, but to admonish you as **my beloved children**.
- 15 For if you were to have countless tutors in Christ, yet you would not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus **I became your father** through the gospel.
- 16 Therefore I exhort you, **be imitators of me**.
- 17 For this reason I have sent to you **Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord**, and he will remind you of my **ways** which are in Christ, just as I teach everywhere in every church.

Begotten = ginao = not the person that led you to the Lord. The person that nurtures you – God's act of imparting grace.

Go to a church where you are connected to grace, not to a personality. 'My ways' = my fatherhood

1 John 3:1,2

- 1 See how **great a love the Father has bestowed on us**, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.
- 2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, **we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is**.
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See him = you will be like Him

Study the adoption policy in Abraham's time. Abraham did not want his servant, Eleazar, as an heir – he wanted a son. Abraham produced a son when it was not physically possible – so sonship is a spiritual process and reality.

Sons will continue what the father cannot finish.

Do not even count the number of sons you have.

'Fathers' reflects the moral characteristics of the Heavenly Father.

Like Isaac did, sons must be willing to surrender by death to his father's instruction and will. When a son is willing to give up everything he has. The only way is death to your dreams and desires. It took 30 years for the Son to say 'My food is to do the will of the father and finish the work.'

The son groans for the father, crying 'ABBA FATHER'. The father does not cry 'Abba Son'.

Son receives discipline and chastisement of the father. Sons learn obedience through the things they suffer.

Lot never saw Abraham as a father but as an uncle (Gen. 11:27-32). Abraham was sentimentally attached to Lot. You will never meet Melchisedek until you get rid of Lot. Abraham and Lot operated on a principle of co-equality (Lot saw him as his brother). Abraham is the carrier of the promise. Lot never produced sons. Lot produced daughters who produced Moab (which means 'What Father').

Adoption = to receive a child into one's life to enjoy all the benefits of your household.

According Roman law, a man could question the legitimacy of fatherhood over a natural biological child. But in adoption – there is free choice – the child gets same benefits as other children – the adopted child became a beneficiary to everything the man had – and could never be disowned (but a natural biological child could be disowned).

Purification of Genealogy :

You have to prove your ancestry – see Nehemiah and Ezra. When exiles returned from Babylon – the exiles had to prove their ancestry – had to identified with a specific father.

Nehemiah 7:61-65

- 61 These were they who came up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub, Addon and Immer; but they could not show their fathers' houses or their descendants, whether they were of Israel:
- 62 the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, 642.
- 63 Of the priests: the sons of Hobaiah, the sons of Hakkoz, the sons of Barzillai, who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai, the Gileadite, and was named after them.
- 64 **These searched among their ancestral registration, but it could not be located; therefore they were considered unclean and excluded from the priesthood.**

If you could not prove your sonship in reference to fatherhood – you were excluded from priestly function and considered defiled. Discernment is needed to determine this.

Ezra 2:59-63

- 59 Now these are those who came up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub, Addan and Immer, **but they were not able to give evidence of their fathers' households and their descendants, whether they were of Israel:**
- 60 the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, 652.

Mixed marriage = marrying someone that will produce a wrong seed (from another faith).

Matthew 13:24-30

- 24 Jesus presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field.
- 25 "But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and **sowed tares among the wheat**, and went away.
- 26 "But when the wheat sprouted and bore grain, then the tares became evident also.
- 27 "The slaves of the landowner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?'
- 28 "And he said to them, 'An enemy has done this!' The slaves said to him, 'Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?'
- 29 "But he said, 'No; for while you are gathering up the tares, you may uproot the wheat with them.
- 30 'Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn." ' ' "

First parable is the sower and the seed (word). Here also there is seed. Tares is a mixed seed.

Note the following In Matt 13:1 – it indicates that he spoke this parable 'outside of the house'. In explaining the parable, in Matt 13:36, he goes into the house and explains the parable of the tares. If you were located outside of the household (outside of a father), you were cut off from revelation and understanding.

Matthew 13:36-43

- 36 Then He left the crowds and **went into the house**. And His disciples came to Him and said, Explain **to us the parable of the tares of the field.**"
- 37 And He said, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man,
- 38 and the field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one;
- 39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels.
- 40 "So just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age.
- 41 "The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness,
- 42 and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
- 43 "Then the righteous will shine forth as the **sun in the kingdom of their Father**. He who has ears, let him hear.

Now the seed = the sons of the kingdom. The true sons will highlight who the false ones (tares) are.

This happened at the end of the age. Lawlessness : law = love the Lord and your neighbour ; therefore lawlessness are those who do not love the Lord and people. Fatherhood will be tested.

V43 is a quote from Malachi 4:1 ; Note the emphasis of 'Kingdom of the Father'. Every other parable is about 'the Kingdom of God'. This is the only one about 'the Kingdom of the Father'.

There is a tangible sense of maturity that is developing within true sons. Message on fathers and sons – like the rubber meeting the road. For some the necessity of a spiritual father cannot be grasped.

The weapon of SON is God's ultimate weapon of war in the earth.

Psalm 127

- 1 Unless the Lord builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the Lord guards the city, The watchman keeps awake in vain.
- 2 It is vain for you to rise up early, To retire late, To eat the bread of painful labors; For He gives to His beloved even in his sleep.
- 3 Behold, children are a gift of the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward.
- 4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth.
- 5 How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them; They will not be ashamed When they speak with their enemies in the gate.

Sons are like hands of a warrior.

Warrior = ca'an = a covering that keeps the instrument of war from the contaminations of earth – similar to circumcision.

Think of an arrow head having clay attached to it – that miry clay can cause the arrow to lose direction and miss it's target. Fathers need to be meticulous in how they execute their responsibilities over their sons. Warrior = a picture of the father. Deal with the issues of contamination in the lives of your sons. Our role is to prepare and send them into their roles.

Greatest opposition from the enemy is to kill the children before they become sons.

Bow and arrow must meet and come together to effect purpose. The arrows in your quiver must be dipped in the blood of covenant.

Zechariah 9:11-17

- 11 As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you, I have set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
- 12 Return to the stronghold, O prisoners who have the hope; This very day I am declaring that I will restore double to you.
- 13 For I will bend Judah as My bow, I will fill the bow with Ephraim. And I will stir up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece; And I will make you like a warrior's sword.
- 14 Then the Lord will appear over them, And His arrow will go forth like lightning; And the Lord God will blow the trumpet, And will march in the storm winds of the south.
- 15 The Lord of hosts will defend them. And they will devour and trample on the sling stones; And they will drink and be boisterous as with wine; And they will be filled like a sacrificial basin, Drenched like the corners of the altar.

- 16 And the Lord their God will save them in that day As the flock of His people; For they are as the stones of a crown, Sparkling in His land.
- 17 For what comeliness and beauty will be theirs! Grain will make the young men flourish, and new wine the virgins.

v.13 - I will bend Judah as MY bow. When a bow is bent – there is an intensity. A fathering anointing has an intensity attached to it. You need to be loaded. God has bent the bow – He is doing something. This is godly kingdom tension in your system.

Fill the bow with Ephraim = double fruitful. Sons ought to bring double measure and hit the target. The sons do the damage to the enemies' kingdom. The arrows do the damage. Fathers prepare sons, clean them and send them. Wait for the father to send you. If you are in the quiver – you do not go nowhere unless your father sends you.

If you are true son, you never consider leaving the quiver unless your father commissions you.

The arrow cannot determine it's target – the bow determines the target.

Outcome of this weapon of war will be the release of a multiplication of increase and fruitfulness. Your fruitfulness is dependent on the firing of your sons onto their target. This unlocks a measure of prosperity. We will see the Lord appear and manifest in the context of true partnership of fathers and sons.

There is so much locked up in your quiver. Learn to release destiny within sons. The Ephraim anointing on your sons will move our cities.

Note : Make you a warrior's sword. = Your word is mighty – your sons are waiting for you to utter words so that they can embody you. Your sons must be your word – your epistles read by all men. What are you speaking over your sons. Then your sons become like the sword of a mighty man. Be a great father – have an intensity in your life.

Two arrows shot by Jehu and his son destroyed Babylonian elements. Note : Elisha's son anointed Jehu. The work will be done through sons.

Rev 21 : He who overcomes will run the nations.... You are my son. Then he is shown where the son comes from.

Matthew 13 : First portion – the sower going out to sow. The Kingdom belongs to SONS. When God wanted a son, he sent Samuel to Jesse's house to anoint David. Yet all Jesse's sons had the image of a king in Samuel's eyes.

Eli's sons were wayward – in the absence of sons – they request a carnal king.

Matthew 13:18-19

- 18 "Hear then the parable of the sower.
 19 "When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road.

Note v19 – 'word of the Kingdom'

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 30 'Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn." ' ' "

Field	=	world
Sons of the Kingdom	=	sons with kingdom authority and power.
Sons grow	=	a reference to growing maturity
Son of perdition	=	is a mature sons of perdition

Only sent ones (angels = angelos = sent ones) can make distinction between tares and wheat. Only at harvest. Wheat when it produced fruit became heavy and bowed over = humility (fruit), but tares stood upright = pride.

Matthew 13:36-43

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- 37 And He said, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man,
- 38 and the field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one;
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- 42 and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
- 43 "Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

Note tares are removed and wheat remains. God wants to remove the counterfeit.

Note v,41 – the field (world) has now become the kingdom of God. God removes all lawlessness from the kingdom. The kingdom culture is more infectious than AIDS. You do not have to understand AIDS to get it – likewise with the Kingdom. The seed of the kingdom works by itself. The kingdoms of this world will become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ.

The 'Harlot' only has high heels – elevate herself on the corner. She wants your seed just to kill it.

Hear the word of the kingdom (eg. sonship).

Some need to make serious strategic decisions in spite of the prospect of losing all natural security.

Isaiah 46:10 God declares the end from the beginning.

Principles of the book Revelation – see the 'day of the Lord' is not the 'night of the Lord'. The righteous will raise up with healing in their wings.

Inside the day of the Lord – is a short period of judgement but a lengthy time of favour.

'I was in the spirit on the Lord's day' = I was taken into a dimension called the 'Day of the Lord'. The book of Revelation is about shortly to take place. Most believe it was written in about 90 AD – after the holocaust of 70 AD – but this is erroneous. Revelation was written during his exile at Patmos during the reign of the tyrant. John was

exiled during Nero Ceasar's reign. Book of Revelation is a law suit against a covenantal people who broke covenant.

Revelation 1:1-3

- 1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John,
- 2 who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.
- 3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

There are 13 warnings in Revelations that HE is coming QUICKLY.

In Matthew 24 – he tells them what will happen to that generation in which he was living. Note the reference to 'end of the age (eion) = a period of time – not the end of the world.

Most things in Revelation have already taken place. Rome burned Jerusalem with fire.

The Lamb was found worthy to break the seals of book – horses started to run – from the Throne. 4 times - 7 curses comes from Lev. 24.

The harlot church can only be exposed by holy apostles and prophets. Antichrist spirit is already in the temple – acting like God.

Fall of Jezebel is important. Her covering is Baal – the devil himself.

Herod tried to kill the seed.

Jehu heard the Word of the Lord on the judgement on Ahab and Jezebel. Jehu became like a mad man – intent on accomplishing a specific objective. Jehu goes for Jezreel – two kings are there – both are family members of Jezebel.

The word was 'In Jezreel your blood will be eaten by dogs'. Hence he was accurately positioned. If fathers are accurately positioned, their sons will secure victory. The arrows of the Jehu and his son wrought swift victory.

Jehu used to ride behind Ahab – a system – yet he heard demise of this system and became instrumental in its demise.

When Jezebel heard that he is coming – she paints her face – seduction element. She then makes threats wanting to put the spirit of suicide on Jehu. She calls Jehu, Simri. Simri killed Omri. Simri burned himself – a suicidal spirit. This spirit makes you feel guilty and culpable.

Jezebel tries to entice him with her soul – eyes is a reference to the soul.

Jehu shouted 'Who is for me'. Three eunuchs hear the voice of a sent one, and respond to his command to throw her down. Apostolic commission changed THE NATURAL DISPOSITION AND INCLINATION OF THESE EUNUCHS.

The earth will not be burned as we know it. The principles governing the earth will be burned or destroyed. The heavens are pressing down upon us.

MALACHI 1:6 (NIV)

"A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If I am a father, where is the honor due me? If I am a master, where is the respect due me?" says the LORD Almighty. "It is you, O priests, who show contempt for my name. "But you ask, 'How have we shown contempt for your name?'"

There are reasons for why we often lack double-portion anointings and miss true spiritual inheritance. Financial blessing and adequate kingdom funding is no coincidence. The Bible is a book of blessings and cursings.

In other words: If we obey, we are blessed!! If we disobey, we are cursed!!

So perhaps we should scripturally state the case:

God says that the relationship between fathers and sons must come **into order** to "prepare for the manifestation of 'Jesus' and the 'day of the Lord'"!

MALACHI 4:5-6 (KJV)

- 5 "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet **before** the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:"
- 6 "And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the **earth with a curse.**"

Forgive me if I appear bold and direct, but again there are **reasons** we have a huge number of totally out-of-order ministries. A great many of these are self-ordained or organizationally sponsored, and without a clue to their true parental identity or responsibility. **"You can teach what you know BUT you can only impart what you are!"** These ministries are not only orphaned and fatherless, but they are often illegitimate!

DEUTERONOMY 12:5, 8 (NIV)

- 5 "But you are to seek the place the LORD your God will choose from among all your tribes to put his Name there for his dwelling. To that place you must go;"
- 8 "You are not to do as we do here today, everyone as he sees fit,"

Since we are looking at the father-son relationship issue from the perspective of the father's honor, let's focus on the **father's position**:

PAUL

This apostle who wrote more than half of our New Testament sat lonely in a filthy prison, cold and destitute, this father of churches, father of elders and other apostles, pleaded with his son Timothy to please...

2 TIMOTHY 4:13 (NIV)

"When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas,"

This man who **had clothed so many, needed to be clothed**. At the end of his life and by his own admission having...

2 TIMOTHY 4:7 (KJV)

"fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:"

He finally stated:

2 TIMOTHY 4:16 (KJV)

"...no man stood with me, but all men forsook me:
I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge."

This should never happen! This is out of order! (Note : he prays that it would not be laid to their charge – in other words it could have been laid to their charge – the fact that they deserted him)

DAVID

David is no doubt the most beloved warrior of all the bible. His youthful victories over bear, lions and giants thrill us. But even more glorious is the tenacity with which he endured 15 long years from being anointed till he was king. Finally he was crowned three times at Hebron. He established the kingdom. He made Jerusalem the "city of David" and raised up a tabernacle of praise to Jehovah. The years passed and from time to time, in David's life as in our own, things go wrong. Life is not just the collection of good times, but rather the amalgamation of all things (good and bad) that "...work together for good to them that love God..." (Romans 8:28, KJV)

David sinned, allowed continued iniquity among his sons, and indulged in a series of bad decisions – and God still said:

ACTS 13:22 (KJV)

"...I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart,
which shall fulfill all my will."

Here I want to address briefly the issue of the father's past baggage or when he sins or misses God. Sin must never be covered but true repentance must never be ignored! Judging by the example of the fathers of the Bible, perfection was rare and misconduct a familiar thing. Although we believe it is going to be different in our Day! God is raising up godly fathers that are pursuing perfection and holiness. BUT, with the fathers of the Bible realignment was always the godly criteria for continuance.

Fathers do not become non-fathers because of their less-than-perfect lives or actions. If that were the case, then there would be NO more fathers and consequently no more sons!

NOAH

Let's look at Noah's life before returning to David. Noah, the most righteous man God could find in the earth at that time. Remember that this one man's obedience, against all human reason, delivered one human family during the time of God's displeasure and wrath. Then Noah slipped (missed the mark). He planted a vineyard and drank from his own success. Ham, his son, seeing his father weak and disadvantaged, threw honor away and looked upon his father's nakedness and the result was he and his seed was cursed. BUT, Shem and Japheth, the other two sons of Noah honored and covered their father and in return received blessing (Genesis 9). A father reveals (1 Timothy 5:20) and a son conceals (order of God).

CONCERNING DAVID

2 SAMUEL 21:15 (KJV)

"Moreover the Philistines had yet war again with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines: **and David waxed faint.**"

2 SAMUEL 21:15 (NIV)

"Once again there was a battle between the Philistines and Israel. David went down with his men to fight against the Philistines, and he **became exhausted.**"

The episode we now refer to is not very different from all the others when David went to war, except that this time we are told that the great warrior, who in times past rejoiced in the battles and had many victories, had now become exhausted. But the story goes on:

2 SAMUEL 21:17 (KJV)

"But Abishai the son of Zeruiah succoured him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David swore unto him, saying, Thou shalt go no more out with us to battle, that thou quench not the light of Israel."

There comes a time when fathers can no longer labor in the same way or strength that made their sons love and adore them in times past. While life and desire may still burn bright in their hearts, their days of active service eventually wind down. Some day a father will long for a cloak before winters arrives. This covering should be brought by the one who has been covered by this man's fatherhood and oversight: a son. There is a time when the inheritance of the sons is turned back to the fathers. This is honor!

The word **HONOR** occurs 146 times in 136 verses of the bible. This word in the original language seems to denote = the power of an **attitude** toward someone that not only views him as glorious or great but actually **makes** him that way by a submitted, respectful response.

EXODUS 20:12 (KJV)

"Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee."

EPHESIANS 6:1 (KJV)

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right."

Jesus also quoted Moses in the book of Matthew and adds something.

MATTHEW 15:4 (KJV)

"For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death."

In Matthew, Jesus rebuked the religious leaders of His day for their lack of honor towards a father. --- "CORBAN"

MATTHEW 15:3-9 (NIV)

- 3 "Jesus replied, "And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition?"
- 4 "For God said, 'Honor your father and mother' and 'Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.'"
- 5 "But you say that if a man says to his father or mother, 'Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is a 'gift' devoted to God,'"
- 6 "he is not to 'honor his father' with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition."
- 7 "You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you:"
- 8 "'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."
- 9 "They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men."

These words of Jesus refer to a theological loophole the Pharisees created to undermine the power and authority of an established institution in the name of God and thus maintain their greedy lifestyle and religious appearance at the same time. This is what they did: If a father was in need and asked his son for support, the son could simply say "**Corban**" or "**It is a gift**". This magic phrase placed any requested property or funds as "**set apart for God**" and untouchable for secular use by anyone except the present owner who would "**hold it**" for God for an indefinite period of time. Therefore, they would not honor their father or mother, considering themselves to be free and having no responsibility. This is similar to the attitude of ministry people today who show no honor to anyone as a father in their ministry. Leaning on false understanding they paralyze the commandments of God in their father and son relationship by excusing a father's need.

What we say: “He has enough money”; “He is rich” **OR** “He is God’s man; let God take care of him” **SO** Making the rest of God’s word and promises of no effect. Jesus then quotes Isaiah, showing us that giving honor is not a matter of saying nice things, BUT having the right heart towards that person. True honor is more than lip service. True honor will be visible in your actions.

ISAIAH 29:13 (KJV)

“Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear (respect) toward me is taught by the precept of men:”

Not only do the traditions and precepts of men cancel the fear and the honor that is given to God, but they also cancel the fear, respect and honor that is to be given to spiritual and natural fathers!

PRIDE:

Those who do not give honor are usually full of pride! Those who carry such pride state or manifest the idea that they actually need **no one**. More significantly in their pride they seem to say that what they have is the result of **their own doings**, rather than from anything they received.

PROVERBS 15:33 (KJV)

“The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.”

PROVERBS 18:12 (NIV)

“Before his downfall a man’s heart is proud, but humility comes **before** honor.”

PROVERBS 22:4 (NIV)

“Humility and the fear of the LORD bring wealth and honor and life.”

So we must assume that the lack of honor is also the lack of humility. The lack of humility most always indicates the presence of enormous pride! GIVE HONOR. Remember; the Bible says:

1 CORINTHIANS 4:15 (KJV)

“For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers...”

So we can gain instruction and understanding from a multitude of sources, yet find no place in our lives to bestow honor. (Going to visit ministries but father loses out.) God is requiring in this day, in order to lift the curse that has fallen upon kingdom people, that we locate and acknowledge by more than lip service those who are our fathers in the gospel. These fathers who set government, order and foundations into our lives are to be honored.

HOW? HOW DO I HONOR MY FATHER?

1) By sons living a righteous lifestyle

Doing what is right! Not rebellious / stiff-necked; Following after godly order; Exercising apostolic doctrine and principles (not just hearers of the word but doers – James 1:25)

2) To be obedient

“Obedience better than sacrifice” (1 Samuel 15:22) = How – punctual, faithful in little and much!

1 CORINTHIANS 4:17 (KJV)

17 “For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.”

(Refer to ‘Sonship 9’ – section A, “A father in ministry sends His son into ministry”, page 10)

- FAITHFUL:
- Remaining loyal (That is what family do)
 - Consistently trustworthy
 - Steadfast
 - Reliable
 - Dependable
 - Dedicated
 - Committed
 - Devoted
 - Believable
 - With unwavering belief
 - Conscientious (resulting from a sense of responsibility or devoted to duty)
 - Correct (accurate and true)

3) Again, the manifestation of honor is something offered in the arena of our human ability to give.

Let’s look at the Scriptures. It gives direction as to how honor should be manifested.

PROVERBS 3:9 (KJV)

“Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:”

Honor and substance seem to be synonymous. Since we have spent some time talking about King David, we might also look at 1 Chronicles 29:28 which says:

1 CHRONICLES 29:28 (KJV)

“And he (David) died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honour...”

Bible also says:

2 CHRONICLES 1:12 (KJV)

"Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee;
and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour..."

How? Through you!

CONCERNING JEHOSHAPHAT

2 CHRONICLES 17:5 (KJV)

"Therefore the LORD stablished the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought
to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honour in abundance."

Notice that riches and honor go hand in hand. One goes with the other.

Now we know why the Lord made this statement in Matthew 15:

MATTHEW 15:8 (NIV)

"These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."

It indicates that lip service is given, but there is **NO** presentation of riches.

The understanding of giving **honor as the giving of financial support** is stated most clearly in the instruction of Paul.

1 TIMOTHY 5:17-18 (AMP)

- 17 "Let the elders who perform the duties of their office well be considered **doubly worthy of honor** [and of adequate financial support], especially those who labor faithfully in preaching and teaching."
18 "For the Scripture says, You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain, and again..."

So in other words honor that is only given by lip service is no honor at all. Throughout Scripture there is an overwhelming amount of evidence that honor carries with it the presentation of wealth – including gold, silver, precious stones, pleasant things, etc. Now you can see more clearly what was out of order in Malachi 1:6 (look at it).

MALACHI 1:6 (KJV)

"A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name..."

FATHER'S HONOR FLOWS DOWN TO SONS. The honor of fathers inherently belongs to their sons. A son has a right to all his father's goods by inheritance. As long as he honors his father. BUT, Outside of a father-son relationship, any fruit taken from another man's tree is "stolen honor". Those that do commit this trespass have not followed the Scriptural precept to give "honor to whom honor is due" (**Romans 13:7**, AMP)

Example:**Gehazi**

Gehazi saw no reason why he should not receive garments and silver from Naaman even if Elisha, for some strange reason, turned down such generosity.

Look what happened to Gehazi:

2 KINGS 5:25-27 (NIV)

- 25 "Then he went in and stood before his master Elisha. "Where have you been, *Gehazi*?" Elisha asked. "Your servant didn't go anywhere," *Gehazi* answered."
- 26 "But Elisha said to him, "Was not my spirit (heart) with you when the man got down from his chariot to meet you? Is* this the time to take money, or to accept clothes, olive groves, vineyards, flocks, herds, or menservants and maidservants?"
- 27 "Naaman's leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever." Then *Gehazi* went from Elisha's presence and he was leprous, as white as snow."

(Anton) * Time to serve and not to be greedy. Self-centered / selfish.

The father heart of Elisha was turned to Gehazi but Gehazi stole the father's honor and so his heart was turned toward attaining wealth. Honor flows from the head down! You don't have to steal it. If you are accurately positioned you will receive it too!

JOHN 12:26 (NIV)

"Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be.
My Father will honor the one who serves me."

In other words, if you serve Jesus, you not only get the blessing of Jesus, but also the blessing of the Father that flows down from the Father to the Son.

JOHN 8:54 (KJV)

"Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing:
it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God:"

I did not call myself to be a spiritual father but God made me one.

Just like Abraham in Romans:

ROMANS 4:17 (KJV)

"(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,)..."

God made me! Now, If I am a father I want to ask the question:

MALACHI 1:6 (KJV)

"A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master:
if then I be a father, where is mine honour?"

If we do not honor our fathers we will stay in the wilderness UNTIL a generation arises that will obey the voice of the Lord.

HEBREWS 3:7-10 (KJV)

- 7 "Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice,"
 8 "Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:"
 9 "When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years."
 10 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways.

This is the generation that will stop the curse. The frustration that creation is subjected to. Romans 8. We will be obedient to the order of God. We will experience his honor in our lives!

ROMANS 8:19 (NIV)

- 19 "The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed."

ROMANS 8:12-15 (NIV)

- 12 "Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation — but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it."
 13 "For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live,"
 14 "because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God."
 15 "For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

ADOPTION

ROMANS 8:19-23 (NIV)

- 19 "The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed."
 20 "For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope"
 21 "that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God."
 22 "We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time."
 23 "Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies."

Creation waits for the manifestation of sons; we wait for adoption.

GALATIANS 3:29 (NIV)

"If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

HEBREWS 6:13, 17 (NIV)

- 13 "When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself,"
- 17 "Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath."

EPHESIANS 1:5 (NIV)

5 "he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—"

GALATIANS 4:1 (NIV)

"What I am saying is that as long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate."

Child = Nepios; Son = Huios

Slave - Denies his proper identity;
 - Never sure of next meal;
 - He knows he is someone's property.

Son - Stand in front of the estate that is behind him;
 - He can exercise grace and rulership because there is ample supply.

Session 17 :

THE MINISTRY OF KINGS

Shaun Blignaut

Thamo : Many people have the challenge of co-equality – in that they cannot surrender to another man
Submission is not a sign of weakness – it is a sign of strength.

Shaun :

Luke 4:16-21

- 16 And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read.
- 17 And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written,
- 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, And recovery of sight to the blind, To set free those who are oppressed,
- 19 To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord."
- 20 And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him.
- 21 And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.

Isaiah 61:1-4

- 1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, Because the Lord has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives And freedom to prisoners;
- 2 To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,
- 3 To grant those who mourn in Zion, Giving them a garland instead of ashes, The oil of gladness instead of mourning, The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting. So they will be called oaks of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.
- 4 Then they will rebuild the ancient ruins, They will raise up the former devastations; And they will repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations.

Christ consists of a head and a body. We represent Him in the earth ; he represents us in the heavens. Our representation of Him must match his representations of us. We are IN CHRIST. You have this objective fact that must be translated into subjective experience.

Within SON is KING and PRIEST. What is the function of the son in the household ? The functional model is that every son is a priest and a king. Your priestly identity connect you with priestly service. As a king you advance the kingdom forcefully – the Kingdom advances forcefully – hence you must have a particular forceful stance in your spirit in the earth – to take over the earth. We ought to take dominion of both heaven and earth. We need the spirit of warfare in the saints – you are king, yet a son unto a father in a household. Jesus was both the offering and the

priest that offers the lamb. We must be both the priest and the offering. Your kingship is connected with how much you are willing to lay your life down as a priest. What brought Jesus into all authority and power? His sacrifice on the cross. Your pathway into kingly majesty is to lay down self. Sanctify your motives and your heart. Kingly function is not automatic – there needs to be a death and a resurrection. You have to die to yourself daily.

Jesus fulfilled one part of the prophecy in Isaiah 61 – we must fulfill the other – executing the vengeance of God by the sword of God in your mouth. A king rules by DECREES – His speech.

Kingship is first about death to self. Get your own household in order. There must be a private victory – when nobody sees you – you must still have personal integrity.

Psalm 2

1 Why are the nations in an uproar And the peoples devising a vain thing?
 2 The kings of the earth take their stand And the rulers take counsel together Against the
 Lord and against His Anointed, saying,
 3 "Let us tear their fetters apart And cast away their cords from us!"
 4 He who sits in the heavens laughs, The Lord scoffs at them.
 5 Then He will speak to them in His anger And terrify them in His fury, saying,
 6 "But as for Me, I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain."
 7 "I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to Me, 'You are My Son,
 Today I have begotten You.
 8 'Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, And the very ends of
 the earth as Your possession.
 9 'You shall break them with a rod of iron, You shall shatter them like earthenware.' "
 10 Now therefore, O kings, show discernment; Take warning, O judges of the earth.
 11 Worship the Lord with reverence And rejoice with trembling.
 12 Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish in the way,
 For His wrath may soon be kindled. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

This Psalm is about the church ruling. Kings speak in their jurisdiction. Jesus has already stripped and spoiled the devil and his demons. We must enter into the reality of the finished work of Jesus Christ. We are not waiting for him to return to defeat the enemy. Jesus will not leave the Throne until the enemy of death has placed under his feet.

Psalm 102:16 When the Lord build up Zion, the Lord shall appear.

There is a death veil over the nations (Isaiah 26). There are pastors who have come into sharp agreement with spirit of death. God is in a violent mood. God sends Moses after he heard the cries of his people. God kills Egypt's

first born if Egypt does not release God's firstborn. God laughs mockingly at the threats of the enemy and at the confidence of his sons in the earth. Many institutions are keeping God's son locked in.

God's sons in the earth will overcome the devil. We must blast into every realm the victory of our God. Overcome your own inadequacies and carnal appetites. Tares = bastard seed. Tares make you dizzy and sleepy- they cause the church to sleep.

God is purifying the sons of Levi – there is a purifying work of God. Every thing you do in secret will be exposed upon the rooftops. There is a test that is coming for the sons.

Examine the way of conception to determine whether he is true or false. A true son is birthed out of true covenant. A false son submits himself to the prostitutes(harlot church) that produces bastards. You will be found out – this is the day of exposing.

We want to render impotent the demonic principles behind the systems of the earth.

Last trumpet = the voice lifted in decreeing the law of God. The earth is the Lord's. There must a withering of the confidence of the systems of the earth. A son can stand in any jurisdiction and decree over any nation and see things change.

This is best time to be in SA – in this context we ought to shine. Our declarations enforces the rule of God. God is waiting for the Sons of God to mature . What has not being revealed to our government will be revealed to mature sons.

Matthew 28:16-20

- 16 But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated.
- 17 When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some were doubtful.
- 18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
- 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
- 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
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Gen 14:18-20

- 18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of God Most High.
- 19 He blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth;
- 20 And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." He gave him a tenth of all.

Melchisedek blessed Abraham – everything in Melchisedek is in Abraham. Christ's authority directly linked to this. And we belong to Christ – thus we are Abraham's seed. The right to control without resistance. Matt 28 is an apostolic sending and mandate – we immerse the nations in the nature of God. Do not throw away your confidence - your confident ability to speak and decree.

Psalm 2:8 must still be fulfilled. Ask of me I will make the nations as your inheritance

We have the right to bring the nations to a place of bended knee. Baptise the nations into the nature of the eternal Godhead. We have the same right of access as Jesus. We are the seed of him.

Matt 28 is re-enactment of the Edenic covenant.

There is violence in the atmosphere regarding the message of the apostolic.

The apostolic-prophetic is a dimension of decrees and utterances. Elijah said, 'There would be no rain at MY word'. We are coming into this dimension of dominion.

Signs of dominion depicted in the life of Jesus in Matthew 3 onwards :

- Clarity of the voice of God
- The proceeding Word – Jesus said 'It is written'
- Jesus had the administration of angels
- The devil left him
- New levels of commitment in disciples left everything to follow him
- He healed all manner of sickness of diseases
- He began to open his mouth and teach difficult things

But Jesus had to first come to a man called John the Baptist

Dominion through Exact Representation. Babylon comes to distort your image – see previous notes from first session. When your image is distorted you are stripped of your dominion. God wants to restore dominion. We must manifest kingship on the earth.

Mustard seed is small = represents small actions that leads to the big tree. Eg. – punctuality. I have never been late to any meeting – not because I am religious – I just want to show you it is possible. God is not going to give dominion to the one who cannot manage small things like time.

Leviticus 21 : Certain priests were denied access due to distortions of image – they were disqualified from entering the Holy Place. The historical reality is now a prophetic reality. HP = 200 cubits. Certain priests could not even see the articles of furniture in the HP – and these represent pillars of apostolic community. Great grace came upon the early church as they continued in these. Practical dominions demands personal responsibility. There must be a level of sophistication.

- 18 'For no one who has a defect shall approach: a blind man, or a lame man, or he who has a
disfigured face, or any deformed limb,
19 or a man who has a broken foot or broken hand,
20 or a hunchback or a dwarf, or one who has a defect in his eye or eczema or scabs or
crushed testicles.
21 'No man among the descendants of Aaron the priest, who has a defect, is to come near to
offer the Lord's offerings by fire; since he has a defect, he shall not come near to offer
the bread of his God.
22 'He may eat the bread of his God, both of the most holy and of the holy,
23 only he shall not go in to the veil or come near the altar because he has a defect, that he
may not profane My sanctuaries. For I am the LORD who sanctifies them.' "
24 So Moses spoke to Aaron and to his sons and to all the sons of Israel.

Note the deficiencies:

Blind Man	:	Unable to see the purposes of God.
Lame Man	:	Cannot walk into in the purpose of God
Marred face	:	Distortion of Image (Broken Nose = cannot discern)
Deformed Limb	:	One leg longer than the other = No Balance
Broken Foot/Hand	:	
Hunchback	:	Problem with the neck = stiff-necked = rebellious
Dwarf	:	Cannot come to the measure and stature of Christ
Defect in Eye	:	Squint
Eczema	:	Skin condition = itching = cannot stand still = cannot sit at one table
Scab	:	Walking in unforgiveness
Crushed Testicles	:	Eunuch (broken stones)

This priest who has these imperfections prefigures one who not represent Christ accurately, and thus not come into dominion

The Book of Lamentations contains info of the systematic distortions of believers because of the Babylonian invasion.

Jeremiah was sitting in the ash heap lamenting the degradation of Zion. Thus this is picture of what happens when Babylon comes into the house – when Babylon invades. The true church is a remnant. The false church is the harlot. The harlot parades here flesh – meets felt needs in exchange for money. The offerings of the harlot church are bigger than the offerings of he Bride. The harlot church is a reality and it has to be exposed as the light of the true church is manifested. We are attacking any pastor or ministry – we are attacking an evil system that has defrauded people of their dominion.

Young prophet did not attack Jeroboam – he cursed the altar – the system of religion.

Lam 4: 1-3

- 1 How dark the gold has become, How the pure gold has changed! The sacred stones are poured out At the corner of every street.
- 2 The precious sons of Zion, Weighed against fine gold, How they are regarded as earthen jars, The work of a potter's hands!
- 3 Even jackals offer the breast, They nurse their young; But the daughter of my people has become cruel Like ostriches in the wilderness.

V1: Gold has become dim or dark . Gold = nature = believers

Stones are scattered = not built into a house

v.2 : Gold regarded as clay pots = people are so weak – unable to handle trials

v.3 : Daughters of my people have become cruel = no fathering. Animal kingdom showing a higher level of ethics. Ostriches allow the sun to do the hatching = allow circumstances to shape people

Lamentations 5:1-5

- 1 Remember, O Lord, what has befallen us; Look, and see our reproach!
- 2 Our inheritance has been turned over to a strangers, Our -houses to aliens.
- 3 We have become orphans without a father, Our mothers are like widows.
- 4 We have to pay for our drinking water, Our wood comes to us at a price.
- 5 Our pursuers are at our necks; We are worn out, there is no rest for us. We have submitted to Egypt and Assyria to get enough bread.

Many who have been nurtured in the house of God, forget God and His purposes and give all their strength and resources to Egyptian and Assyrian systems.

Lam 5:7-16

- 7 Our fathers sinned, and are no more; It is we who have borne their iniquities.
 - 8 Slaves rule over us; There is no one to deliver us from their hand.
 - 9 We get our bread at the risk of our lives Because of the sword in the wilderness.
 - 10 Our skin has become as hot as an oven, Because of the burning heat of famine.
 - 11 They ravished the women in Zion, The virgins in the cities of Judah.
 - 12 Princes were hung by their hands; Elders were not respected.
 - 13 Young men worked at the grinding mill, And youths stumbled under loads of wood.
 - 14 Elders are gone from the gate, Young men from their music.
 - 15 The joy of our hearts has ceased; Our dancing has been turned into mourning.
 - 16 The crown has fallen from our head; Woe to us, for we have sinned!
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Men at the mill = traditionally a women's role = men are becomes more effeminate – loss of aggression

Boys stagger under the load of wood = looking for a light

Elders have ceased gathering at the gates : in some cities there are no gates; politicians cannot restore cities.

Only 'sent ones' can through sound governance through eldership

Crown has fallen = loss of dominion

EXACT REPRESENTATION – THE IMAGE OF CHRIST.

Note : *The following represents Dr Sagie's teaching notes on the subject*

1. **DOMINION (open heaven) IS GIVEN TO THE SON.**

Matt 3:16-17

16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."(NKJ)

THIS MUST BE STUDIED TOGETHER WITH MATURITY AND PERFECTION.

1.1. **JESUS ACCURATELY REPRESENTED THE FATHER.**

a) **IF YOU KNOW HIM, YOU KNOW THE FATHER, IF YOU SEE HIM YOU SEE THE FATHER.**

John 14:7-12

7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and **from now on you know Him and have seen Him.**"

8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."

9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? **He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?**

10 "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.

11 "Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. (NKJ)

b) HE DOES WHAT THE FATHER DOES

John 5:19

Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.(NKJ)

John 8:28-29

28 Then Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.

29 "And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him."(NKJ)

John 9:4

"I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.(NKJ)

c) HE SPEAKS WHAT THE FATHER SPEAKS

John 12:49-50

49 "For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.

50 "And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak."(NKJ)

d) HE DOES ONLY THE FATHER'S WILL

John 6:38

"For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.(NKJ)

John 4:34

Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.
(NKJ)

e) IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD.

Col 1:15-16

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

16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.(NKJ)

2 Cor 4:4

whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.(NKJ)

IMAGE = Means likeness. (1504 eikon-) = an image, a figure, a likeness

- a) an image of the things (the heavenly things)
 - 1) used of the moral likeness of renewed men to God
 - 2) the image of the Son of God, into which true Christians are transformed, is likeness not only to the heavenly body, but also to the most holy and blessed state of mind, which Christ possesses
- b) the image of one
 - 1) one in whom the likeness of any one is seen
 - 2) applied to man on account of his power of command
 - 3) to Christ on account of his divine nature and absolute moral excellence

f) BRIGHTNESS OF HIS GLORY AND EXPRESS IMAGE OF HIS PERSON.

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,(NKJ)

EXPRESS IMAGE = (5481 karakter) =

- 1) the instrument used for engraving or carving
- 2) the mark stamped upon that instrument or wrought out on it
 - a) a mark or figure burned in (Lev. 13:28) or stamped on, an impression
 - b) the exact expression (the image) of any person or anything, marked likeness, precise reproduction in every respect, that is, facsimile

g) THE APOSTLE – REVIEW THE SHALEA.

Heb 3:1

1Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider **the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus**,(NKJ)

HIS EXACT REPRESENTATION IS SEEN IN HIS EQUALITY.

REVIEW “ISOTES”

EQUALITY OF THE FATHER AND JESUS

EQUAL, EQUALITY = GREEK - isotes ^2471^, "equality"

MNEMONIC for "ISOTES" (EQUAL / EQUALITY)

FATHER AND SON ARE SIMILAR IN:

I	=	IDENTITY(NAMES AND TITLES)
S	=	STANDARDS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
O	=	OBEISANCE AND WORSHIP
T	=	TASKS (DEEDS)
E	=	ESSENTIAL ATTRIBUTES
S	=	SUBSTANCE

Jesus represented the Father exactly.

"Christ is the visible representation and manifestation of the invisible God, the objective expression of the Divine nature, the face of God turned as it were toward the world, the exact likeness of the Father in all things except being the Father. Thus we receive "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" <2 Cor 4:6>. He is the facsimile of God." (from International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia, Electronic Database Copyright (C) 1996 by Biblesoft)

2. The Intent of God is that Exact Representation (Christ likeness) Must Be Seen in Believers.

1 Pet 2:21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:(NKJ)

Ps 85:13 Righteousness will go before Him, and shall make His footsteps our pathway.(NKJ)

John 13:15 "For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.(NKJ)

I Jn 2:6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked. (NKJ)

19000 years of teaching culminates in this truth:

CHRISTLIKENESS	=	COMING TO HIS IMAGE
(Perfection, Sonship, Maturity)	=	EXACT REPRESENTATION

I Jn 4:17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.(NKJ)

SEVERAL TERMS ARE USED TO DENOTE THIS LEVEL:

P	=	PERFECTION
E	=	ENDING
R	=	REVELATION OF SONS
F	=	FULLNESS
E	=	EPISTLE
C	=	CONFORMITY
T	=	TRANSFORMATION
I	=	IMAGE
O	=	OLD THINGS PASSED AWAY
N	=	NEW CREATION

AMPLIFICATION :

P = PERFECTION

Eph 4:13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;(NKJ)

Col 1:28 Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.(NKJ)

James 1:4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.(NKJ)

INCLUDES COMPLETE, MATURITY, GROWTH INTO HIM.

Eph 4:15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head-- Christ(NKJ)

E = ENDING

Rom 6:22 But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.(NKJ)

1 Cor 1:8 who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.(NKJ)

1 Cor 15:24-27

- 24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.
- 25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet.
- 26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.
- 27 For "He has put all things under His feet." But when He says "all things are put under Him," it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted.(NKJ)

1 Pet 1:9 receiving the end of your faith-- the salvation of your souls.(NKJ)

2 Cor 7:1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.(NKJ)

R = REVELATION OF SONS

The whole of creation is waiting for this practical reality – angels included.

Rom 8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. (NKJ)

The sons of God are to manifest his image and likeness.

I Jn 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. (NKJ)

F = FULLNESS

Eph 4:13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;(NKJ)

E = EPISTLE**2 Cor 3:2-3**

- 2 You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men;
- 3 clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.(NKJ)

CONFORMITY

Rom 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. (NKJ)

Phil 3:20-21

- 20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,
 21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself. (NKJ)

T = 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 by the Spirit of the Lord.(NKJ)

transformed = 3339 metamorphoo (met-am-or-fo'-o)
 from 3326 and 3445; to transform (literally or figuratively, "metamorphose"):
 KJV-- change, transfigure, transform.

Gal 4:19 My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you,(NKJ)

THE FIRST TRAVAIL = REGENERATION.
SECOND TRAVAIL = MATURITY/PERFECTION.

You need to be connected to someone who will travail for Christ to be formed in you.
 'formed'= 3445 morphoo (mor-fo'-o); from the same as 3444; to fashion (figuratively):
 KJV-- form.

I = IMAGE

TO BEAR THE IMAGE (BEAR = TO WEAR LIKE CLOTHING CONSTANTLY)

1 Cor 15:49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.(NKJ)

IMAGE

(b) The Christian is further said to be gradually transformed into the image of the Son of God. This progressive metamorphosis involves not only moral and spiritual likeness to Christ, but also ultimately the Christian's future glory, including the glorified body, the "passing through a gradual assimilation of mind and character to an ultimate assimilation of His doxa, the absorption of the splendor of His presence" (Sanday and Headlam, Romans, 218; see <Rom 8:29; 1 Cor 15:49; 2 Cor 3:18>; and compare <Phil 3:21; 1 Jn 3:2>).(from International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia, Electronic Database Copyright (C) 1996 by Biblesoft)

Col 3:9-11

- 9 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,
 10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him
 who created him,
 11 where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian,
 Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.(NKJ)

O = OLD THINGS PASSED AWAY

- 2 Cor 5:17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.(NKJ)

N = NEW CREATION

- 2 Cor 5:17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. (NKJ)

- Eph 2:10** For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.(NKJ)

- Eph 4:24** and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.(NKJ)

Col 3:10-11

- 10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him
 who created him,
 11 where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian,
 Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.(NKJ)

THE MIGRATION TO EXACT REPRESENTATION DEMANDS:**h) IMPUTATION****THE IMPUTATION OF HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS IS FOR EXACT REPRESENTATION.**

- i) PUTTING OFF THE OLD MAN**
- j) PUTTING ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST**

- Rom 13:14** But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. (NKJ)

Positionally we are like Him on the earth.

k) GROWTH INTO HIM

- Eph 4:15** but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head-- Christ(NKJ)

1) APOSTOLIC TRAVAIL

Gal 4:19 My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you.(NKJ)

SEE OVERCOMING THE FLESH – “FLESH”

The purpose of perfection is exact representation.

The times of refreshing are to bring us to more accurate positions so that we could accurately represent Him on the earth.

FEATURES OF THIS MATURITY/EXACT REPRESENTATION:

Christ is offensive – hence so must you be in your quest for exact representation. If Jesus called Pharisees vipers, you cannot them a ‘family pet’.

MNEMONIC - IMAGE

I	=	INTELLIGENT LIKENESS
M	=	MORAL LIKENESS
A	=	AUTHORITATIVE LIKENESS
G	=	GLORIOUS LIKENESS
E	=	ETHEREAL LIKENESS

AMPLIFICATION

I = INTELLIGENT LIKENESS

The capacity to distinguish right and wrong. To choose right things and reject that which is wrong. TO DO THAT WHICH IS RIGHT IN GOD’S EYES.

IKing 15:4-5

- 4 Nevertheless for David's sake the LORD his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, by setting up his son after him and by establishing Jerusalem;
- 5 because David did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, and had not turned aside from anything that He commanded him all the days of his life, except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.(NKJ)

IKing 15:11 Asa did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did his father David.(NKJ)

IKing 22:42-43

- 42 Jehoshaphat was thirty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.
- 43 And he walked in all the ways of his father Asa. He did not turn aside from them, doing what was right in the eyes of the LORD. Nevertheless the high places were not taken away, for the people offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places. (NKJ)

II Ki 14:1-3

- 1 In the second year of Joash the son of Jehoahaz, king of Israel, Amaziah the son of Joash, king of Judah, became king.
- 2 He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.
- 3 And he did what was right in the sight of the LORD, yet not like his father David; he did everything as his father Joash had done.(NKJ)

II Ki 15:1-3

- 1 In the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel, Azariah the son of Amaziah, king of Judah, became king.
- 2 He was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jecholiah of Jerusalem.
- 3 And he did what was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done, (NKJ)

2 Chr 29:1-2

- 1 Hezekiah became king when he was twenty-five years old, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abijah the daughter of Zechariah.
- 2 And he did what was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father David had done. (NKJ)

Jesus always did the right things.

Heb 4:15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.(NKJ)

Isa 53:9 And they made His grave with the wicked-- but with the rich at His death, because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth.(NKJ)

John 8:46 "Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me?(NKJ)

2 Cor 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.(NKJ)

Heb 7:26 For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;(NKJ)

1 Pet 2:22 "Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth";(NKJ)

I Jn 3:5 And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.(NKJ)

THE APOSTLES:**Acts 4:19-20**

- 19 But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge.
- 20 "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."(NKJ)

2 Cor 4:2 But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.(NKJ)

2 Cor 1:12 For our boasting is this: the testimony of our conscience that we conducted ourselves in the world in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom but by the grace of God, and more abundantly toward you.(NKJ)

2 Cor 2:17 For we are not, as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ.(NKJ)

2 Cor 11:6-7

- 6 Even though I am untrained in speech, yet I am not in knowledge. But we have been thoroughly manifested among you in all things.
- 7 Did I commit sin in humbling myself that you might be exalted, because I preached the gospel of God to you free of charge?(NKJ)

1Thes 2:3-6

- 3 For our exhortation did not come from error or uncleanness, nor was it in deceit.
- 4 But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts.
- 5 For neither at any time did we use flattering words, as you know, nor a cloak for covetousness-- God is witness.
- 6 Nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, when we might have made demands as apostles of Christ.(NKJ)

REVIEW THE CHARACTERISTICS OF PRACTICAL RIGHTEOUSNESS.

M = MORAL LIKENESS

Likeness in His moral attributes- faithfulness, holiness, wisdom, truth and love.

THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE – THIS IS CONFORMITY TO THE NATURE OF GOD(MORAL ATTRIBUTES – RIGHTEOUSNESS)

FOLLOWING HIS EXAMPLE:

e.g. IN LOVE AND HUMILITY

Phil 2:5-8

- 5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,
 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,
 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.
 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.(NKJ)

John 13:15 "For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.(NKJ)

I Jn 3:16 By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. (NKJ)

1 Pet 2:21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:(NKJ)

Ps 85:13 Righteousness will go before Him, and shall make His footsteps our pathway.(NKJ)

I Jn 2:6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked. (NKJ)

Eph 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.(NKJ)

The walk is a metaphor of lifestyle. All of Christ's moral attributes must be seen in us.

2 Cor 3:2-3

- 2 You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men;
 3 clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.(NKJ)

SAMUEL'S LIFESTYLE WAS RECOGNIZED AS A PASSOVER SIMILAR TO JOSIAH.

A = AUTHORITATIVE LIKENESS

Rule like Him.

GOVERNMENT UPON HIS SHOULDERS.

m) **THE MAN ONCE BLIND IS NOW RECOGNIZED AS THE DISCIPLE OF JESUS BECAUSE OF HIS BOLDNESS.**

John 9:26-28

26 Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?"

27 He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?"

28 Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples.(NKJ)

n) **THE BOLDNESS OF PETER AND JOHN**

Acts 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.(NKJ)

o) **THE PROCONSUL CALLED IT THE TEACHING OF THE LORD AND NOT THE TEACHING OF PAUL WHEN PAUL EXERCISED HIS GOVERNANCE.**

Acts 13:8-12

8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.

9 Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him

10 and said, "O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord?"

11 "And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time." And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand.

12 Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had been done, being astonished at the **teaching of the Lord.**(NKJ)

YOU ARE GODS.

Ps 82:6 I said, "You are gods, and all of you are children of the Most High.(NKJ)

John 10:34-37

34 Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, "You are gods" '?"

35 "If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken),

36 "do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?"

37 "If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me;(NKJ)

This refers to his governance and dominion.

Jesus demonstrated dominion over gravity, science, mathematics, nature, demons, disease, difficult situations. etc.

Ps 8:9 O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth!(NKJ)

Ps 16:3 As for the saints who are on the earth, "They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.(NKJ)

Isa 60:15 "Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, so that no one went through you, I will make you an eternal excellence, a joy of many generations.(NKJ)

Nahum 2:2 For the LORD will restore the excellence of Jacob like the excellence of Israel, for the emptiers have emptied them out and ruined their vine branches.(NKJ)
His excellency refers to his majesty and rule.

G = GLORIOUS LIKENESS

Col 1:27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.(NKJ)

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 by the Spirit of the Lord. (NKJ)

I Jn 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.(NKJ)

E = ETHEREAL LIKENESS (spiritual likeness)

To understand and receive spiritual things in contrast to the natural man.

1 Cor 2:14-16

14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one.

16 For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.(NKJ)

Mind – the intellectual faculty, the capacity to discern spiritual things, to discern good and hate evil. TO THINK LIKE GOD.

The chief priests and elders could not discern His authority.

Matt 21:23-27

- 23 Now when He came into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and said, "By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?"
- 24 But Jesus answered and said to them, "I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things:
- 25 "The baptism of John-- where was it from? From heaven or from men?" And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'
- 26 "But if we say, 'From men,' we fear the multitude, for all count John as a prophet."
- 27 So they answered Jesus and said, "We do not know." And He said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.(NKJ)

THE DISCERNING OF SPIRITUAL THINGS.**p) SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."(NKJ)

q) TO LOVE THE SENT ONE**John 8:42-44**

- 42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me.
- 43 "Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word.
- 44 "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.(NKJ)

r) TO HEAR HIS VOICE**John 10:26-27**

- 26 "But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you.
- 27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.(NKJ)

s) TO BELIEVE IN THE SENT ONE**John 12:36-37**

- 36 "While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.
- 37 But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him.(NKJ)

t) TO SET YOUR MIND ON THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT

Rom 8:5-7

- 5 **For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh,**
but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.
- 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.
- 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.(NKJ)

u) TO KNOW THE MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

Matt 13:11

He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.(NKJ)

THE MANIFESTATION OF HIS LIKENESS ON THE EARTH IS THE PERFECTION OF PRAISE. EXACT REPRESENTATION GLORIFIES GOD.

SEE "GLORIFIED"

GLORIFIED - HOW GOD IS GLORIFIED/PRAISED/HONOURED

John 13:31 So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and **God is glorified in Him.**"

John 17:4 "**I have glorified You** on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do."

Jesus glorified the Father by His obedience. THERE WAS NO SINGING, DANCING OR INSTRUMENTATION IN THE WAY HE GLORIFIED THE FATHER. THE CHURCH'S CONCEPT OF PRAISE HAS TO BE UPGRADED – A MIGRATION FROM VERBAL, INSTRUMENTAL AND POSTURAL TO EXACT REPRESENTATION OF OUR LORD. God is glorified in many ways – the best is by imitation for exact representation..

MNEMONIC - "GLORIFIED" - glorify

1392 doxazo-(THAYER'S DEFINITION)

- = 1) to think, to suppose, to be of opinion
- = 2) to praise, to extol, to magnify, to celebrate
- = 3) to honor, to do honor to, to hold in honor
- = 4) to make glorious, to adorn with lustre, to clothe with splendor
 - a) to impart glory to something, to render it excellent
 - b) to make renowned, to render illustrious, to cause the dignity and worth of some person or thing to become manifest and acknowledged

When you come to sonship – you become to the praise of his glory

LISTED BELOW ARE SOME WAYS IN WHICH THE CHURCH GLORIFIES GOD:-

G	=	GOOD WORKS
L	=	LIVING FOR GOD
O	=	ONENESS OF THE CHURCH
R	=	RELYING ON GOD
I	=	INSPIRED MINISTRY
F	=	FRUIT BEARING
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AMPLIFICATION

G = GOOD WORKS

Matt. 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

1 Pet 2:9-10

- 9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;
- 10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.(NKJ)

1Pet.2:12

having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

DISCERN YOUR WORK AND FINISH IT. WHEN YOU FINISH YOUR WORK IT BRINGS GLORY TO GOD.

John 17:4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.(KJV)

L = LIVING FOR GOD

1Cor.10:31 Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

1Cor.6:20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

HOLY CONDUCT IN THE MIDST OF TRIALS.

1 Pet 1:6-7

- 6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,
 7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be **found to praise, honor, and glory** at the revelation of Jesus Christ,(NKJ)

1 Pet 1:14-17

- 14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance;
 15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,
 16 because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."
 17 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, **conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;** (NKJ)

1Pet.4:13-14

- 13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.
 14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.

O = ONENESS OF THE CHURCH

John 17:22 "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:"

Rom.15:6 that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

R = RELYING ON GOD

Eph.1:12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

Rom.4:20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God.

I = INSPIRED MINISTRY

1Pet.4:11 If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Luke 5:25-26

25 Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.

26 And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen strange things today!"

Matt.9:8 Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

Luke 7:16 Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

F = FRUIT BEARING

John 15:8 "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples."

Phil 1:10-11

10 that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ,

11 being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.(NKJ)

I = IMITATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Eph 5:1-2

1 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.

2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.(NKJ)

1Thes 2:14 For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they did from the Judeans,(NKJ)

2Thess.1:11-12 [NIV]

- 11 With this in mind, constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good pleasure of yours and every act prompted by your faith.
- 12 We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, **according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

E = EXACT REPRESENTATION IS THROUGH GRACE ENABLEMENT.

2Cor.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 by the Spirit of the Lord.

Because God lives in us, His character is revealed in us, bringing glory to His name.

Col.1:27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Sinful imitation does not glorify God.

THIS IMITATION IS EXACT REPRESENTATION.

THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD MUST BE MANIFESTED IN US.

GOD IS INVISIBLE. WE MAKE HIM VISIBLE. WHEN WE MAKE HIM VISIBLE – THAT IS PRAISE.

CREATION IS WAITING FOR THIS MANIFESTATION.

WE HAVE BEEN PREDESTINED TO SONSHIP. OUR PLACEMENT AS SONS BRINGS PRAISE, HONOUR AND GLORY TO HIM. OUR MATURITY IS PARTLY DETERMINED BY OUR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

Eph 1:4-6

- 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,
- 5 having **predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself**, according to the good pleasure of His will,
- 6 **to the praise of the glory of His grace**, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.(NKJ)

OUR ADOPTION – PLACEMENT AS SONS IS TO THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORY.

THE MANIFESTATION OF CHRIST IN US, IS EXACT REPRESENTATION – THE SECOND TRAVAIL THAT PAUL WAS TALKING ABOUT.

Gal 4:19 My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you,(NKJ)

ALSO See Rom.1:21-32

The quintessential migration in this season, is from oral and postural proclamations of praise to exact representation. This does not mean we abandon the oral and postural elements in praise.

Level 1 – singing about God

Level 2 – singing to God

Level 3 – you are the song – you are the musical instrument.

E = EXALTING GOD

Ps. 22:23 You who fear the Lord, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, and fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!

Luke 18:43 And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Ps. 50:23 Whoever offers praise glorifies Me:.....

Eph. 3:20-21

20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Jude 25 To God our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

Rev. 4:11 "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created."

Rev. 7:12 saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

THIS EXALTATION INCLUDES:

POSTURE

[1]. PROSTRATION

Rev. 5:8-9

8 Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,"

[2]. DANCING

Ps.149:3 Let them praise His name with the dance; let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp.

Ps.150:4 Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!

Ex.15:20-21

20 Then Miraim the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took the timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.

21 And Miriam answered them: "Sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea!"

[3]. CLAPPING

Ps.47:1 Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph!

ASSEMBLY OF THE SAINTS

Ps.26:12 My foot stands in an even place; In the congregations I will bless the Lord.

Ps.35:18 I will give thanks in the great congregation; I will praise You among many people.

Ps.52:9 I will praise You forever, because You have done it; and in the presence of Your saints I will wait on Your name, for it is good.

Ps.149:1 Praise the Lord! sing to the Lord a new song, and His praise in the congregation of saints.

INSTRUMENTS

Ps.71:22 Also with the lute I will praise You—and Your faithfulness, O my God! To You I will sing with the harp, O Holy One of Israel.

Ps.149:3 Let them praise His name with the dance; let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp.

Ps.150:3-5

3 Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; Praise Him with the lute and harp!

4 Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!

5 Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise Him with high sounding cymbals!

SINGING, SHOUTING, SPEAKING

[1]. SINGING

Ps.9:11 Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion! Declare His deeds among the people.

Ps.81:1 Sing aloud to God our strength; Make a joyful shout to the God of Jacob.

Ps.95:1 Oh come let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

Ps.96:1 Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

[2]. SHOUTING

Ps.47:1 Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph!

Is.12:6 "Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!"

[3]. SPEAKING

Ps.145:21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh shall bless His holy name forever and ever.

Ps.34:1 I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

D = DEMONSTRATION OF POWER IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

John 14:13 "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

Phil.2:9-11

9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,
 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth.
 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

Acts 3:6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

Acts 4:10,21-22

- 10 "let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole.
- 21 So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way of punishing them, because of the people, since they all glorified God for what had been done.
- 22 For the man was over forty years old on whom this miracle of healing had been performed.

REVIEW THE FOLLOWING:**1. ELISHA'S CALL FOR A MINSTREL.**

The king of Judah's evil associations affected Elisha's communication with God, thus he required assistance.

2. DAVID PLAYING THE HARP TO CAST OUT SAUL'S DEMONS.

He cast out the demons but did not alter Saul's lifestyle.

EXAMPLES OF EXACT REPRESENTATION:**1. PETER AND ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA****Acts 5:1-5**

- 1 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession.
- 2 And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet.
- 3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?
- 4 "While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."
- 5 Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things.(NKJ)

2. PAUL AND BARNABAS ABOUT JAMES

Acts 15:13-16

- 13 And after they had become silent, **James answered**, saying, "Men and brethren, listen to me:
 14 "Simon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name.
 15 "And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written:
 16 'After this I will return and will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will set it up;(NKJ)

Acts 15:19-20

- 19 "**Therefore I judge** that we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to God,
 20 "but that we write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from things strangled, and from blood.(NKJ)

Acts 15:28-29

- 28 **For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit**, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things:
 29 that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.(NKJ)

JAMES' DECISION WAS CALLED "it seemed good to the Holy Spirit."

3. ACTS 13

Acts 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."(NKJ)

The representation was so accurate that it was no longer necessary to mention the human vessel.

4. THE PROCONSUL AND PAUL

The proconsul called it the teaching of the Lord and not the teaching of Paul.

Acts 13:8-12

- 8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.
- 9 Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him
- 10 and said, "O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord?
- 11 "And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time." And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand.
- 12 Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had been done, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.(NKJ)

5. SAMUEL AND JOSIAH – THE PASSOVER.

2 Chr 35:18

There had been no Passover kept in Israel like that since the days of Samuel the prophet; and none of the kings of Israel had kept such a Passover as Josiah kept, with the priests and the Levites, all Judah and Israel who were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.(NKJ)

Josiah celebrated the Passover – but there was no Passover celebrated in the book of Samuel. But the life of Samuel had become a Passover – the Passover became a person. Samuel was like the lamb slain – he was dedicated as a young child.

Jer 15:1 Moses and Samuel

Ps 99:6

Passover = to skip over ; shipped over the judges to become the prophet and inaugurates a new beginning – the Davidic order. Samuel, was the first born and was without blemish;

Samuel means name of God

Samuel did some things beyond his time period – he as a priest although being a prophet. He skipped over the law and functioned from a grace dimension.

Jesus walked through 4 Passovers

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| 1. | John 2 | - | Jesus Cleansed the temples |
| 2. | John 5 | - | Jesus Bethesda – blind man healed |
| 3. | John 6 | - | Jesus Feeds the multitude |
| 4. | John 19 | - | Jesus is Crucified |

In exact representation, we must also pass through 4 passovers (each mirrors the ones above):

1. Apostles Doctrine : you cannot be comfortable with illegitimate money changers
2. Fellowship : Leave the multitude and move into the temple of like minded people
3. Breaking of Bread :
4. Prayer : Veil torn in two - prayer

6. DAVID AND NATHAN

2 Sam 7:2-3

- 2 that the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells inside tent curtains."
- 3 Then Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you."(NKJ)

7. TREE ON EITHER SIDE OF THE RIVER

Rev 22:1-2

- 1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.
- 2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.(NKJ)

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 by the Spirit of the Lord.(NKJ)

James 1:23-25

- 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror;
- 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.
- 25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.(NKJ)

8. CHRISTIANS

Acts 11:26

And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.(NKJ)

9. AMBASSADOR

2 Cor 5:20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.(NKJ)

Eph 6:20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.(NKJ)

4243 presbeuo (pres-byoo'-o); = from the base of 4245; to be a senior, i.e. (by implication) act as a representative (figuratively, preacher):

KJV-- be an ambassador.

2 Corinthians 5:20 PP2

Ambassador is a person sent from one sovereign power to another; and is supposed to represent the person of the sovereign by whom he is deputed. Christ while on earth represented the person of the Sovereign of the world; his apostles and their successors represent the person of Christ. Christ declared the will of the Father to mankind; apostles, etc., declare the will of Christ to the world. We are ambassadors for Christ. (from Adam Clarke Commentary)

10. FOLLOW ME

1 Cor 4:16 Therefore I urge you, imitate me.(NKJ)

1 Cor 11:1 Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.(NKJ)

11. THE NAME OF GOD ON OUR FOREHEADS

Rev. 14:1 Name of God = nature of God

Rev 22:1-2

MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION : FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Session 19 :

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Our focus - The Practicalities of the Priesthood Role : Ministry of Reconciliation Through Forgiveness of Sins

Be careful that you do not become revelation junkies – be practical. You must be anchored in the need of manifestation.

Revelation must become reality. Your perspective determines your reality. If your perspective of your kingship and priesthood is sub-standard - so be your reality be.

When you hear great truth – you could become depressed because you do not see the possibility of that truth being enacted in your life. How you see it is how you get it. Just do it – obey the revelation when it comes.

Revelation must work.

'Priest' represents the divine on the earth. The Kingly role is manifested by leadership and governance in the earth. You must be a strong leader to administrate kingdom realities. This is not dictatorial but a strong kingly fathering role. If you are father, then be a father. Do not be so politically correct than you are afraid to circumcise your sons. Strong leadership produces mature sons. You have to be strong to eliminate varied perspectives in the minds of your sons. You have got to administrate what you are receiving with confidence and strength.

There are heavenly things that can only happen through the priesthood. The ministry of reconciliation can only be ministered to by you. Reconcile = to remove enmity or a barrier between two things – between God and man.

2 Corinthians 5:18-21

- 18 Now all these things are from God, **who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,**
- 19 namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He **has committed to us the word of reconciliation.**
- 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, **be reconciled to God.**
- 21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Word of reconciliation is en-captured in FORGIVENESS

John 20:19-23

- 19 So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

- 20 And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
- 21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."
- 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.
- 23 **"If you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained."**

Jesus is about to go back to heaven. He was the offering and the priest – he paid the price for sin. Now is placing upon the priesthood to continue the mandate of the forgiveness of sins – the work of reconciliation. This is not a reference to sin against you personally, but forgiveness of sin against God – this is the ministry of reconciliation. It is our job to remove the enmity between God and man. We and our sons will go into the nations of the earth.

James 5:14-16

- 14 Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord;
- 15 and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and **if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.**
- 16 Therefore, **confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed.** The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

We have the power to forgive sins in our priestly authority – representing Him fully in this regard. You are not a complete representation of God in the earth unless you can forgive sins.

Some of your most powerful and loyal sons will come into being, because you have the power to remove from them the enmity. You must remove the enmity that separates people from God – It is on your shoulders to set free even kings from their sin.

People will then attach themselves to you – because in their eyes – you become 'Saviour'. This will obviate the issue of a lack of loyalty and commitment to set men, etc. This ministry of reconciliation will produce a completely new breed of sons in the house. We are not going to save the world by having altar calls in our churches. Salvation must hit the planet.

There is a harvest of souls that must be brought in. This is the time for our ministries to grow – not for carnal reasons, but to see the kingdom of God grow. There are a whole group of people waiting for people to be activated into the forgiveness of sins – become the influence base for global penetration. Be ready for more sons. We need more sons. People are our promise. Your quiver needs to be full of sons.

Guidelines in administrating Forgiveness to others:

1. To Those Only to Those to Whom You Have Sent!

Luke 4:25-27

- 25 "But I say to you in truth, **there were many widows** in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for three years and six months, when a great famine came over all the land;
- 26 and **yet Elijah was SENT to none of them, but only to Zarephath**, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.
- 27 "And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."

Only dispense forgiveness to those that God sends you – God will prepare them – and send you to them. You will be sent to become the redemptive factor the life of a person. You have be sent and led and then you go. The Spirit will highlight to you those who have been prepared by God.

2. Carry this Reconciliation with Powerful sense of Divine Authority

John 4 :5-7

- 5 So He came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph;
- 6 and Jacob's well was there. So Jesus, being wearied from His journey, was sitting thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.
- 7 There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. **Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink."**

Jesus makes a demand upon her immediately – because there is confidence in his spirit to whom he is talking to. Move with confidence, reality and strength. You must demand something from them. Do not let your human mind get in the way of what God wants to do.

Some people you will minister reconciliation to will be people of influence – so you cannot approach them in weakness. Move in confidence in this thing.

3. Have no Prejudice in Your System

– see verse 9 – the issue of Jews vs. Samaritans

God will test you in this. He will send you to someone against whom you may just be potentially prejudiced.

You have to free from all forms of prejudice (racial, gender, national, social, class, etc.)

4. Move with Discernment

Jesus told the woman everything about her. Be sharp in the spirit – be sensitive – mature your gift of discernment – word of knowledge – so that you know their story even before they open their mouths. When you reveal you know who they are – you have a listening ear and a ready heart to receive forgiveness

5. Must always lead people to Christ

v.29 'Come and see a man'. This woman become a mighty tool drawing people to Christ. In ministering reconciliation to her, she now becomes strategic as an instrument in fulfilling the mission of Jesus to a whole city (Samaria). There are some people you will minister to that will be answer to your own needs.

Session 20 :**OBEDIENCE - Part 1**

Thamo Naidoo

One of the biggest barriers to 'present truth' is 'previous truth'. Prior understanding often hinders new understanding.

The spirit of truth in you will bear witness to the Truth of the proceeding word coming to you.

Re-read the scriptures – you will be surprised as to just how much we do is wrong.

The charismatic doctrine of faith is flawed. We must understand the biblical doctrine of faith. The last season was from God, but not everything that came from it is of God. The purpose of apostolic doctrine is to bring people to a lifestyle of obedience of faith. We were taught that faith prepares you for obedience. But now, there must first be obedience, then faith. In reversing the order, we are bringing faith to a lifestyle of total obedience.

Faith operates in measure – in proportions. As you are able see – or to the measure to see, so you believe. The purpose of obedience is to conquer your faith and bring it into a lifestyle of obedience.

Rom. 1:1-7

1 Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,
 2 which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures,
 3 concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh,
 4 who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead,
 according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,
 5 through whom we have received **grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith** among all the Gentiles for His name's sake,
 6 among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;
 7 to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Note v.5 : to bring about the 'obedience of faith'. We were taught that when we lacked faith – hence we were not successful. We lived making confessions that we did not believe. We started living a lie.

Romans 6:16

Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as **slaves for obedience**, you are **slaves of the one whom you obey**, either of sin resulting in death, or of **obedience resulting in righteousness?**

[Note slavery to sin produces death; but slavery to obedience produces righteousness.]

The dualistic nature within us as sons of God, yet slaves in obedience to Him. We are all sons, but we have to become a slave to enjoy the privileges of sonship. There is a tension between sonship and slavery (a prisoner of

Christ). Slaves had no right – owned nothing – no privileges – stood at the command of his master – could not disagree - did not own his own wife – he lived for the purposes of someone else who owned him.

Slaves obey unconditionally :

In the faith movement they taught us ... “Give to Receive”

In this apostolic culture, we taught “Give to Give”

Now we simply ... “GIVE” – with no expectation of a return –
because we are slaves to obey HIS WORD

1 Thess 2:13

For this reason we also constantly thank God that **when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God**, which also performs its work in you who believe.

There comes a stage when you must submit to your FATHER - when you receive from him as a Word of God – as though receiving from God Himself. Faith comes by hearing (not reading). In Matt 13 - first parable is the one of the sower preaching the Word.

Galatians 4:12-14

- 12 I beg of you, brethren, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You have done me no wrong;
- 13 but you know that it was because of a **bodily illness that I preached the gospel to you the first time.**
- 14 and that which was a **trial to you in my bodily condition you did not despise or loathe**, but you **received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus Himself.**

You must receive your spiritual father as an angel - a messenger sent you from God. It is an intimidating thought to stand on behalf of God and speak for Him as a preacher. There is warfare when truth is released. The greatest asset of the church outside of the Godhead is the preacher – not sermonizers, but preachers ‘sent’ . Those that labour in Word should be paid double. Preachers should be paid adequately enough to commit themselves completely the word and prayer – they should not have a concern for material needs.

You should receive your father as CHRIST Himself. If you receive a prophet in the name of a prophet, you will receive a prophet’s reward. Recognition – Reception – Reward.

Romans 15:15-16

- 15 But I have written very boldly to you on some points so as to remind you again, because of the grace that was given me from God,

- 16 to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the *Gentiles*, ministering as a priest the gospel of God, so that my offering of the *Gentiles* may become acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

You minister as priest representing God before you.

Jeremiah 6:10

To whom shall I speak and give warning That they may hear? Behold, **their ears are closed**
And they cannot listen. Behold, the word of the Lord has become a reproach to them;
They have no delight in it.

Closed ears = uncircumcised – train your ear to hear. Obedience has to do with hearing (faith with sight)
God will open ears and eyes again.

Isaiah 29:18

On that day **the deaf will hear words of a book,**
And out of their gloom and darkness the **eyes of the blind will see.**

Luke 4:17-22

- 17 And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written,
18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor.
He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, **And recovery of sight to the blind,**
To set free those who are oppressed,
19 To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord."
20 And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him.
21 And He began to say to them, "**Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.**"
22 And all were speaking well of Him, and wondering **at the gracious words** which were

The scripture has been fulfilled in your HEARING

Galatians 3:2-5

- 2 This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or **by hearing with faith?**
3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?
4 Did you suffer so many things in vain - if indeed it was in vain?
5 So then, does He who provides you with the Spirit and works miracles among you, do it by the works of the Law, or **by hearing with faith?**

Hearing is essential for faith. First hearing – then faith.

Romans 10:6-21

- 6 But the righteousness based on faith speaks as follows: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down),
 7 or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)."
 8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"—that is,
 the word of faith which we are preaching,
 9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;-
 10 for with **the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness**, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.
 11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed."
 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him;
 13 for "Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved."
 14 How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? **How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?**
 15 How will they preach unless they **are sent?** Just as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!"
 16 However, they **did not all heed (ie. obey) the good news;** for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?"
 17 **So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.**
 18 But I say, surely **they have never heard, have they?** Indeed they have; "Their voice has gone out into all the earth, And their words to the ends of the world."
 19 But I say, surely Israel did not know, did they? First Moses says, "I will make you jealous by that which is not a nation, By a nation without understanding will I anger you."
 20 And Isaiah is very bold and says, "I was found by those who did not seek Me, I became manifest to those who did not ask for Me."
 21 But as for Israel He says, "**All the day long I have stretched out My hands to a disobedient and obstinate people.**"

Faith comes by hearing – but this is not a reference to reading or quoting scriptures. You cannot produce faith with deaf ears. How can they hear without a preacher. Unless they are SENT.

Note verse 16 : 'they have not all OBEYED the gospel.

Note verse 21: '...a disobedient people'

[Personal thought: Although they heard a sent one and should have had faith which comes by hearing – their disobedience prevented faith]

Why did Jesus only wash the feet of the apostles – they make beautiful a place. He said to his disciples before he sent them, 'If you are rejected wash your feet from off that city'.

2 Cor 10: 1-6

- 1 Now I, Paul, myself urge you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—I who am meek when face to face with you, but bold toward you when absent!
- 2 I ask that when I am present I need not be bold with the confidence with which I propose to be courageous against some, who regard us as if we walked according to the flesh.
- 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh,
4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 5 We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the **obedience of Christ**,
6 and we are ready to punish all disobedience, whenever your **obedience is complete**.

Gen 49:10

The **scepter shall not depart from Judah**, Nor the ruler's staff from **between his feet**,
Until Shiloh comes, And **to him shall be the obedience of the peoples**.

Obedience = (Grk) Hupakoe (derived from Hupa = under; Kuo = to hear)

To hear by bringing yourself under the covering of you hear and of the one from whom you hear.

Covering is not about a physical presence of the one who covers – physical proximity is not the issue. It is more the Word that God puts into a human being who covers you – when this Word is brought to you – the principle obedience kicks in – and then you are covered – hence are being covered by the Word and the man.

A perfect God can live within the weakness of man. The message and the messenger must become one.

So OBEY! Your covering is not the person, but the Word brought by that person.

Hupakoe = to listen and to take heed of it; to bring yourself under the covering of what you hear.
Willing subjection from the sphere of revelation

You have only truly 'heard' when you have bowed your knee in obedience to that Word you have heard.

Romans 6:16-23

- 16 Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as **slaves for obedience**, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of **obedience resulting in righteousness?**
- 17 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you **became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed**,
- 18 and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.
- 19 I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, so now present your members **as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification**.
- 20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.
- 21 Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death.
- 22 But now having been **freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life**.
- 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

When you hear from God through your spiritual father – just obey.

Obey = Hupakoe = 'to follow or to give heed like a soldier, servant or a pupil'

A soldier will never challenge the instruction of the one who issues a command to him. A servant's functions out of complete obedience to his master without personal rights - or expressing personal opinions.

Obedience calls for humble acceptance of the message you receive.

Greek word for HEARING = Shama (1160 times used in OT)
 = sensing the sound of a message ;
 to hear intelligently or by examining the merits of a case ;
 clearly examining what is being said

Sometimes you do not understand – but do not shut yourself off to it. Hear with your spirit – pick up the spirit of the man saying it. Elizabeth responded to Mary – there was a jumping in the womb.

Hear = Shama = listening intelligently ; having a judicious mindset – come to a verdict – hear the full case first

Root word for Samuel is Shama:

The name 'Samuel' also comes from the Hebrew word for hearing, 'shamah'.

Samuel = heard of God (Recall when Hannah was praying to God = she never verbalized her prayer – her spirit was filled with groaning ; she names her son Samuel = God heard my prayer). Samuel was the last of the judges and represented the start of a new prophetic age – provides a platform for the spirit of Elijah to come on the earth.

Secret of Samuel is that he is replacing a back-slidden priesthood. Eli has deficient SIGHT. Restoration is now going to come by HEARING. Everyone wants sight, but no-one wants hearing. If you can hear, you will be able to see. The apostolic season is bringing back the primacy of the Word. To receive it you have to come under the covering of the Word.

Eli	=	'high and lofty'.
Hophni	=	'a boxer, a fighter, violent, pugilistic'
Phineas	=	'mouth like a serpent – venomous'

When hearing is gone – you produce the wrong sons.

Samuel responds to God voice : "Speak Lord, for your servant hears". The highest value today should be hearing of the Word.

Disobedience = a failing to hear;

How do we punish disobedience? Be careful how you hear what is being said before you represent what you hear. Do not hear amiss.

Hebrews 2:1-2

- 1 For this reason we must **pay much closer attention to what we have heard**, so that we do not drift away from it.
- 2 For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and **every** transgression and **disobedience received a just penalty**,

Disobedience = drifting away from what you have heard. Keep in step with what God is saying presently. Truth is being released at an increased rate. If you miss something (by your disobedience) – it may take along time to recover.

Spirit of Jezebel = what prince ? or who is the prince ? ; it challenges government ; Her names means 'unmarried', 'un-husbanded' - hence she is 'uncovered' ; a refusal to come under the covering of the Word of God but creates its own system. She enters into convenient relationships (not covenantal) for personal gain – that will surrender its right for personal gain. Disobedience is hearing amiss – drifting away from that which covers you and anchors you in the Word.

Imagery for Obedience: THE EAR

The ear symbolically highlights the definition of obedience. The eye had got to do with sight and faith.

What comes first ? You HEAR first, then you see.

Isaiah 50:4-10

- 4 The Lord God has given Me the tongue of disciples, That I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens Me morning by morning, He **awakens My ear to listen as a disciple.**
- 5 The Lord God has **opened My ear;** And **I was not disobedient** Nor did I turn back.
- 6 I gave My back to those who strike Me, And My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard; I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting.
- 7 For the Lord God helps Me, Therefore, I am not disgraced; Therefore, I have set My face like flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed.
- 8 He who vindicates Me is near; Who will contend with Me? Let us stand up to each other; Who has a case against Me? Let him draw near to Me.
- 9 Behold, the Lord God helps Me; Who is he who condemns Me? Behold, they will all wear out like a garment; The moth will eat them.
- 10 **Who is among you that fears the Lord, That obeys the voice of His servant,** That walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.

Note : - He awakens my EAR morning by morning to listen to the voice of God as a disciple and I was not disobedient – nor did I turn back.

v. 10 : obeys the voice of his master.

When you obey. You will even submit yourself to death and not say a Word

Proverbs 25:11,12

- 11 Like apples of gold in settings of silver Is a word spoken in right circumstances.
- 12 Like an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold Is a wise reprov~~er~~ **to a listening ear.**

Matthew 13:14-23

- 14 "In their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, 'You will keep on **hearing, but will not understand**; You will keep on seeing, but will not perceive;
- 15 For the heart of this people has become dull, With **their ears they scarcely hear**, And they have closed their eyes, Otherwise they would see with their eyes, Hear with their ears, And understand with their heart and return, And I would heal them.'
- 16 "But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, **because they hear**.
- 17 "For truly I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

The Sower Explained

- 18 "**Hear then the parable of the sower**.
- 19 "When anyone **hears the word** of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road.
- 20 "The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;
- 21 yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away.
- 22 "And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.
- 23 "And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, **this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.**"

Frequent references to : "He who has an ear to hear, let him hear" :
Eg. Matthew 11:15; 13:9; Mark 4:9,23; Lk 8:8; Rev 2;11,29, etc

Genesis 1:26-31

- 26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."
- 27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
- 28 God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."
- 29 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;

- 30 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.
- 31 God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

In Genesis 1 man did not have everything – they did not need faith – they did not need anything – they were like God

Genesis 2:1-17

- 1 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts.
- 2 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.
- 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.
- 4 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.
- 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.
- 6 But a mist used to rise from the earth and water the whole surface of the ground.
- 7 Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.
- 8 The Lord God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed.
- 9 Out of the ground the Lord God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- 10 Now a river flowed out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it divided and became four rivers.
- 11 The name of the first is Pishon; it flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.
- 12 The gold of that land is good; the bdellium and the onyx stone are there.
- 13 The name of the second river is Gihon; it flows around the whole land of Cush.
- 14 The name of the third river is Tigris; it flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.
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- 15 Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and **keep** it.
- 16 The Lord God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely;
- 17 **but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."**

Keep = very closely related to the word Shamah = to hear

God created man complete – he had every single need he wanted.

Tree of the knowledge of good and evil = a tree of rational thought - of intellectual reason – dualistic thinking – when you rationalise between pros and cons. This tree introduces the idea of calculated thought – the day you eat of this tree you will die.

Genesis 3:1-8

- 1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?"
- 2 The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;
- 3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.' "
- 4 The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die!
- 5 "For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."
- 6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.
- 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.
- 8 They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

We were created with singleness of sight. Until Genesis 2, we were only created to see the light - light and eternal life. The only thing you were trained to see is light – no darkness (spiritually that is). There was no awareness of the fall in the heavens of Lucifer and his demons – God wanted to keep this blocked off from them. They could only see light. There was no reasoning – no rational thought – no mental calculations. All they needed to do was OBEY by not eating. They had no concept of death. They were not supposed to see the world of darkness, only light. Only one requirement or prohibition was placed upon them. They only had to not eat a certain tree. They were required to OBEY. So when does faith come in? The eye only gets opened after the fall. Faith shuts your natural eye so that you can fix your eye on eternal things.

We must bring faith into obedience. Have singleness of sight. Only see light in your brother. In Gen. 2 you have obedience – you do not question the instruction – you simply obey. Faith comes in after the promise in Gen 3:15 (seed of the woman will bruise the head of the serpent ...).

Faith always tries to reclaim what you have lost. Obedience has no measure to it. Faith has measure. Obedience does not ask questions. Faith has a mind. Obedience is mindless – it comes into servitude to what it hears – it does not rationalize.

By the faith principle, your reward is determined by the measure of your faith, eg. in giving, your expectation places a limitation on your return – and God meets this. Faith tells you how to define what you want. Obedience indicates a servant mentality in doing what God wants – I simply just obey God and He meets my need. Faith says I have a right to a return -. Obedience has no rights.

(Abel = I am nothing)

With obedience, God determines the area in which He will bless you.

Cf. the Shunnamite obedience to build Elisha an upper room – She simply obeyed this prompting of the Lord in her heart. Elisha asked her, “What do you need? ”. God gave her a son. God scans your life and starts to bless you in areas of your life that you did not even ask of Him.

Become a slave to the purposes and instruction of God.

If you are coming to true sonship, a son learns obedience through suffering.

Faith itself is being redefined as our revelation grows. Clarity is coming to areas that were dark shadows in the past. God is removing stumbling blocks that hinder the manifestation of the corporate son of God. This present message is one for the sons of God. The seasons have changed. Old seasons lose heat. If you do not change with the seasons then the glory of God will depart from you. Many die for failure to transition. The previous season produce a specific brand of 'faith'

Before there was faith, there was obedience. What came first? Before there was faith, there was obedience. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Heb 11:1). If you have no need/needs, can you have faith for anything? Before the fall, there was no need. They lived in Eden (super-abundance). When did faith comes into being? At the point of the fall – God gave them a hope in Gen 3:15 (seed of the women will bruise the head of the serpent). They had one instruction – do not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. They had no concept of death up until that point.

'Good and Evil' indicates the rational thought – the world of reasoning. God was saying, "Do not eat, because you will start to engage in rational thought and questioning."

The devil adds an amplification to the commandment : "God knows that your eye will be opened if you partake'. Hence their eyes were shut to a specific realm – i.e. the realm of darkness. Their eyes was not built to see evil, only the light – they could not reason with darkness. All they had to do was to bring themselves under the covering of a word of commandment.

We must train our eyes as to how not to bring darkness into it.

We want to bring faith to total obedience to Christ.

You become a slave in your obedience. Develop the skill of a single eye – only see light – and not darkness – in terms of the Word of the Lord – do not argue – just obey. Become obedient to the point of suffering.

Cf. the instruction of Mary at the Wedding at Cana – "Whatever He says, just do it". The water only became wine when it was served and tasted.

Do not study the wind – simply operate on the platform on obedience

Obedeience = hupakoe = to give heed – listen intelligently to what is being said – to make your covering the Word of the Lord.

2 Tim. 4:1-5

- 1 I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:
- 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.
- 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires,
- 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.
- 5 But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

We want to stop this itching ear generation = speaks of the condition of a diseased soul – people are looking for something to cure them – they cannot submit themselves to a father – so they run from teacher to teacher.

v.4 – turn away their ears from the truth.

God is going to release the deafness in your ears. Start praying for the skill of a listening ear. Sit and listen

A culture of the inability to listen exists in the church.

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If you view the man sent to you in the flesh you are on the path to destruction

v. 4 – our fight is against ‘fortresses’ – speculations in the mind (the tree of knowledge of good and evil)

speculation = logimos (logic) = to occupy the mind with reckonings – calculated reasoning – argumentative conversation

(Hagar mocked Sarah – Ishmael mocked Isaac - spirit of the mocker rises to challenge the spirit of true sonship).

Note - we are taking captive paradigms – reasonings - captive to the obedience of Christ.

Bring every thought into willing subjection to the divine sphere of revelation.

Renewed focus of the role of the preacher.

Faith comes by hearing – but it has to be released by one who has grace. – do not just put anyone behind your pulpit.

What you build for months can be cancelled in a moment by someone making the wrong statement.

The serpent wraps itself around your brain – plays with your mind – puts speculations around your mind – shuts your ear to the voice of God – you miss God

2 Cor 11:3,4

3 But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, **your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.**

4 For if one comes and preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you

Matthew 13:1-23

1 That day Jesus went out of the house and was sitting by the sea.

2 And large crowds gathered to Him, so He got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd was standing on the beach.

3 And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying, "Behold, the sower went out to sow;

4 and as he sowed, some seeds fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate them up.

5 "Others fell on the rocky places, where they did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil.

6 "But when the sun had risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

7 "Others fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them out.

8 "And others fell on the good soil and yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.

9 "He who has ears, let him hear."

An Explanation

10 And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"

11 Jesus answered them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted.

12 "For whoever has, to him more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him.

13 "Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

14 "In their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, '**You will keep on hearing, but will not understand; You will keep on seeing, but will not perceive;**

15 For the heart of this people has become dull, With their ears they scarcely hear, And they have closed their eyes, Otherwise they would see with their eyes, Hear with their ears, And understand with their heart and return, And I would heal them.'

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v.14 : You can hear and not understand

v.17 : People do not want to hear.

v.18 : HEAR the parable – and then you can SEE. Adam was born first, then Eve. If you want to produce sight – you have to teach people how to HEAR.

By the measure you hear – by the same measure you will produce. Europe is plagued by speculative thinking. Our biggest weapon is the spoken word to the ear.

Apostles Doctrine is the candlestick = the light. The highest value you place in church is on the one who brings the Word.

Every church that has accepted a father over them should take care of them financially and materially. He is worthy of double honour – double market related salary. Leaders better get more serious about the Word.

Sower = preacher ; seed = word ; ground = ears; you are blessed according to how you hear. Faith comes not by reading but by hearing through the grace of a sent one to you.

Hebrews 6:1 – faith is foundational – but you must go higher than this.

Obey without question – simply obey. Faith will tell you 'calculate it'. Obedience says 'do not count the cost'. You operate from the vantage point of a slave. Jesus was both the son and the servant of God. A slave does not ask questions – he simply brings himself under the word of his master.

ADVANTAGES OF OBEDIENCE**Romans 5:1-21**

- 1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
- 2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.
- 3 And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;
- 4 and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope;
- 5 and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.
- 6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
- 7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die.
- 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.
- 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.
- 11 And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.
- 12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned—
- 13 for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law.
- 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.
- 15 But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many.
- 16 The gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment arose from one transgression resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift arose from many transgressions resulting in justification.
- 17 For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.
- 18 So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men.
- 19 For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.
- 20 The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,
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21 so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

What you have you did not deserve it – it is because of the grace of God. When you become a slave to the realization of the fact that you were heading for Christ-less eternity, then nothing has value – it is by grace – and you become indebted to the one who has saved you.

One man made a mistake – the whole race is plunged into sin. One man fixes the mistake – the whole race is brought back to the original position. If you as a father lives righteously, the house enjoys benefits – and the converse is also true. Through the obedience of one – all are made righteous.

We are called to obey the VOICE of God (1 Peter 1:2)

How do you obey God ? By listening to the one who brings the word to you.

Eg Eph 6:1 Obey your parents in the Lord. There is order in every tier of life. There is leadership to every level of creation. Everything is upheld by the Word. If you bring yourself under the principle of honoring your parents – you are covered by this Word or principle.

Is there a governmental structure for marriage ? Yes. 'Husbands love wife ; wives submit to your husband;' the man submits to Christ who submits to the Father. This word or principle is that which covers not the individuals – but the word embedded in the principle of submission.

Eg. a woman functioning as a spiritual father over her husband, but at home, she submits to him as a wife . In this there is immunity and protection. No man covers any other man. The grace in a man covers you.

Hebrews 13 – Obey your leaders. The word of grace in them covers you as you obey.

If a father had fathered a son – should the son seek another father?

Should there not be an emphasis on documenting the teachings released for others who are coming into this season and for those who are Sessions 23 and 24 – for educational and trans-generational preferences?

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSIONS



Websites containing information of the apostolic season:

Thamo : There are websites where many teachings are available free of charge –

Thamo	Naidoo	:	www.thamonaidoo.com
Sagie	Govender	:	www.apostolicleader.co.za
Shaun	Blignaut	:	www.fathersheartministries.co.za
Ben	Kleynhans	:	www.ttn.co.za
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Alexandra : This is a time for scribes – to document materials released – a scribal anointing is needed.



Alexandra : It is a dual process : Mal 4:6 Turn hearts of the fathers to children and then hearts of the children to fathers. Joseph said to his brothers : 'I am Joseph your brother but God has made me father to Pharaoh and his house.' Do not look for a friend to be your father. God alone determines who your father is. God must turn the heart of your father towards you.

Howie : There is a demand for fathering because of this season. You must activate this principle in your life – this season demands this of you even though you may feel you do not need a father. As a pastor you must demonstrate sonship to your spiritual father so that your sons can demonstrate sonship towards you.

Sagie : Fathering is not about a sentimental attachment – he is a grace resource – he offers strength, protection, etc. A city church or household is not yet developed. Before your father dies, he should have prepared other sons to take his place – second man. - so that there is not vacuum

Ben : You father is not necessarily the person that led you to the Lord. God is establishing the city church. You must know the fathers in a city that God has graced in that sphere or metron.

Question

Jesus fathered 12 sons in the persons of the 12 apostles. How many sons can we father?

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Thamo : We need to redefine 'father' – not someone who brought you into the faith . Father is progenitor, creator, nourisher giving momentum to things in your life. When seasons change, Fathers can change – dependent whether your father is prepared to transition into the next season. Do not allow a feeling of disloyalty to attaché itself. Where the Spirit is in a specific season – that is where we should locate our father. Some of John's son's transitioned to Jesus. Jonathan could not transition to David because of loyalty to an inaccurate father.

Fathering has got to do with the grace resident in a church – you look for grace in man. Your father must be connected to specific season.

Shaun : Within the context of household there are many sons, but for the purposes of succession, there is one particular son that has come to the place of exact representation – who will step into the fathering role



Ben : There are 6 billion people on our planet. 768 million are born every If you can father 10 sons, and they father 10, etc.... then within 30 years we will reach and father the entire world.

At 12 Jesus had an awareness of his sonship – but for the next 18 years he was groomed in character by his parents. Fathers must train a son's character.

Sagie : It is not the individual that father's – it is the 'race' that fathers – the grace is unlimited. Note the objective of raising sons – that the sons will contend with the enemy at the gates. The issue is how long does it take to prepare sons for this objective. Epaphras had only one encounter with Paul – this was all he needed – he invaded Colosse with Paul's grace.

In Thessalonians Paul said he did not have to go to certain geographical locations because the sound of the apostolic in Thessalonica was so strong – it affected other regions.

Do not measure yourself by number of sons. Paul had one like-minded son (ie. Timothy) amongst others. The issue is not how many sons you have in your belt, but how many sons you have in your quiver that are ready to shot out to rule in tem dist of their enemies in the gates – you must constantly empty them out and the quiver must be refilled. The sent son must still remain connected to grace of the Father who sent him.

Thamo: Your father need not be in close proximity. The Hewbrew word AB = Father and the Greek =Pater indicate father as a remote progenitor. While Jesus had twelve – it has to do with the twelve configurations of grace in which he will leave Himself. Abraham was only the father of one man, yet God called him the father of nations. The most important thing is, how you can release your grace as a father. Do not rush to collect sons – allow a time of courtship.

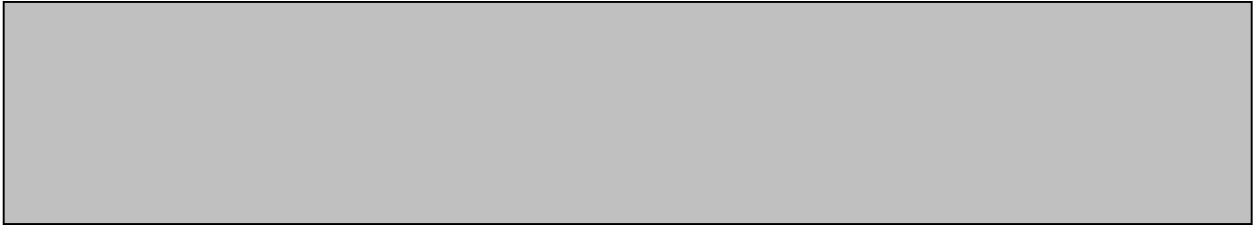
In a local church or household, there may be many fathers in the household, but there is one head father. The Head father fathers the apostolic team of elders, who are his sons, yet a father to other sons in the same household.

Question (Busisiwe)

There is a book out – Heaven is so Real – where person describes how she was taken to her mansion in Heaven. We are saying there are no ‘mansions’ – physical dwelling places in Heaven.

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What about the issue of mansions in Heaven? How do we explain the experience of what was held back until the fathering dynamic was redefined? Some are against first fruit, because they do not want to give it – for in giving it – they have to identify their father. Amongst the 12 Jesus left, they submitted to each other – they were not excluded from being under covering. Even Jesus submitted to John. It also has nothing to do with age – it is really grace.



Frans : Another book – The Koran – also about visitation. It is very dangerous to base truth on people’s private visitations that may not be biblical. Jess Duplanitis is also in error if he says he saw things in heaven that John did not see – there must be strong biblical evidence of anything you see in visions, dreams , etc.

Thamo We are not saying there is no mansions in heaven. We are redefining what a mansion is? Mansion= dwelling place or family unit. If heaven is an immaterial place, how can you situate a physical mansion in it.

Visions (like Ezekiel’s and John’s) brought images to the mind – but not the concrete – they are symbolic of the a greater reality – not necessarily a physical reality. The cloud received Jesus – this is symbolic. We believe in heaven, but we are challenging the capitalistic definitions of heaven.

Sagie drug Be very careful about the books on heaven – they are based on personal experience. (Even a addict takes drugs and goes to heaven; ha! ha !). Paul said ‘I know a man who went to the third heaven – I head things which are unlawful to hear’ – the point is - the things he heard were UNLAWFUL to hear. Scripture has very little to say about heaven.

Claimed conversations with biblical personalities is necromancy – conversing with the dead,. Which is forbidden by Scripture.

Shaun : Scriptures take precedence over personal experience. God communicates what is spiritual in metaphoric terms to us. God will use natural things. God is spirit but Scripture says ‘the hand of the Lord – but does God have a hand? If your experience transgress Scripture, then your experience will be subservient to Scripture.

Thamo Scripture must interpret Scripture. No matter how great you revelation is on the mountain top – you must consult with the more sure word of prophecy.



Frans : Set man has nothing with gender – it has to do with grace. Even be very careful to regard those who speak as male – see only the grace they carry despite the gender.

Thamo : I have women on my apostolic team. But I do not play the political game of simply accommodating a female as a speaker if they do not carry the grace for the mandate. The moment we discover this female person – then she will speak. But I do feel we need to see females functioning in this dimension.

Christine : It is not a women's perspective that you need, but the grace of a sent one. Even in a women's meetings, I make use of male speakers, if I perceive they carry the grace to do the job.



Sagie : In Christ there is neither male nor female. In 3 John - a female led a household. Some ask 'Why did Jesus not appoint women?' Jesus was silent about many issues eg. slavery. He left certain things for His church to do and work out. We have to dismantle gender prejudice.

Frans : The NT starts in Matthew 27 – with the death of Jesus and not the birth of Jesus. Jesus was essentially functioning in an OT setting – and the OT was largely patriarchal – male dominated. 'After His resurrection, the first one that was sent was Mary - 'God to my brothers'. Peter had the problem of the old wine skin – racially prejudiced against Gentiles. Do not be 'nation prejudiced'. Any form of prejudice is unscriptural.

In Corinthians – temple of Diana – temple prostitution was strong. The scriptures concerning women must be seen in the light of these women coming into the church with intentions to take over, etc. ... So Paul's seeming prohibitions are contextual to the culture he was writing to.

Christine : My authority to minister is based on my covering – the grace of my husband and my spiritual father covers me. If you married your husband is your covering. If not you must have a spiritual covering.

Howie Fathers of local houses must role model some of this. Females must be graced to minister. What must be seen is not the gender but the grace. When they actually encounter the thing – the manifestation of grace will dismantle the inaccurate perceptions regarding women.

Alexandra In Scripture, look at how they dealt with uncertain topics like Gentiles being saved – and Peter's perception and challenge by other apostles concerning this. God sovereignly intervened in Cornelius house – and this could not be discounted nor challenged by those at Jerusalem. Women leadership – these are grace gifts – and they are authenticated and validated – then no one can challenge this

I was exposed to so called fathers in the past – some were bad examples. I looked to my wife as a spiritual father for a season, but not a father – each one's experience is different. Where does the title of the wife of set man go to – to his local house or apostolic father ?

Some view the wife as a son of the set man also and thus the tithe be paid to the local house – yet others view the wife as one flesh with the husband, and so the joint tithe should go to the apostolic father. Which view is correct ?

Thamo : Where there is an absence of fathers – God will allow for the principle of expediency - to fill the gap of father for a season until you meet your father.

Thamo : Whatever body expression you make, it is an indication of spirit and heart posture

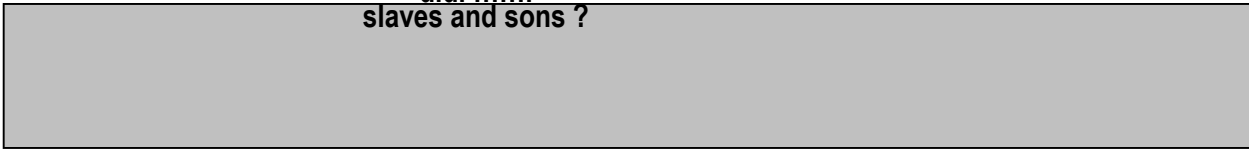
Sagie : Husband and wife are one flesh – thus their cumulative joint tithe should go their apostolic oversight – Even in the local house – the wife of the set man, should be given the same honour as the set man – the local sons should bring the wife to the place where they should honour the wife as they do the set man.

Thamo : Two things : Firstly, in one household, there are no two salaries in the home – they are one. Thus they should tithe as a single unit to the apostolic father – it expresses their union as a couple. Secondly, the spouse of the set man should be carried financially by the ministry. Local leadership should set this as faith goal. Take care of your storehouse – male and female – husband and wife - and you will see the blessing of God.

Thamo : First fruit is brought not to Levite, but the Priest (cohen) – one who has emerged as the leader over the house – In some cases it may not even be a priest from the tribe.

Sagie : Some argue – 'If the household grows and becomes huge, the principal overseer will become very rich.' But there must be a constant release of sons to plant other households and become fathers over these households. They will then receive first fruit. But you cannot receive first fruit while you are in the household of a specific father.

Administration of the father back imparted on the sons in the context for destiny. Fathers imparted destiny because there has been a mask and that the mask reveals but now we are sons, yet we are slaves to obedience. How do handle this tension between slaves and sons ?



Thamo : Study the DVD's and CD's; make sure you are absolutely familiar with the revelation released. Develop a strategy for bringing this message to others . Do not be in a hurry to implement change. Start with those in leadership. Attend apostolic forums in your city to keep abreast with things – dialogue – ask questions

Howie : There is always certain truths that will apply to you more than others – focus on these things –



Thamo : There are various administrations in the home and in the church. Spiritual administration is through grace. Grace does not have a face. Grace overrides gender – in this in Christ there is neither male nor female. Grace must be discerned.

There are some, like Sam, that hold to different views on this, and we respect each for our differences on this.



Thamo : There is a positional and a functional difference . Positionally we are the sons of God – but we adopt a functional position of slavery to everything He commands us to do.

Technically we are members of his family, yet in a local house, there are people who will not accept sonship. God will separate true sons and false sons. Some may function a slaves to everyone we say, yet not manifest true sonship in their hearts.

Sagie The younger son was a son of the house and comes back asks to be made a slave. There is one who is a slave of the father, and the other is a slave to the institution (older son) Sons of Saul that David inherited were slaves to the institution. Slaves to the institution submits out of law.



Thamo : We all the priests of God – we all in full time ministry – even if you are in full employment in the world.. We have separated between secular and a spiritual dimensions inaccurately. Many of our sons will father and impact people in the workplace.

**POEM CAPTURING THE EMPHASIS AND ESSENCE OF
THE APRIL 2008 APOSTOLIC SCHOOL OF MINISTRY**

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We've been attending school number fifteen
The results of which will soon be seen
Once again a special time
Captured here in verse and rhyme

Yet the number twenty-three
Was special for the Naidoo family
So with great joy we came to see
It's their time in marriage and ministry

Farmer Brown rejoiced when he saw no rooster
But Aubrey now has a dog with a booster
Roaming the planes of Albert Falls
Keeping the watch with nightly calls

The poet started off the school
By giving us a survival tool
The most important thing to be heeding
Is the word which is from God proceeding

We heard about the need for migration
We'll die if we stay in one location
A new word will always cause separation
To bring forth God's one new holy nation

Thamo warned us of blankets of sleep
That would slowly try upon us to creep
We had to learn to be at rest
In order to give the Lord our best

He also said it's gonna get rough
This school is not going to call the bluff
If you hear the tone is getting violent
Know that we can no longer keep silent

While some heard confessions from their wives
Other apostles took out their knives
It made some sons take serious dives
Others went running for their lives

So Sagie suggested a surgical removal
Ben brought a knife to show his approval
Shaun said this brings us to a decision
You can leave or come for circumcision

We couldn't believe what we were hearing
 It sounded as though someone was swearing
 But Moses said it, he called it a bastard
 A word that Thamo has not yet mastered

Thamo spoke about the household
 And the role and task of the five-fold
 Just as a husband cannot be his own spouse
 The builder cannot be the house

God in His wisdom has chosen rather
 That the household be headed by a father
 The care of a daddy that forms the sons
 To grow and emerge as God's chosen ones

To know the substance we study the shadow
 To clean the church from the orphan and widow
 We bring back the spirit of fathering
 Giving God's people proper covering

We will break down a major stronghold
 When we see the church as God's household
 This wineskin will erase all darkness and shadows
 Giving fathers to orphans and husbands to widows

This is what the Bible claims
 By the mouth of brother James
 Pure religion will bring restoration
 To the house and also to the nation

We also saw what Judas lost
 He surely never counted the cost
 In stead of becoming a household's father
 His place was taken by another

While a child is born, a son is given
 That's why it can't be purpose driven
 This thing cannot be legislated
 It has to be divinely orchestrated

The pattern Son took thirty years
 To make the change and shift the gears
 Adam had to be seasoned and stable
 Before he begot a replacement for Abel

For so long we've believed a myth

The story that Adam and Eve needed faith
 They only needed to obey
 And from the one tree stay away
 The tree of the knowledge of good and evil
 Is that dimension exploited by the devil
 If he can get us into reason
 He'll weaken your power in this season

The trap lies in saying: I should or I shouldn't
 To be double-minded: I could or I couldn't
 The order is clear – it's firstly the hearing
 And then out of that will come forth the seeing

Faith comes by hearing and never by reading
 So you'll have to follow the Spirit's leading
 And listen to God through the voice of the preacher
 Through him the Spirit will be your teacher

To bring faith to total obedience
 Has to be done with great expedience
 It will only happen through apostles' doctrine
 The candlestick that shines from within

Sagie exposed the big mother harlot
 Wearing her garments of purple and scarlet
 Even the apostle was mesmerized
 By the false church, the institutionalized

You will surely become disable
 If you sit at the system's table
 Can't you grasp it, can't you see
 She can't make you more than an employee

If you're sitting and crying by Babylon's river
 The system will strike you in the liver
 You'll bring to birth but you cannot deliver
 You'll never have any sons in your quiver

Inaccurate location will steal your joy
 You'll only be able to lead a boy
 Jezebel wants you to camp in her quarters
 Even though she sits on many waters

Though she operates in false manifestations
 Apostles will expose her subtle flirtations
 This spirit will captivate the bride
 And, like Elijah, make you run and hide

This system won't make you like the Bereans
 But give you the literature of the Chaldeans
 You won't be sharing in the breaking of bread
 But eat what's been offered to idols instead

It will even come and control your diet
 And change your speech to make you quiet
 Then stamp on you it's mark of shame
 When it manages to change your name

But know the day will come again
 When eunuchs will be restored to men
 They'll take this woman and throw her down
 And the order of God will come back to town

When they hear the call of Jehu the king
 They'll know exactly what song to sing
 So when the treasures are brought to the hall
 The writing will soon be on the wall

Some manufacture a prophecy
 Some wear a garment that others can't see
 And when the people come out for prayer
 A ten volt charge is delivered right there

If you should faint or have an infection
 There is a doctor with a potent injection
 A light is used to test for life
 If there's no response, you need Ben's knife

We saw that exact representation
 Is really a case of imitation
 This is the truth which we have to birth
 Just as He is we must be in the earth

This system operates in buy and sell
 She's called 'that woman Jezebel'
 Frans exposed her tricks and lies
 And how Jehu started her demise

This woman respected no obstacles
 In order to spread her tentacles
 Judah and Israel were under her spell
 Till Jehu came driving in like hell

He spoke about the day of the Lord
 When God will seek the fruit of His Word
 Of one thing we must be very sure
 The wheat and tares together mature

Two arrows were used, two kings taken out
 This is what Jehu did bring about
 The Lord's day will also come like this
 The judgment of Jezebel we cannot miss

Shaun came and taught us how to pray
 And what it means when "Our Father" we say
 At first it's a stance we take in the Spirit
 Of a son that knows what he will inherit

God's house should be a house of prayer
 His nature must be manifested there
 If this is what the church believes
 Why have they made it a den of thieves

If you want an open door
 You don't have to fast or lay on the floor
 Just see that you get positioned right
 And your faith will surely turn to sight

In order for God His heart to impart
 He writes His laws on the mind and the heart
 He chooses to use fleshly mediation
 And does it through human instrumentation

He showed us the ministry of a king
 That it's not just about the songs we sing
 The kingly function is not automatic
 You cannot rule by being static

If heaven's mood is becoming violent
 How can the church be timid and silent
 He's going to handle the spirit of Pharaoh
 So your system will soon become too narrow

Ben said this can be believed
 For inheritance to be received
 The flesh will have to be cut away
 If the son should go astray

For the son to receive a double portion
 The father must keep him from distortion
 The church will never fulfill its mission
 If sons cannot live in total submission

If a son cannot honour his father on earth
 How can he bring God's purpose to birth
 It does not matter how loud we shout
 The false will surely be taken out

Howie came and added more
 When he spoke about God's weapon of war
 The arrow can only be relevant
 It it's dipped in the blood of covenant

The enemy will shake and shiver
 When the sons are ordered within the quiver
 These are the arrows of the warrior
 Which makes heaven's army superior

Judah is God's bow that is bent
 To shoot the arrow that is sent
 Ephraim's anointing they will carry
 This will happen and no longer tarry

And when there's damage to be done
 The warrior won't be the one
 The target will be determined by him
 But the arrows, the sons, will break the scheme

Won't it be a wonderful feast
 If we really take up our role as priest
 Forgiving the sins as God had meant
 Of the people to whom we have been sent

We also were honoured with a special visit
 By a company high and very exquisite
 The premier came to bring us a message
 The Baptist was the man of the passage

Just like John spoke against the evil
 We have to wipe out the plans of the devil
 And while, in the end, it cost him his head
 He still speaks, like Abel, even though he is dead

To Thamo we want to give our thanks
 In Christ we recognize our leaders ranks
 We're honoured to sit and draw from your grace
 And know we see Jesus in your face

Thamo, Mirolyn, you're really great
 As Howie would say: thank you mate
 To everyone of River of Life
 Even though this does not rhyme: THANKS

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