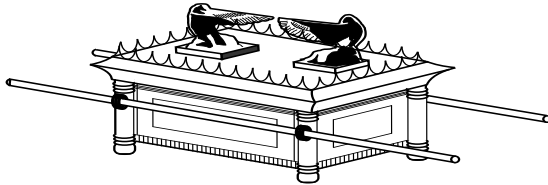


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# *16<sup>th</sup> Apostolic School of Ministry*

## *Welcome*

*(Extracted from the March 2009 Apostolic School File Pack received by each student)*

We welcome you with the warmth of God's love to this Apostolic School of Ministry hosted by River of Life Christian Ministries and embrace the joy of receiving you as our guest with the utmost delight.

It is with great expectation that we venture into yet another ASOM that would undoubtedly carry a distinctive atmosphere and sound, unique to the present proceeding Word over the church. It is discerned that, 'The Restoration of the Glory' would be the central focus of this Apostolic School of Ministry. This ensues from and is directly related to the present proceeding Word over our house and the church. We believe that if 'the knowledge of the Glory of the Lord' is going to 'cover the earth' then the principles that activate and sustain the Glory must be established in the fibre of the church. We thus anticipate a 'glorious' time of receiving powerful impartations of grace from God's anointed 'sent ones'.

God is, in this season, is speaking through His chosen servants with ever-increasing clarity and definition and those who have positioned themselves to hear His Word are being released into new seasons of unprecedented progression and advancement. It is therefore, significantly important for you, at the outset, to determine that this ASOM has been pre-destined by God and is latent with prophetic and apostolic purpose. You are therefore strongly encouraged to position yourself at that place that would allow you to hear God with absolute clarity.

We take Kingdom relationships seriously and therefore eagerly look forward to sharing in fellowship with you during your stay at our Apostolic School of Ministry. Please remember that it is our desire to serve you 'more excellently'. We therefore request that you feel free to contact any one of our staff should you require any assistance.

Yours in the Father's Household,

*Thamo and Mirolyn Naidoo*

*23:03:2009*

## *Breaking of Bread*

Dr Sagie gave a brief exposition of the restoration of the principle of Breaking of Bread in the present Apostolic season, followed by a blessed time of observance of the 'Table of the Lord'.



# Accessing Grace Through the Table of the Lord

Part 1

## Isaiah 60:1-3

- 1 "Arise, **shine**; for your light has come, And the **glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**
- 2 "For behold, **darkness will cover the earth** And **deep darkness** the peoples; **But the Lord will rise upon you** And **His glory will appear upon you.**
- 3 **Nations will come to your light**, And kings to the **brightness of your rising.**

'Darkness' is a metaphor or symbol of power failure. In the midst of this failure, light will shine.

**First Industrial Revolution : Steam Power** : Started in Britain in 1760, then it spread to the rest of Europe and the world. It brought a shift from manual labour to machine labour. Steam power increased capacity for production; the textile industry escalated. Canals were built, railways were upgraded.

**Second Industrial Revolution : Electrical Power** : From 1870 in USA and Germany. Electricity was invented in 1879 - the first light bulb. Also, there was the invention of the internal combustion engine, fueled by oil. Mass production took place; exports grew; communication systems improved; telegraphs and radio waves discovered. Radio-active power introduced the atom bomb. This era also saw the invention of cars and aeroplanes.

**Third Industrial Revolution:** From 1950 onwards: **Computer Power** - computers replaced the typewriter. Led to the Information Revolution through the internet. 'Online' - is now the buzz word. The reason for being online is to access resource. Now there is nano-technology and virtual reality programmes.

**Fourth Industrial Revolution** : Last year we found the clever inventions of man has failed. Now we are the brink of the **Fourth Industrial Revolution**. There is another 'online' technology : **THE NECESSITY TO BE CONNECTED TO HIM** - people need to be spiritually online. This resource will give people authority and dominion on the earth. Nothing will help the present economic crisis - no amount of money will help the bottomless pit of greed. The season and platform is set to call Joseph from prison. **You have to be spiritually online**. World problems can no longer be solved by clever people. **The new resource is GRACE**. Wolfgang Simpson calls this '**Inspirational Technology**' - Grace is the enabling power of God. This grace dimension will bring people into position where they

are going to access from God solutions to present problems. When you are connected to grace - God will give you the dream plan to bring solutions to problems.

Praying and singing will not bring solutions. The latter part of the charismatic season has been hijacked by demons - if you have been bowled out - take your bat and leave the grounds. Right now, in the USA, churches are closing down - they cannot meet their debt. Many charismatic churches are now retrenching staff. You have to diagnose the present state of the church accurately.

**Things will get worse for the institutional church.** Evangelical churches will close down because of a lack of doctrine - where belief is based on experience and not on the Word of God.

While there is darkness, **there are people that know how to access the GRACE dimension.** This is more than salvation grace through faith and not by works. But there is also **DOMINION GRACE.**

Peter : 'Let GRACE be MULTIPLIED'

**2 Peter 1:2** Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;

There is a dimension of the 'multiplication of GRACE'. This must be accessed by people which are spiritually online.

**One of the ways to access Grace is through the Table of the Lord**

**1 Cor. 11:23-34**

- 23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;
- 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."
- 25 In the same way He too the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."
- 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- 27 Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.
- 28 But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup.
- 29 For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly.
- 30 For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep.
- 31 But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged.
- 32 But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord so that we will not be condemned along with the world.
- 33 So then, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.
- 34 If anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, so that you will not come together for judgment. The remaining matters I will arrange when I come.

This ritual proclaims the 'Lord's death'. Proclaim = publish  
Health or sickness is linked to this proclamation. If you partake wrongly, you will be sick, weak or die prematurely. Health is a grace. We live in a toxic world. Contamination of food is rife. There are now abnormal components in our food. We live in an evil world. This world is conducive to disease.

Jesus said if you eat anything deadly, it will not harm you. To experience this, you must come into the demand of the Lord which is **Acts 2:42 - Apostles Doctrines, Fellowship, Breaking of Bread, and Prayers**. By the time you get to Acts 4, it says '**GREAT grace came upon them**'. Grace will be delivered and sustained through a culture, not through an event. Jesus said, "DO THIS in remembrance of me". Then we must DO IT. Heed the instruction of the Lord.

At times we have difficulty in recognizing Christians. IN the Lord's Table, we proclaim who we are. Imagine if you have 50 000 people celebrating this everyday in one church. It may present an institutional nightmare. Thus, families have to celebrate this table at home also. The early church practiced it in homes. This is a lifestyle - not an event. Do it everyday as many times as you want.

Why do people do not want to do this? Why do some do it only once a month?

#### 1 Cor 11:26-30

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- 29 For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly.
- 30 For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep.

'Unworthy manner' - these two words has significantly affected the operation of the church. These words do not appear in the origin manuscripts. The correct phrase is 'Unworthily'.

We are already 'worthy'.

Col. 1:12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.

#### Romans 5:1,2

- 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.

Romans 5:9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.



Justified = 'Just - as if - I had not sinned'

All of this is in the passed tense. Justified, glorified, sanctified - these are all positional truths. The reality is that we are still messing up. Your carnal nature is not eradicated. Your growth into practical righteousness is to know how to deal with this nature. We are shifting from glory to glory. When you got saved, you, like Lazarus walked out of your tomb with grave clothes on - but these have to be progressively removed (removed from your eyes, hands, feet, etc. - all have spiritual implications) - this is practical righteousness.

We practiced up to now - that if someone had an evil thought or a fight with your wife - we felt disqualified from participating of the Table of the Lord. The practical reality is perfection is being worked our day by day. We are all plagued by evil thoughts everyday. We all commit regular sins in our minds.

Paul takes the worse Church, the Corinthians, and called them 'saints' - they were positionally righteous.

**1 Cor. 1:2** To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their *Lord* and ours:

Paul even said of himself 'Wretched man that I am' (Romans 7)

**Romans 7:18-19**

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

The Table of Lord has been made the 'Table of Condemnation'. Jehovah's Witness quickly pass the cup to the next person and no-one partakes of it - they live in the condition of unworthiness. Every time you partake of the Table of the Lord **you PUBLISH HIS DEATH** and do it in **REMEMBRANCE OF**

**HIM.** But we have introduced principles of exclusion, eg. some wrongly exclude children. In the Old Testament the Passover Lamb was for the whole family.

**1 Cor 7:14** For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through her believing husband; for otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are holy.

Your children are covered by your sanctification.

Some exclude alcoholics, smokers, those without a specific suit and tie and those who lust. We have made it a 'Table of Sectarianism'. Yet, evil thoughts, alone will disqualify everyone.

If a man can go boldly to the Throne of Grace in the Heavens - then why can't He come to the Table of The Lord here on earth. Our basis for partaking of the Table should be positional righteousness, not practical righteousness.

**Interpretation principle** : Any verse of Scripture is related to the preceding verse of Scripture ; so we can fully understand verse 27 only after examining verse 26.

**1 Cor 11:26-27**

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- 27 Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

The 'unworthy manner' is related specifically to the **PROCLAMATION OF HIS DEATH**.

'Unworthily' does not refer to moral failure - but to the manner of proclamation. What have you been proclaiming when you take hold of the emblems? Paul was referring to the manner of proclamation of the Corinthians. They were remembering the Pascal Lamb - their deliverance from Egypt. They were thinking about the type and not the anti-type. They got drunk on celebrating their deliverance from Egypt. They took part with an historical mentality (thinking of His death - and became sorrowful). They had a historical proclamation, and not a personal proclamation.

Unworthily = 'anaxios'

Worthy = Axio = congruous, befitting, corresponding to a things

= the symbol and what the symbol is meant to depict is the same.

**There is a difference between moral failure and inaccuracy.** They partook of the table in an inaccurate way. If you are going in a right direction and fall, you get up and continue - you will still be proceeding in the right direction. If you going in the wrong direction, and even though you do

not fall, you are still in the wrong direction. Paul is hitting at the inaccurate manner of partaking . Their representation was inaccurate - therefore they could access the grace - hence they are weak, sick and die prematurely.

**'IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME'**: The world by nature makes us to forget issues pertaining to Christ.

**Hebrews 10:1-3**

- 1 For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things, can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near.
- 2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had consciousness of sins?
- 3 But in **those sacrifices** there is **a reminder of sins** year by year

In the Old Testament sacrifices, there is a reminder of sins, but in the Lord's Table, we remember HIM. We have violated the Lord's Table - we have made it a place of exposure of people's sin.

**Psalm 103: 2** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and **forget none of His benefits;**

**Deut 8:10-18**

- 10 When you have eaten and are satisfied, you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land which He has given you.
- 11 Beware that you **do not forget the Lord your God by not keeping His commandments** and His ordinances and His statutes which I am commanding you today;
- 12 otherwise, when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived in them,
- 13 and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies,
- 14 then your heart **will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God** who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
- 15 "He led you through the great and terrible wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water; He brought water for you out of the rock of flint.
- 16 In the wilderness He fed you manna which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do good for you in the end.
- 17 "Otherwise, you may say in your heart, 'My power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth.'
- 18 **But you shall remember the Lord your God**, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

Professionals nurtured in church at times forget God and His Kingdom. These are thieves. Human beings are prone to forget God, and God knows this. Scripture: '*Yet my people have forgotten me days without number*'. People are so busy. Babylon demands production and swallows all of your time. This is all engineered to make you forget. This generation has got God-amnesia. We have to reconfigure our minds. The Table of the Lord will instill something in our children not to forget God.

The Table of the Lord is both an 'ordinance' and a 'sacrament'. You will not be weak, sickly or die prematurely. You need GRACE. The paradigm shift is this, if you are plagued by sin, welcome to the Table and remember and proclaim His Death - you can appropriate healing grace.

Judgment = 'Krima' = temporary punishment. Have the right attitude when partaking - it will administer the grace you need to overcome all your bad habits and sinfulness. Do not do it as a ritual.

Thamo: This is not license to sin. But license to be free from sin  
Christ is centre of the Table and not sin.

## *Restoring the Glory of God*

### Part 1

This season will see a manifestation of His Glory in a way that we have never seen before. The imminence of this glory is now impressed upon my spirit. All my sessions will focus on the principles that must be endorsed and embraced and then carried on our shoulders in order to bring His glory back to the church. Abinandab and Obededom enjoyed tremendous benefits because of this. Dr Stephen will address the restoration of Fathers and Sons and the restoration of Glory of God back to the Church.

We are living in one of greatest days of the church. **The finale of the church is one of great glory, powerful glory, witty inventions, creativity, etc.** We are not pessimists in the current climate.

God has building 'line upon line'. Now God is collating the information and consummating all things. God is giving strategy to the church, so that our steps would be accurately ordered by the Lord as we obey the WORD of the Lord. Wealth transfer will be a reality in this season.

**There is a strategy of how we can bring back the Glory of God.** Glory is not some mystic experience. Some see it as revival, manifestations, etc. We have mystified it.

**In Hebrew, Glory = 'KABOD'; In Greek, Glory = 'DOXA'.**

**Glory = formulation of an opinion about the reputation of someone.** We all are carrying a measure of glory. People have an opinion of us. Your weight, heaviness helps to define you. Your reputation goes before you and creates an environment that determines how you are received.

See book of Philipians - Jesus became of no reputation.

**John 17:24** "Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that **they may see My glory which You have given Me**, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

He prays this prayer before the Cross. He wants to give His glory to us so that when people study us, they will know Him. God made man in His image. How can an invisible God be seen by creatures who cannot behold him. Adam was to beam to all of creation, the REUPTATION of who God is - His image.

God said to Abraham - "Count the dust (Son of Man) and the stars (Sons of God which they will become)." Stars (Sons) of God will announce all the mysteries of God (heavens declare the glory of God). The wisdom of God is released through us to all creation.

Romans 3:23 - 'For all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God'. Sin brought darkness and the image was marred. We exchanged the glory for shame, for embarrassment. **Glory = the restoration of the original intent of God - in us He will be glorified**

Glory is always associated with a legitimate church on the earth. Isaiah 6, "The seraphim cry Holy Holy, Holy, the whole earth is filled with His glory." Angels have to study us on the earth to know everything about God. We know more about God than angels.

**We carry the REPUTATION of God.** Do not create a negative perception of who God is. When people study us, they must see the rising light of illumination within us, the decoding of the mystery of God. This will not come through fasting and prayer. Prayer has become an excuse for some to stay in a lazy position. There are certain conditions that will activate the restoration of complete glory. The light is beginning to shine. Darkness in the earth will flee. In this day, all sin will cease. Nations will come to our bright rising. We will be exponents of the mysteries of God, providing patterns.

Study the last twelve books of the Bible.

The word, 'Glory' is associated with the 'Ark of The Covenant'. Glory is associated with the brilliance and grandeur of God. Paul's concept of sonship was through 'adoption'. Glory will come upon 'houses'. "Glory of the latter house is greater than the glory of the former". House = 'bayit', from 'banah', which derives from 'ben' = son. God is building a family of sons. We also have been given the administration of glory. To get the Glory, you have to understand what it means to carry the ARK.

The Ark is not a symbol of the Holy Ghost; The Ark is the principle that guarantees the presence of God. These are the ancient rules that determines whether God will dwells among us. Adam lost the glory, and produced fig leaves in the hope of reflecting glory. Uzzah tried to correct something that was about to fall. 50070 men of Bethshemesh looked into the Ark, when they should not have and died. We must approach this with fear. Yet Obed-edom had the Ark and his house prospered.

580 years before Jesus, the ARK was lost, never to be found again. This will never be restored - for it will restore types and shadows.

**Rev 11:19** And **the temple of God** which is in heaven was opened; and the **ark of His covenant appeared in His temple**, and there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

We are that ARK. - In the verse above, there is now external visible manifestations of glory. BUT first, the ARK must come INTO the temple - which is us. You have to do a case study of the ARK .

#### **1 Samuel 3:1-2**

- 1 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord before Eli. **And word from the Lord was rare in those days, visions were infrequent.**
- 2 It happened at that time as Eli was lying down in his place (now his eyesight had begun to grow dim and he could not see well),
- 3 and the **lamp of God had not yet gone out**, and **Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord where the ark of God was**,

Samuel is not from the tribe of Levi.

#### **Note :**

1. **The word was RARE.** This is condition for a departed glory. No present truth. People have low appetite for God's Word.
2. **Infrequency of Visions.** No Clarity of Sight - no insight. No prophetic sight. No one could step out of time, take a snap-shot of the heavens, come back and influence his world.
3. **Eli has dim vision.** He is the set man of his house. This is a blind set man over a house - the house is in trouble. The set man cannot see - he was winking at sin. The Father was not prepared to deal with sonship.
4. **The lamp of God had not yet gone out** - God's grace and mercy. God is still letting a bit of His word shine through. Olive oil was used in the lamp - oil resulting from pressing. The anointing that has to produce light is almost gone out in some churches. This is a picture of the Word - Apostles Doctrine.
5. **Samuel was lying down by the ARK**
6. **Ark is stolen by Philistines.** They will soon know the judgment of God their Dagon falls to the ground. This glory will immobilize every inaccurate system. The Philistines tried to keep it - their god (dagon) fell to the ground. The Ark remained in the house of Abinadab for about 20 years; then in the house of Obededom; David tries to bring it back. Ahio = brother/

fraternal /friend; Uzzah = strength (human strength and fraternity is deficient to bring back the Ark).

## WHAT IS THE ARK OF THE COVENANT ?

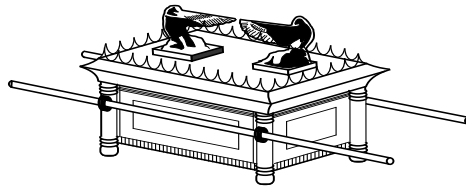
Contents in the Ark were called testimonies. **Testimony = a witness - leaving you will evidence that will work against you if you do not comply with what you see.** Tent of Meeting becomes the Tent of Witness.

‘Understanding’ will determine your actions. **‘Principles’ are rules that govern an action.** The biggest nation in the world is ‘imagination’. Everyone today has an opinion, and imagination as what is right and proper.

The Ark of the Covenant

Ex 30:6,26; Ex 31:7; 40:20

Hebrew : Ark = ‘arown’ = chest, box, coffin.



What is communicated is that this box CONTAINS something. The box is not so much important as to what is in the box.

Uzzah touched the box - but he touch certain principles in the box. Men of Beth-shamesh looked into the box and died.

Greek : Ark = ‘Kibotos’ = wooden box (Heb 9:4; Rev 11:19)

Wood = humanity; Box of covered with gold = divinity.

In our humanity overlaid with divinity, we must bring the ARK back to its resting place IN US.

This is only piece of furniture in the Holiest of ALL. It is the embodiment of the covenantal redemption of God’s people. In Tabernacle, the ARK was put underneath the chair called the Mercy Seat; above was the Throne of God. God sat on principles in the box that gave mercy.

Four rings through which poles were placed - carried by four priests (Kohath).

‘Kohath’ = congregation. These carried the poles, which carried the ARK. WE all must carry the presence - not the presence but the contents inside the box. You are touching - not the box, but the principles in the box. If you want to carry the glory of God, you have to know what is in the box. His yoke is light.



There were three items in the box - The number three reflects the 'Eternal God' dimension.

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Dr Stephen Everette

## *The Story Behind the Glory*

Part 1

The church is to show the manifold wisdom of God.

### Ephesians 1:3-14

- 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,
- 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love
- 5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,
- 6 **to the praise of the glory of His grace**, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.
- 7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, **according to the riches of His grace**
- 8 which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight
- 9 He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him
- 10 with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him
- 11 also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,
- 12 to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to **the praise of His glory**.
- 13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,
- 14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the **praise of His glory**.

Note the connection between glory and grace. Even in the ages to come, there is something of the Grace of God to be revealed. John speaks of 'grace upon grace'. God is laying one layer of grace upon the other.

**Verse 3-7 are applicable to us before redemption.** So much of our theology centers on redemption - but what about before redemption - what if Adam did not sin. There would still be a development process/plan for him. Adam knew God face to face - this was normal for him. Moses knew God face to face - but not Israel. Israel traded relationship for performance.

Verse 8 : wisdom and insight (prudence)

Aside: Naomi became bitter after she returned from Moab ; Israel at the bitter waters of Mara - they were bitter because they were used to producing wealth for the Egyptians and did not benefit from it ; they came out of Egypt with a shout - but **God did not allow them to continue with bitterness** into the Land of Promise. **Bitterness disqualifies you from inheritance.** When people begin to get bitter, the glory departs. Naomi lost her glory to bitterness.

Back to the text: note the repetition: **‘to the praise of His glory’.**

This passage is the presentation of a covenant. From verse 3 to verse 14 in the original Greek, it literally reads as one sentence.

#### **Ephesians 1: 15-18**

- 15 For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints,  
16 do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers;  
17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, **the Father of glory**, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.  
18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

**Note :** **The Father of Glory** has a calling in us. Praise here = ‘aineos’ = telling the story of the glory of God. You cannot tell this story of glory with law and grace, but only in GRACE.

John 1 - ‘Word became flesh and dwelt among us - we beheld His glory’.

John calls him the only begotten. Hereafter, after His resurrection, He is referred to as the First Born of God. **And as He was filled with glory, so too will we.**

**You never find ‘need’ and glory present in the same context.** When glory is restored, we will come, not looking for something, but **to release something of His glory.** There must be a rich and weighty deposit of the Glory of God. Paul spoke of an **‘eternal weight of glory’** produced through intense sufferings, which he called ‘light afflictions’.

The clearest way to reconstruct something is to identify the problem, gather the right building material from the heavens, and reconstruct. The present world is a massive demolition site. A post-modern world is presently being constructed. People respond differently to this.

The 'early workers' were there. Now they are about 80 years old. Some are loyal to the big institutions that they built including churches.

The 'builder generation' (1926-1945) - bewildered from the transition from the Industrial to the Technological age.

Two types of change - Virtual change, full of God or a viral change, full of disease. God will dismantle and break down inaccuracies in order to release His glory.

From 1946-1964 we have the 'Baby Boomers' - This group moved away from the institutional church. They flooded the universities. In this time we saw student radicalism, Kennedy and Cain assassinations and Vietnam. Ezekiel's two visions : the ox in one vision becomes the cherubim in the next. The ox denotes servitude and the glory rested between the cherubim. **Servitude is necessary for manifested glory**. First you are a son, then you are a priest. Your service flows out of your character.

From 1984 - Present: In USA, called the Y-generation = 11<sup>th</sup> hour generation. They are standing in the market - no-one has engaged them to come to work. These were not contracted for wages (a penny a day) - they were only promised by the vineyard owner, "I'll do that which is right" - and are govern the same wag as everyone else who has worked from the beginning. **Something is going to be condensed into the last hour workers to finish the job that the previous workers could not do in ten hours** - because we have too busy with issues and doctrinal debate.

**Man and female together will together reveal the glory of God** - no bias or prejudices against any one gender. **The message of condemnation is a fading glory**. Do not condemn the present generation.

Presently we are in a 'Digital Information Age' (from analogue to digital).

**Revelation 1:8-13**

- 8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."  
9 I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island **called Patmos** because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.  
10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet,

- 11 saying, "Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."  
12 Then **I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands;**  
13 and in the middle of the lampstands **I saw one like a son of man**, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash.

There are many 'comings' of Christ, not just one or two. His disciples did not know who He was until **He revealed Himself in the Breaking of the Bread** - see Luke 24. He is 'ever coming'.

**Luke 24:30, 31, 35**

- 30 When He had reclined at the table with them, **He took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, He began giving it to them.**  
31 Then their **eyes were opened** and they **recognized Him**; and He vanished from their sight.  
35 They began to relate their experiences on the road and how **He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.**

Patmos = place of my killing

When he turns to hear the voice of God - He was at the Table, for he turned around from this position toward the 'voice' and sees Christ in the middle of the seven lampstands. **Thus, in the Table, Christ was revealed.** In Rev.21 there is a city - the Lamb's wife (no longer a bride) That city is filled with glory.

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### Part 2

We do not want 'visitation', but 'habitation'. We must install the principles that will cause God to 'tabernacle' with us. The Ark of the Covenant depicts the Glory of God. **We have to learn how to carry the fullness of His Glory.** Create the conditions for this. Make some key decisions as how to align yourself to the Word of God.

The 'steps of the righteous are ordered of the Lord'. This does not mean that God is controlling us by remote control. Rather, **He orders our steps by how we walk in obedience to His Word.** Every step will be defined by the Lord. God needs your co-operation to direct you. David said, 'Thy Word is a **Lamp to my feet**'. He also said, '**Open my eyes** that I might see the wondrous things in Your law'. **Your sight will determine how you walk.**

#### Re-look at the ARK:



The Ark was carried by priests. These priests were from the clan of **Kohath = congregation of the Lord.** These carried the Glory of the Lord. Men from Bethshemesh looked into the ark on its return from Philistine captivity and died. **You have to be very careful in this season.** Moses engaged skilled craftsmen to build the Ark - everyday we must ask God for **WISDOM.** Wisdom builds the house. In all your getting, get wisdom. Also ask God for **GREAT GRACE.**

The three principles symbolized in the ARK OF THE COVENANT played a central role of in the life of Israel: (Lev 16:2; Num7:8; 1 Chon 15:1ff). The ARK led them (Numbers 10:33-35; Josh 3:1; 4:1; 6:1). The 'prayer movement' failed to deliver results - the ARK is missing. David's concern was for the ARK. **Our speech now needs to be salted** as we celebrate the Table of the Lord together with our

common meals. **Purge your table. Tables are the place of slaughter of personalities - but God is changing this. Rise to a place of not accusing anyone, even fallen brothers.**

- Contents of the Ark.**
1. Golden Pot of Manna
  2. Aaron's Rod that Blossomed
  3. The Tablets of the Covenant

If these are adhered to, then certain spiritual advantages are automatically released from the heavens.

#### **Hebrews 9:1-5**

- 1 Now even the first covenant had regulations of divine worship and the earthly sanctuary.
- 2 For there was a tabernacle prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the sacred bread; this is called the holy place.
- 3 Behind the **second veil** there was a tabernacle which is **called the Holy of Holies**,
- 4 having a **golden altar of incense** and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a **golden jar holding the manna**, and **Aaron's rod which budded**, and the **tables of the covenant**;
- 5 and above it were the **cherubim of glory** overshadowing the mercy seat; **but of these things we cannot now speak in detail.**

Apostles Doctrine, Fellowship, and Breaking of Bread - these three could be done in our natural-soul realms. Showbread = 'prosthesis' - God is inserting something into us - He is inserting something to give us greater mobility. He is bringing His divine nature to reside into our nature.

Verse 3: 'second veil' - the veil is symbolic of the flesh - the contents of the ARK have to be governed outside of the domain of your flesh. The priest would carry the incense from the outer court into the Holy of Holies. All of the administration of the Spirit cannot take place in the flesh. **Showbread** in the outer court is now **manna from heaven** in the golden pot.

Also the **ROD** is a symbol of **leadership and authority**. **To accept the one who leads you is to accept the leadership of God in your life.** There is even leadership in the God-head. Today, we have democratic leadership or autocratic leadership. True theocracy operates from the position of a **'SERVANT of the Lord'**.

Thirdly, **the Law of God** was in the ARK. This is the **eternal covenant** that seals our fate, defines our future and **gives us an inheritance beyond material blessings.**

These **three things** in the box speak of **'more excellent things'** = things that have a three-fold chord to it. This speaks of the nature of God Himself (Father, Son and Holy Ghost). **Get the three things in the ARK into your church, and you will be functioning on more excellent things**

### PRINCIPLE ONE:

#### The Pot of Manna = Grace

Grace is the daily bread for the sustenance of the Church. Everyone in your church needs to partake of your grace (not just fulfill duties, and functions and programmers).

A parable is an earthly story that conveys a spiritual meaning. All parables are real life stories. The Old Testament is true, real, historical and factual - it actually happened. The Old Testament concludes with Jesus. Everything in the Old Testament is parabolic for us today.

#### Exodus 16:1-7

- 1 Then they set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the sons of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departure from the land of Egypt.
- 2 The whole congregation of the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.
- 3 The sons of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat, when we ate bread to the full; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."
- 4 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, **that I may test them, whether or not they will walk in My instruction.**
- 5 "On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily."
- 6 So Moses and Aaron said to all the sons of Israel, "At evening you will know that the Lord has brought you out of the land of Egypt;
- 7 **and in the morning you will see the glory of the Lord, for He hears your grumblings against the Lord; and what are we, that you grumble against us?"**
- 8 Moses said, "This will happen when the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening, and bread to the full in the morning; for the Lord hears your grumblings which you grumble against Him. And what are we? **Your grumblings are not against us but against the Lord.**"
- 9 Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, 'Come near before the Lord, **for He has heard your grumblings.**' "
- 10 It came about as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the sons of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, **the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.**
- 11 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

- 12 "I have heard the grumbings of the sons of Israel; speak to them, saying, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread; **and you shall know that I am the Lord your God.**' "
- 13 So it came about at evening that the quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of **dew** around the camp.
- 14 When the layer of dew evaporated, behold, on the surface of the wilderness there was a fine flake-like **thing**, fine as the frost on the ground.
- 15 When the sons of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "**What is it?**" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the **bread which the Lord has given you to eat.**
- 16 "This is what the Lord has commanded, 'Gather of it **every man** as much as he should eat; you shall take an omer apiece according to the number of persons each of you has in his tent.' "
- 17 The sons of Israel did so, and some gathered much and some little. When they measured it with an omer, he who had gathered much had no excess, and he who had gathered little **had no lack**; every man gathered as much as he should eat.
- 19 Moses said to them, "Let no man leave any of it until morning."
- 20 But they did not listen to Moses, and some left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and became foul; and Moses was angry with them.
- 21 They gathered it morning by morning, every man as much as he should eat; but when the sun grew hot, it would melt.
- 28 Then the Lord said to Moses, "**How long do you refuse to keep My commandments and My instructions?**
- 29 "See, the Lord has given you the sabbath; therefore He gives you bread for two days on the sixth day. Remain every man in his place; let no man go out of his place on the seventh day."
- 30 So the **people rested on the seventh day.**
- 31 The **house of Israel** named it **manna**, and it was like **coriander seed**, white, and its taste was like wafers with honey.
- 32 Then Moses said, "This is what the Lord has commanded, 'Let an omerful of it be kept throughout your generations, that they may **see the bread** that I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.' "
- 33 Moses said to Aaron, "Take a jar and put an omerful of manna in it, and place it before the Lord to be kept **throughout your generations.**"
- 34 As the Lord commanded Moses, so Aaron placed it before the Testimony, to be kept.
- 35 The sons of Israel **ate the manna** **forty years**, until they came to an inhabited land; they ate the manna **UNTIL** they came to the **border of the land of Canaan.**
- 36 (Now an omer is a tenth of an ephah.)

**Verse 2 and 3:** Grumble = rebel.

The people ate constantly - they were 'needs-driven'. God said that he has led them to TEST them - whether or not they obey His instruction. When they saw the manna, they asked, "What is this?" It could not be defined. So too, **GRACE cannot be defined by the human language.**

**Verse 16** - 'every man goes out to collect bread' - not every single man - but every head of a household collects bread according to the number of persons in his household. **The Set Man must**



get grace according to the capacity within his people - not the number of people per se, but their capacity to consume and assimilate. WE had to first bring back the teachings on households, fathers and sons, before we could speak on GLORY. Now sons are coming from all over the world - they will come to the rising of your brightness.

Verse 17 : God measures out your provision according to your need.

Verse 18 : Today's grace can become tomorrow's can become a can of worms. **God gives grace to the HUMBLE - humility is a disposition of total dependence on God.** Unless you learn how to bow, you will never enjoy GRACE. **Learn to hang out with those that provide GRACE to you.** Seek them out - pursue them.

Verse 32 : We are the 42<sup>nd</sup> generation. All of these teachings will come to rest in finality in us. This jar will be kept throughout all generation s as witness.

Verse 35 : You need to partake everyday until you come into consummation and immortality.

Jesus, the Bread of Heaven, was born in Bethlehem, House of Bread. Because of the census decreed by Herod, they returned there. **There is spirit of 'census' coming on the earth, where you have to go and enlist and determine who you father is.** You have to know where is your house that you get bread from. In this context and 'birthings' will take place.

In Luke 4/Matthew 4, the devil gives carnal interpretation to a spiritual truth, saying to Jesus 'Turn these stones to bread'. The accurate truth is that, one day, **we the living stones, become bread of heaven.**

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## Part 3

PRINCIPLE ONE : (continued)

### The Pot of Manna = Grace

#### **Matthew 4:1-4**

- 1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
- 2 And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry.
- 3 And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these **stones become bread.**"
- 4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.' "

'Tempt' is the same word for 'test' in Ex.16. This is not about physical hunger- because Jesus is addressed as Son of God - and not Son of Man. The first time we read of 'stone' - is Jacob's stone - his pillow which became a pillar. Peter says, "We are living stones". **While we eat bread, we are also the bread.**

**'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'**

**'Bread alone':** Material sustenance cannot sustain us completely. We need natural sustenance but we cannot be completely satisfied in this life. We need spiritual sustenance. Man's appetite caused many to die in the wilderness. Most people come to church to get their needs met. They are need-centered. Shift your people away from the 'felt-need' syndrome.

**'Every word' :** Heavenly bread will come to you as a WORD. **Bread is Grace, but grace comes through the Word in the one sent to you.**

In John 1:1, 'Word' = logos.

In Matthew 4:4 the 'word' is 'rhema'. Rhema = **the subject matter of the things spoken - the every essence of the things spoken.** In a car, the appearance of the car is the subject matter. The Rhema is in the Logos. The substance of the logos is the rhema. The predominant references to the preaching of the apostles was logos, but those who heard, heard 'rhema'. **The 'substance hits your spirit, it becomes subjective knowledge'.**

Squeeze an orange, and orange juice will come out. The purpose of the orange juice is not the juice, but the vitamin in the juice for your health. **The subject matter of the word must be transmitted to you - so that you get the vitamins therein - divine supplements to your spirit man.**

**This word 'proceeds' = 'present truth'.** Whatever you lack, God will send present truth to fill your deficiency. **This proceeding word comes through someone sent to you.** Faith does not come from reading, but by hearing. Faith comes through a proceeding word that comes through a mouth - but God does not have a mouth. Man becomes the mouthpiece of God - He uses messengers to be His mouth.

**Bread comes by human beings learning how to tune their ear to RHEMA that produces supplements to sustain them because it comes from the mouth of God through his sent ones.** Discern when a man speaks as a man, or as an angel. **You must value the 'preacher'.** We must restore the grace of the preacher back to our pulpits.

Heb 1:1 God spoke through the prophets. When prophets spoke, it could be said that God spoke. God always uses a medium to preach and speak. Unless someone opens their mouth, you will not receive the message.

**Bread comes to us in the form of RHEMA WORD. You become what you eat. Your spiritual stature is directly determined by your spiritual diet. The means of divine provision is through the WORD.**

Many churches will shut down in this season. There are many illegal churches that started in reaction to barrenness and chaos.

**Matthew 6:9,10,11**

9 Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.  
10 Our kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.  
11 'Give us this day daily bread.

**ASK, SEEK KNOCK - is so much about prayer than is it about accessing GRACE.** Everyday we need to seek BREAD from heaven. Daily bread is not the 'promise box'.

We all need DAILY BREAD - DAILY GRACE

**Bread = 'artos' = extraordinary bread**

**Daily = epiosios = a substance from above - from heaven (faith is the substance ...)**

**osios = the substance; epi = into; hence, 'the substance that can be injected into us'.**

The Father, Son and Holy Ghost are all made up of the same substance. They are of equal stature and being. Hebrews 11:1 - faith is the substance of things hoped for...'

**Daily Bread = the very substance that the godhead is made up of - ask God to inject this into you. This will come to you through a 'rhema word'.** Everyday we need a portion of the substance of what God is made up of. In this way you become a **partaker of His divine nature**. We become conformed to the image of the Christ (i.e. the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost). Connect with the preacher - so that you can squeeze him, so that the juice (rhema) will come out of them.

John 1:1 'Word became flesh and dwelt among us' - we must become full of the Word. **You progress from Revelation to Incarnation and then to Manifestation. Words are like clothing carrying the life of Christ into you.**

We preached 'Christ crucified', not 'Jesus Crucified'. Christ is now being broken up into pieces. IN the crucifixion, his body was not broken. 'This is my body broken for you' = distribute measures or pieces of me - will be given to human beings. This substance is called **'food from heaven'**

**Psalm 105:40** They asked, and He brought quail, And satisfied them with **the bread of heaven.**

**Psalm 78:24** He rained down manna upon them to eat And gave them **food from heaven.**

**Manna = food from heaven. How will it come ? In the form of 'words' spoken.**

**Isaiah 55:1-3**

1 Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; And you who have no money come, buy and eat.  
Come, **buy wine and milk Without money and without cost.**

- 2 "Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to Me, **and eat what is good, And delight yourself in abundance.**
- 3 "Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, that you may live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you, According to the faithful mercies shown to David.

**Matt 7:7-12, 24**

- 7 "**Ask**, and it will be given to you; **seek**, and you will find; **knock**, and it will be opened to you.
- 8 "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.
- 9 "Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks **for a loaf**, will give him a stone?
- 10 "Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he?
- 11 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good **gifts** to your children, how much more will **your Father** who is in heaven give what is good to those who **ask Him!**
- 12 "In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.
- 24 "**Therefore everyone who hears these words** of Mine and acts on them, may be compared **to a wise man who built his house on the rock.**

**Verse 7 : Ask, Seek, Knock** = An attitude of continuous persistence in the asking of specific gifts.

Gift = doma (used in Eph 4) - not 'charis'.

'Charis' speaks of the benevolent nature of the gift - highlights the kindness or generosity of the giver. **But 'doma' highlights the substance of the gift and the perfection of the gift to meet my need; the nature and character of the gift.** 'Doma' is used in Ephesians 4 - 'he gave gifts to men'. When God chooses a gift for you, he does so after doing an evaluation of you and His purposes in you. He is also **generous and his generosity is calculated. The gift will contribute toward your development.**

At the end of Matthew 7, in verse 24 - we read of a man and his house. You build by how you hear and do. If God wants to give your church gifts, He will do so through you, the set man over the house.

**Note verse 11: 'to those who ASK HIM'** - you have to be passionate about your pursuit of GRACE. The early church apostles **gave themselves to the Word and Prayer - so that they could dispense GRACE.**

**James 4:1-6**

- 1 What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members?
- 2 You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask.
- 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.

- 4 You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.
- 5 Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: "He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us"?
- 6 But He gives **a greater grace**. Therefore it says, "God is opposed to the proud, **but gives grace to the humble.**"

Humble = one who regards himself as a sinner; places total dependence on the Father.

My humility is my disposition which esteems myself as insignificant without the grace of God.

#### **1 Pet 5:5-10**

- 5 You younger men, likewise, **be subject** to your elders; and all of you, **clothe yourselves with humility toward one another**, for God is opposed to the proud, **but gives grace to the humble**.
- 6 **Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God**, that He may exalt you at the proper time,
- 7 casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.
- 8 Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
- 9 But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.
- 10 After you have suffered for a little while, **the God of all grace**, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.

#### **John 1:1-17**

- 1 In the beginning was the **Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God**.
- 2 He was in the beginning with God.
- 3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.
- 4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.
- 5 The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.
- 6 There came a man sent from God, whose name was John.
- 7 He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him.
- 8 He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light.
- 9 There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.
- 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.
- 11 He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.
- 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,
- 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.
- 14 And the **Word became flesh**, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, **full of grace and truth**.
- 15 John testified about Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.' "

16 For of **His fullness** we have all received, **and grace upon grace**.

17 For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus **Christ**. No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the **bosom of the Father**, He has explained Him.

God wants to make the word visible - the word must become Flesh - by HEARING - the juice in the Word - so much that every bit of the Word is in you. The WORD is full of GRACE and TRUTH. The word comes to you in the form of 'GRACE in the word brought to you' - not through the personality and charisma of the person bringing the message

**Verse 16** : 'fullness' = pleroma = everything in Him - 'we have ALL RECEIVED'- GRACE upon GRACE - one measure of grace upon the next measure.

#### **Zechariah 4:6**

6 Then he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel saying, 'Not by might nor by power, **but by My Spirit**,' says the Lord of hosts.

7 **'What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel** you will become a plain; and he will bring forth the top stone with shouts of **"GRACE, GRACE TO IT"** ' "

8 Also the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

9 "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house, and his hands will finish it. Then you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you.

The Spirit moves through a man (Zerubbabel) - the three principles in the Ark are vested within an individual. Mountains WILL BE REMOVED BY THE LEADER THAT God has anointed. This will be with shouts of 'GRACE GRACE' to it. These shouts come from the Set Man over the house. When he speaks something happens.

Israel - 400 years in Egyptian slavery - the exodus - the entry in Canaan - the 12 spies - to spy the land. 400 years of slavery made them think like slaves. 10 spies had a negative report.

God tells Zerubbabel - Not by Might, or Power, but by my Spirit AND then it says "Before Zerubbabel" - the Spirit moving on a man. Many cannot submit to a man because they do not understand how GRACE works. He speaks the Word - out of the Word, grace will flow.

We need grace everyday. Preachers have to bring a proceeding and relevant Word that releases GRACE to a specific need. The set man himself must get plugged into grace, viz., an apostolic resource that he can draw from. ASK, SEEK and KNOCK - pursue GRACE passionately.

Israel found Manna (grace) under the dew each day. Look for the DEW - for the indicators of that which comes down from heaven. Under this you will find the manna - your daily GRACE.

# *The Restoration of the Glory of God - Grace*

Part 4

PRINCIPLE ONE : (continued)

The Pot of Manna = Grace

John 6:1-14

- 1 After these things Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (or Tiberias).
- 2 A large crowd followed Him, because they saw the signs which He was performing on those who were sick.
- 3 Then Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat down with His disciples.
- 4 Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was near.
- 5 Therefore Jesus, lifting up His eyes and seeing that a large crowd was coming to Him, said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these may eat?"
- 6 This He was saying to test him, for He Himself knew what He was intending to do.
- 7 Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, for everyone to receive a little."
- 8 One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him,
- 9 "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are these for so many people?"
- 10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about **five thousand**.
- 11 Jesus then took the loaves, and having given thanks, He distributed to those who were seated; likewise also of the fish as much as they wanted.
- 12 When they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments so that nothing will be lost."



- 13 So they gathered them up, and **filled twelve baskets** with fragments from the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.
- 14 Therefore when the people saw the sign which He had performed, they said, "**This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.**"

'Boy' may refer to the seeming insignificance of the one who will bring the bread to you.

'Sit down' = a **reclining position - a culture of hospitality**. (In Luke 24 as a spirit Jesus feeds them fish also, not just bread). Whenever Jesus wants to impart something, He will always make people sit down - be relaxed.

'Men' sat down = a patriarchal principle; in the gender of male is the seed that perpetuates; this is the headship principle - the man is the head of house, and not necessarily the priest of the house. There is co-equality of gender and but the distinction of functions. In genealogy - you will find one man that begets another man (except in Judah, which includes woman).

They sat in groups of 50's and 100's - like families at a table. **Organize your church around 'family'**. There must have been about 15 000 people present. He takes the bread and gives thanks (invocation of blessings). **To bless something is to transmit what is in you in to the bread. He is transmitting Himself into the bread.** This is not trans-substantiation.

'Fragments' relate to left over bread (not fish) - these had to be picked up so that nothing be left - not one single fragment. 'Lost' - refer to the parable of lost coin, lost sheep, lost son. People looked into the grass and picked up every bit of bread. Jesus is saying, **'You cannot lose anything if I have transmitted myself into it.'**

They filled **12 baskets with fragments** from the barley loaves. Pentecost did not take place in Acts 1 (where there 11 apostles) but in Acts 2 (where there were 12 apostles). The 12 represented a principle - **they were carrying something that Jesus did not want to get lost.**

**Now look at the Application :**

**Matt 6:23-40**

- 23 There came other small boats from Tiberias near to the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks.
- 24 So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they themselves got into the small boats, and came to Capernaum seeking Jesus.
- 25 When they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You get here?"

26 Jesus answered them and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.

27 "Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal."

28 Therefore they said to Him, "**What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?**"

29 Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."

30 So they said to Him, "**What then do You do for a sign, so that we may see, and believe You? What work do You perform?**

31 "Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread out of heaven to eat.' "

32 Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven.

33 "For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world."

34 Then they said to Him, "Lord, always give us this bread."

35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.

36 "But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe.

37 "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

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

39 "This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day.

40 "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day."

41 Therefore the Jews were grumbling about Him, because He said, "I am the bread that came down out of heaven."

42 They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does He now say, 'I have come down out of heaven?'"

43 Jesus answered and said to them, "**Do not grumble among yourselves.**

44 "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.

45 "It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught of God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.

46 "Not that anyone has seen the Father, except the One who is from God; He has seen the Father.

47 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life.

48 "I am the bread of life.

49 "Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

50 "This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.

51 "I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh.

52 Then the Jews began to argue with one another, saying, "How can this man give us His flesh to eat?"

53 So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves.

54 "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

55 "For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink.

56 "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.

57 "As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also will live because of Me.

58 "This is the bread which came down out of heaven; not as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live forever."

59 These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.

60 Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this said, "This is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?"

61 But Jesus, conscious that His disciples grumbled at this, said to them, "Does this cause you to stumble?"

62 "What then if you see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before?"

63 "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

64 "But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him.

65 And He was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father."

66 As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore.

67 So Jesus said to the twelve, "You do not want to go away also, do you?"

68 Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life.

69 "We have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God."

70 Jesus answered them, "Did I Myself not choose you, the twelve, and yet one of you is a devil?"

71 Now He meant Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray Him.

**Verse 27 :** 'Son Man' = highlights human instrumentation to administer grace. John was a 'man from sent from God', yet he was son of Zechariah.

**Verse 29 :** 'believe in him who HE has sent' = a reference to the man sent to you with the WORD of God to you. Your response is to BELIEVE him. Faith comes by hearing the one sent to you with the WORD. We are saved by GRACE through Faith. Do not allow your rational mind to reject the Word. **Believe firstly that your set man is SENT you.** If you receive a prophet in the name of the prophet, you receive a prophet's reward. **Recognition, Reception and Reward are linked.**

**Verse 31-32** They say God gave them bread. Jesus said it came through Moses, yet it is not from Moses; he is simply the medium. You have to believe the man to get the bread. You must first believe - then you will see the sign. Do not see your set man through natural lenses as a man.

See Verse 39 They could not eat all of Christ symbolized by the bread - Now he says he will lose nothing of those given to him (pick up the fragments); Fragments filled 12 baskets = 12 men = apostolic principles transmitted through each generation. Jesus is literally saying, "The early church ate of me, but they did not eat all of me; I'll collect all that that church could not eat of; but in the last day, I will place it 12 apostles - apostolic principle - the stuff they could not eat of me, the latter day church will. Jesus left Himself behind - when He ascended He gave gifts to men. The boy's lunch is still feeding the multitudes. Do not shoot the grace carrier in your life. The unsearchable mysteries of Christ is now becoming our daily bread through the administration of the Holy Ghost.

Verse 41-43 Failure to perceive grace - results in GRUMBLING. 'No man can come to me unless the father draws him.' Do not ask anyone to join you. Allow God to draw people to you. When you go to a church to because you are drawn by the father - you can eat the bread of the father placed there. If those that come to you are not your sons, they cannot eat the bread you give.

Verse 45 If people hear you and allow you to teach them, they are your sons. Those that hear you and disobey are not your sons.

Verse 50,51 'Flesh' is not his physical body - this is a reference to HIS BODY - the church. 'Not discerning the Lord's Body' is not recognizing the bread in each one of us. Some relate to the set man, but not to their brothers.

Verse 54 The church was born in the period of the 'last days' - unless you eat of this BODY - you will die.

Verse 61 'grumble' = skandolizo = scandal

Verse 68 'words'= rhema

**1 Cor 10:16-17**

16 Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? **Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ?**

17 Since there is **one bread**, we who are many are one body; **for we all partake of the one bread.**

Learn also how to partake of the grace within each one of us. We have communion in the natural and the spiritual.

**1 Cor 11:18-34**

- 18 For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that divisions exist among you; and in part I believe it.
- 19 For there must also be factions among you, so that those who are approved may become evident among you.
- 20 Therefore when you meet together, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper,
- 21 for in your eating each one takes his own supper first; and one is hungry and another is drunk.
- 22 What! Do you not have houses in which to eat and drink? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? In this I will not praise you.
- 23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;
- 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."
- 25 In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."
- 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- 27 Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.
- 28 But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup.
- 29 For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly.
- 30 For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep.
- 31 But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged.
- 32 But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord so that we will not be condemned along with the world.
- 33 So then, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.
- 34 If anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, so that you will not come together for judgment. The remaining matters I will arrange when I come

## *The Story of God's Glory*

Part 2

### FOCUS : FATHERS AND SONS

#### Ephesians 1:3-14

- 3 Blessed be the God and **Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual  
blessing in **the heavenly places** in Christ,  
4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and  
blameless before Him. In love  
5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind  
intention of His will,  
6 **to the praise of the glory of His grace**, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.  
7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, **according to**  
**the riches of His grace**  
8 which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight  
9 He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in  
Him  
10 with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all  
things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him  
11 also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works  
all things after the counsel of His will,  
12 to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to **the praise of His glory**.  
13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also  
believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, **to the praise of His glory.**

Verse 3 to 14 is really 'one sentence' - Paul is communicating a loaded statement. Even Peter had difficulty in understanding Paul. God is introduced here immediately as 'FATHER'.

**Verse 3:** Heavenly places = 'Heavenlies' - Rabbinical writing suggests that there at least seven dimensions of the heavens. We know from Paul that there at least three heavens. Paul was caught up into the third heavens. **One of the things in the heavens is GRACE.**

Most believers live in a hybrid of law and grace. They live a miserable life of legalism. It is like 'halting between two opinions' (God loves me today vs. God does not love me today).

**Identify what the goal of God is. It is to conform us to the image of Christ.** It is not about going to heaven. Thus we cannot be singing about going to heaven. **We are born out from the heavens, from the invisible to the visible realm.**

**Verse 14:** All of this was done 'unto the praise of His glory'. (Inter-theistic Covenant/ Eternal Covenant/ Eternal Covenant). One God has presented Himself as Father, as Son and as Spirit.

**Verse 16:** 'Father of Glory'

#### **Eph. 1:16-17**

16 do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers;  
17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.

**Verse 14:** 'to 'or 'Unto' = 'eis' = means it was goal oriented, i.e. it ends up in 'glory'.

Between fatherhood and the objective, viz. 'glory', there are at least 23 things from verse 3 to verse 14. Jesus is the Head of the church. The Head gives the Body identity. All his enemies must be placed under His feet. There is a 'feet' company that must do this.

Consider Israel: they came out of Egypt wealthy. In the past, poverty was associated with spirituality. This was corrected. Joseph was the initiator of Egyptian system of wealth. At the exodus, all Israel was doing was getting their due.

Mary = bitter. God entered into the bitterness of humanity and brought forth life. God said, Let us make 'man'; not Let us make 'human'. To be human is just a shade of who you really are. The purpose of wealth of Israel was to build the Tabernacle - so that God would dwell in their midst.

In this passage in Ephesians over 20 times you will read of the personal pronouns: 'He', 'his', 'himself' - It is all about HIM.

Metaphors of the church in Ephesians:	His Body	
	His Workmanship	(2:10)
	His Household	(2:19)
	His Temple	(2:21)
	'Holiest of All'.	
	The Family	'many sons being brought into glory'

People will always arise to the level of your expectation. Grace is the height of God's grace expectation. God cannot fail and He will have exactly what He wants.

Teenagers are driven by hormones and peer pressure. Those that want to leave you bless them and let them go. The second provision a Father releases, after 'GIVING', is 'FORGIVING'. Jesus forgave His enemies.

**Be careful if you hold the mantle of fatherhood. God will reduce you to nothing before He can use you.** Spend more time with your sons. Stop spending your time with the multitudes. Jesus fed the multitudes. One of his disciples (sons) was a 'devil' (Judas). As a Father, Jesus had to provide discipline in their lives. Do not despise the chastening of the Lord. **You must restrain a son until he presents the family business accurately.** Otherwise the son will abuse privilege and power. The only purpose of power is service.

If you are going to father, you must deal with your sons. Draw them aside. Elisha, son of Elijah - did not refer to Elijah, as 'My prophet, My Prophet', but 'My father, My father'.

Sons do not have the right to lead the house (The phrase 'I feel led' is inaccurate) Elisha wanted double what Elijah had. Your father declares your sonship, not yourself. Also he declares your calling / gift.

**There is a PASSION or FERVENCY in a true Father's heart.** A father desires that his son will be greater and do more than himself. What burns in your heart as a Father for your sons?



God said to Joshua, “Moses my servant is dead; you arise across this Jordan and possess the land”. **The son has a generational link.** He will always extend further than where the father has been. Father must focus the mind of his son. **Do not be afraid to allow your son to see your passion for them.**

Hence the importance of ‘Households’ with Fathers and Sons. Some sons go out and establish illegitimate households. These cannot produce further sons.

If sons tithe up to their fathers, they must do it out of grace and not law.

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## ***The Story of God's Glory***

### **Part 3**

Jesus preached the Gospel of the Kingdom. Jesus instructed his disciples to preach what they heard Him preach - not preach about Him, but what He preached, viz. the kingdom. Healing the sick, casting out demons etc. Sickness, pain, demonic possession, etc. are anti-dominion activities. **It is through the preaching of the Gospel of Kingdom that we overthrow anti-dominion activities.** The Good News is the restoration of the Kingdom of God in the earth. The Kingdom of God is no longer ‘at Hand’. **Rather it is now ‘within you’.**

Kingdom of God **is** (righteousness, peace and joy) **in the** Holy Ghost. Excluding the middle part of this sentence it could read as follows, “The Kingdom of God **is in the** Holy Ghost. The Holy is within you, so is the Kingdom. We are not reaching out for the Kingdom - the kingdom is within us.

In Ephesians 1, there are a number of realities of the Kingdom. Architects have a visual of the finished house being built. God finishes the job before He starts. Children traveling on long trips in a car with their parents are anxious to get to the destination, because they have no concept of time

taken to cover specific distances. They ask recurrently, “Are we there yet?. Most of the church is asking the same question in the spirit. We must be certain of the finish or destination and function in the reality of it already been attained in God. In our minds, we finish the trip before we begin. God is not shocked or surprised as to the end. He is omniscient. In Ephesians we have the finished product from God’s perspective.

### Ephesians 1:3-14

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4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him in love  
5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,  
6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.  
7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace  
8 which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight  
9 He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him  
10 with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth In Him  
11 also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,  
12 to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory.  
13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,  
14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God’s own possession, to the praise of His glory.

Verse 5 and 6 : We are favoured. We are accepted in the Beloved. We must teach people who they are in Christ.

Gal 2:20 “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Verse 8 : Christ is made unto us, the wisdom of God

Heresy = to have an opinion contrary to sound doctrine.

Schismatic = one who creates divisions

We, presently as apostolic people, would be considered heretics by most. Jesus was considered a heretic by the religious polity of His day. **We have got to be open to be led by God into new truth that may appear heretical.**

Israel moved through 42 different campings. **It takes 42 generations to reveal Christ.** We are presently asking ‘How long, Lord?’ ‘Are we there yet?’ YET God has already finished it all.

- V.3-6 : the focus is in the **Father**
- V.7-12 : the focus is on the **SON (Word)**
- V.13,14 : the focus on the **Holy Ghost**

Before time was conceived, the Father, Word and Spirit convened a council and predetermined a covenant. Covenant = a binding agreement between two or more parties. Covenant = a cutting between the pieces (the flesh).

Abraham initially approached God on the basis of promise. Only in Gen 15. is the idea of covenant introduced. In Gen.22 - the idea of worship was introduced - in Abraham offering Isaac. (Abraham did not discuss this with Sarah before he left. He took young men with him. Left them at the foot of the mount with donkeys. After the experience on the Mount - God now introduces a Covenant with Abraham participating in it. From this time onward, God never gave Abraham another major test. God swears an oath to Abraham. There was a progression from ‘Promise’ to ‘Covenant’ to ‘Oath’.



cf. Jacob, Esau and Laban: Jacob saw himself in Laban. His character was unchanged, even though he was rich. He was about to take a 20 year trip. Alone at Jabbok, he wrestled with the Lord until the breaking of day. His hip was broken = evidence of his breaking. (Jabbok = ‘emptying’).

God asked him, ‘What is your name?’ He had to come to terms with what he is like - Jacob = ‘supplanter’. God changed his name to ‘ISRAEL’ = the name is applied to a supernatural encounter with God. Yet, after this encounter, the Scriptures still refer to him as Jacob - he did not start to walk in the prophetic power of His new name immediately. Only after Rachel died, does it say that ‘Israel’ journeyed. Rachel = the thing we love the most. When you we give this up, destiny is accelerated. (Give up your Isaac and Rachel)

In Ephesians, Point A = we know that God has blessed with every spiritual blessing. (1:3)

Point Z = it was all unto the praise of His glory

(1:6,12,14)

In between these two positions, we have to be dependent on the leading of the Lord - all things will work for your good.

**Verse 4 : He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world**

**Chosen = eklegomia =** you have come out of the very heart of God as a unique and specific word of God for your time. You are a word released out of the mouth of God. Individually, we are just a WORD. But put us together, we tell a story.

He chose us before the foundation of the world - He chose us even before the decision in Gen. 3 - even before there was a devil. The devil is defeated! Jesus destroyed him. The more you increase in God, the more insignificant the devil becomes. You silence the voice of the enemy by continuing on into Christ. See John 8 - Continue in Him- then you will know the truth and it will make you free.

Adam judges everyone down (Grk.: catakrino)

Jesus judged us up (Grk.: anakrino)

**23 doctrines embedded here between verse 4 and 13 : Some Examples are listed here :**

- The Father,
- The Father's blessings;
- Election;
- Holiness;
- Gods love;
- Predestination;
- Adoption;
- Glory of grace; (*grace = wide margins of God's love – His unconditional love predetermined to move man's ineptitude extending greatly beyond the maximum reach of sin*)
- Wisdom,
- Prudence;
- Mystery of God's will;
- Forgiveness;
- Economy of the fullness of God;
- Unity of the body;
- Inheritance;
- Counsel of God's will;

- Sealed with the Holy Spirit;
- Whole life praise

God's fatherhood come through strongly in Ephesians 1. This is the 'precept' (not 'concept'). The pronouns, 'His' 'He' or 'Himself' is proclaimed **20 times** - **He is the Redeemer**. 'Boaz' occurs 20 times in the book of Ruth - hence 20 in this context is the number **of redemption**.

**From Verse 3-6** : 7 times we see 'He', 'Him' or 'Himself'  
7 = **perfection** . Suggests **planning and scheduling**.

**From Verse 7-12** : 12 times we see 'He', 'Him' or 'Himself' = **governmental perfection**

**From V13 and 14** : Once we read of the 'Holy Ghost' = **preserver and protector of the plan**

The Father conceived the plan, the Son put it into effect. The effect of this plan is, 'God gets exactly gets what He determined'. The Glory of thing is that it does what it was designed to do.

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## *Keys to Accessing Grace*

**Recap.** : Three Revolutions took place, viz. Steam Power, Electrical Power and Computers. The coming 'revolution' is a work of the Spirit of God - Inspirational Technology / Grace Technology.

**Grace is going to be the major determinant of dominion.** Grace is everywhere - but you must know how to access it. You must have the keys to access Grace. In the book of Zechariah, mountains are moved by shouts of 'Grace, Grace'. How do we access this grace? We are not talking about salvation grace but dominion grace. **The thing that will give you advantage in this season is grace.** There are several keys to accessing grace, eg. The Table of the Lord, Humility, Apostolic Connections, Integrity, Spiritual Wisdom, etc.



### **1. THE TABLE OF THE LORD**

*(refer to previous notes from session 2 - page 6)*

The Protestant church taught we partake because we have already obtained grace, but there is also GRACE in the Table to be released, for Paul spoke of sickness, weakness and premature death.

When people broke bread, grace was released. In Acts 20, they gathered to break bread; when Eutychus died, and Paul raised him up and broke bread. Paul on day 14 broke bread in the trip on the ship. There is a grace deposit in the Table of The Lord.

What was the purpose the silver cup in Benjamin in sack? Silver cup was in a sack of grain, which symbolizes the bread. Benjamin got five portions more - and five is the number of grace. As we partake of this more regularly, we will live in a more healthy environment.



**YOU PROCLAIM THE LORD'S DEATH:** There are several things in Jesus' death. These are **PUBLISHED** every time we partake of the Table of the Lord. These are benefits of His death and are activated every time we Partake of the Table of the Lord.



### **1. We are publishing the victory of the one who had power over DEATH.**

**Heb 2:14** Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that **through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death**, that is, the devil,

### **2. There was installation of the foundation of worship**

#### **Rev.5:4-14**

- 4 Then I began to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look into it;
- 5 and one of the elders said to me, "Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals."
- 6 And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.
- 7 And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.
- 8 When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.
- 9 And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.
- 10 "You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."
- 11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,
- 12 saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."

- 13 And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever."
- 14 And the four living creatures kept saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Jesus sees the Lamb that was slain - this becomes the centrality of worship in heaven

### **3. Death of Jesus ended the sacrificial rituals for sin**

#### **Heb 10:4-14**

- 4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.
- 5 Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, "Sacrifice and offering You have not desired,  
But a body You have prepared for Me;
- 6 In whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You have taken no pleasure.
- 7 "Then I said, 'Behold, I have come (In the scroll of the book it is written of Me)  
To do Your will, O God.' "
- 8 After saying above, "Sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You have not desired, nor have You taken pleasure in them" (which are offered according to the Law),
- 9 then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will." He takes away the first in order to establish the second.
- 10 By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.
- 11 Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins;
- 12 but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God,
- 13 waiting from that time onward until His enemies be made a footstool for His feet.
- 14 For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

**Col 2:14** having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

The Table is a reminder of the end of trespass offering and guilt offering

That is why dispensational truth as we know it, is a cult because it teaches the temple will be rebuilt in Israel and sacrifices will be revived.

### **4. Reminder that Jesus' death was a propitiation for our sins**

**Isaiah 53:5** But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.

**1 John 2:2** and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.

## **5. A Reconciliation that took place of God and Man**

**Romans 5:10** 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.

**2 Cor 5:18** Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,

**Eph 2:14** For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall,

**Gal 3:28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

## **6. Love**

**John 15:13** "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

## **7. Obedience**

**John 4:33** Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work.

## **8. Opened the Door for Salvation**

**Gal 6:14** But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world

**2 Cor 5:21** He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

**Heb 10:10** By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

## **Delivered from Sickness**

### **Isaiah 53:3-5**

3 He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; And like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

4 Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.



**1 Peter 2:24** and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

“healed” = *iaomai* (Greek)

- Associated with **physical healing** over 20 times in the Bible

**Lk. 6:19** And all the people were trying to touch Him, for power was coming from Him and healing them all.

- Associated with **spiritual healing**: ‘heal the broken hearted’:

**Isaiah 61:1** 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;

**Matt 13:15** 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.’

**a. Both physical and spiritual healing:**

**James 5:16** 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.

**Healing is in the atonement.** Healing grace is accessible in the atonement. The Table of the Lord will conscientize your children to God. This practice will bring an end to the superstar-mega-star healer syndrome.

**There are many keys to healing:** Humility, exposure to all the mechanisms in the house (elders praying for you); fear God and depart from evil.

**We must demonstrate health without medical partnership.** Israel in the wilderness did not need doctors; yet we have a better covenant with better promises. This will be key to our dominion. ‘In HIM we live and move and have our being’. Within the next ten years, medical aid will fail - only the rich will afford it. **We need MIRACLE-Aid, not medical aid.**

**Keys to Healing:**

- ☛ Health is through loving His Word - Psalm 1
- ☛ Humility : Nebuchadnezzar’s illness was because of pride
- ☛ Eldership
- ☛ Laying on of hands
- ☛ Gifts of healing

🔑 Prayer

🔑 His Word

🔑 Trusting God

🔑 Having Faith in God

🔑 Joy

🔑 Integrity and righteousness

*Prov 10:9 He who walks in integrity walks securely, But he who perverts his ways will be found out.*

🔑 Name of The Lord

🔑 Eternal Life (John 10:10)

🔑 Submission to God

*Ex 15:26 And He said, "If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the LORD your God, and do what is right in His sight, and give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the LORD, am your healer."*

🔑 Seeking God

*2 Chron 7:14 and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land*

One of the things the charismatic church has proven is that there are a lot of sick people in the church. **We must not just present healing, but principles for divine health.**

## 9. Unraveled the Wisdom of God

## 10. We have Supernatural Access through His Death

### Heb. 10:19-21

- 19 Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus,  
20 by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh,  
21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God,  
22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

When we celebrate the table, we remember the benefits of His death

### OTHER KEYS TO ACCESS GRACE



## 2. HUMILITY

**James 4:6** But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, "God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

**1 Peter 5:5** You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, **for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.**

'Humble yourselves'= you have to work this out yourself. 'AM I PROUD'?

Here are some indicators of pride:

- ✎ PERSONAL AMBITION
- ✎ SELF RELIANCE
- ✎ INFLATED SELF ESTEEM
- ✎ DELUSIONS OF GRANDEUR
- ✎ FEELINGS OF ENTITLEMENT

Do not impose your apostleship or fatherhood on others. Keep on checking yourself in reference to pride. Pastors must be careful when people run after you. Mental illness is high in the church. You could have a personality disorder and not know it - because it is a blind spot.

In the Greek, Humility = tupanos = transparency  
= agape love  
= repentant attitude  
= esteeming others better than yourself  
= obedience  
= servanthood  
= submission

**If you are proud, GOD WILL RESIST YOU.**

David said to Saul: "Who am I that I should be a son in law to the King" - indicates a humble lowly attitude. 1 Sam 24:14 '..... a dead dog.... A flea....' = David estimation of himself

**1 Sam 24:14** "After whom has the king of Israel come out? Whom are you pursuing? A dead dog, a single flea?"

David manifests humility every time he was attacked. Cornelius humbled himself to receive grace (via Peter) into his house.



## 3. APOSTOLIC CONNECTION

Paul, by simply pronouncing the benediction, imparted grace to the churches. But there must be relational dynamics with the apostles. Joseph said to his brothers, “There is still 5 years to the famine - but dwell near to me”. Elisha stayed close to Elijah. Many pastors accept apostles from overseas, yet they resist the grace within an apostle in their city.

You must **COVENANT** with that grace. **If you do not covenant with your spiritual father - you will be a vagabond for the rest of your life.** Ruth discerned that Naomi comes from Bethlehem (House of Bread) - and she covenanted with her. This connection positioned her on the threshing floor of Boaz and she shifts from being a gleaner in a field to owning the field.

A pastor of a mega church can be fathered by a father with twenty people.

Until the men of Israel connected with David, only then could they that overtake the Jebusites. **Do not be familiar with the one who carries grace to the point where you disrespect them.**

The nurse who carried Mephibosheth dropped him. This is a picture of an institution that cannot carry grace. Some people are connected to the wrong people. They are not getting grace; they are being prepared for disgrace.

**Discern if your leader is carrying grace. If he does, CONNECT with him - it will give you dominion in the market place.** The Shenum woman discerned Elisha was a man of God, built him an upper room and not a basement. She positioned his grace above her. **Position grace above you. Grace flows down to you by gravitation - downwards. She experienced resurrection and restoration.**

The widow of Zarepheth - released a first fruit to Elijah and created wealth in her house. **Invest financially in the grace of your father, and partake of that GRACE.**

Look at the Centurion soldier. He did not want Jesus to come into his but to just speak the word of healing for his servant. **He regarded the WORD of Jesus as equal to Jesus Himself. Co-operate with the words that come out of the mouth of your spiritual father.**



#### 4. THOUGH THE RHEMA (Apostles Doctrine)

**Eph. 4:29** Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

The word that Jesus gave to his disciples: 'Cast your net on to the other side' - this word brought a huge catch. Elijah on Mount Carmel functioned at His Word, saying "I have done all these things AT YOUR WORD"

**Joel 2:23-27**

- 23 So rejoice, O sons of Zion, And be glad in the Lord your God; For He has given you the early rain for your vindication. And He has poured down for you the rain, The early and latter rain as before.
- 24 The threshing floors will be full of grain, And the vats will overflow with the new wine and oil.
- 25 "Then I will make up to you for the years That the swarming locust has eaten, The creeping locust, the stripping locust and the gnawing locust, My great army which I sent among you.
- 26 "You will have plenty to eat and be satisfied And praise the name of the Lord your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; Then My people will never be put to shame.
- 27 "Thus you will know that I am in the midst of Israel, And that I am the Lord your God, And there is no other; And My people will never be put to shame.

All of the promises in verses are in response to rain. Rain = THE WORD (doctrine).

**Deut 32:2** "Let my teaching (doctrine) drop as the rain, My speech distill as the dew, As the droplets on the fresh grass And as the showers on the herb

Proceeding word = the juice of the logos. The Word of God has not changed but our interpretation has. Just as the Old testament is parabolic and was written for our learning, so too **the New Testament for us, is a type for which we must decode the antitype for our present reality.**

An Example ....

John 5 = a story of migration. The palsied man is healed. For years John 5 was preached only in the context of miracles and salvation. Now New Testament stories to us are becoming New Testaments types - we must decode the anti-types. John 5 pictures a mega church with lame, blind and paralyzed people waiting for an angel. If the angel moved the blind could not see it; the paralyzed saw but could not crawl into it. This was a place of torture and not healing. The pool was 'by the sheep gate', i.e. next to it is Jesus. He sees the state of this church and is unmoved with compassion. A specific man sick for 38 years (Deut 2:17). 38 is the number symbolic of wandering and inaccuracy. Jesus commends him, 'Rise (change your position), take up bed (disconnect) and walk (change your location). 'Sin no more' = 'make sure you do not go back to an inaccurate location'.

The proceeding Word brings grace and deliverance

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## 5. INTEGRITY

**Psalm 84:11** For the Lord God is a sun and shield; **The Lord gives grace and glory;** No good thing does He withhold from those **who walk uprightly.**

**Gen 6:8** But Noah **found favor (grace)** in the eyes of the Lord.

Noah received new technology when the earth faced a crisis. Joseph receives new economic plans because he is righteous and just. How do you get integrity? Not just by spending time the Lord. Judas spent 3 years with Jesus and yet failed. Integrity will give you the edge.

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**Session 11 : 25:03:09**

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# *The Necessity of God's Glory*

The necessity of 'Why the Glory?' If you are assigned the responsibility in a car production plant, to produce the wheels, you will be less motivated to do this until you understand what the wheels are used for. We may be preachers of the Word and believe, but until we understand the full picture of God and the reasons for doing certain things, motivation and strength will leave us. You must visualize what God ultimately wants to be produced.

### Isaiah 60:1-14

- 1 "**Arise, shine;** for **your light** has come, And the **glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**
- 2 "For behold, darkness will cover the earth And deep darkness the peoples; **But the Lord will rise upon you And His glory will appear upon you.**
- 3 "**Nations** will come to **your light**, And kings to the **brightness of your rising.**
- 4 "Lift up your eyes round about and see; They all gather together, they come to you. **Your sons will come from afar,** And your daughters will be carried in the arms.
- 5 "Then you will **see and be radiant, And your heart will thrill and rejoice;** Because the **abundance of the sea will be turned to you, The wealth of the nations will come to you.**
- 6 "A **multitude of camels** will **cover you**, The young camels of Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba will come; They will bring gold and frankincense, And will bear good news of the praises of the Lord.

- 7 "All the flocks of Kedar will be **gathered together to you**, The rams of Nebaioth **will minister to you**; They will go up with acceptance on My altar, And **I shall glorify My glorious house**.
- 8 "Who are these who fly like a cloud And like the doves to their lattices?"
- 9 "Surely the coastlands will wait for Me; And the ships of Tarshish will come first, To bring your sons from afar, Their silver and their gold with them, For the name of the Lord your God, And for the Holy One of Israel because He has glorified you.
- 10 "Foreigners will build up your walls, And their kings will minister to you; For in My wrath I struck you, And in My favor I have had compassion on you.
- 11 "Your gates will be open continually; They will not be closed day or night, So that men may bring to you the wealth of the nations, With their kings led in procession.
- 12 "For the nation and the kingdom which will not serve you will perish, And the nations will be utterly ruined.
- 13 "The glory of Lebanon will come to you, The juniper, the box tree and the cypress together, To beautify the place of My sanctuary; And I shall make the place of My feet glorious.
- 14 "The sons of those who afflicted you will come bowing to you, And all those who despised you will bow themselves at the soles of your feet; And they will call you the city of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
- 15 "Whereas you have been forsaken and hated With no one passing through, I will make you an everlasting pride, A joy from generation to generation.
- 16 "You will also suck the milk of nations And suck the breast of kings; Then you will know that I, the Lord, am your Savior And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.
- 17 "Instead of bronze I will bring gold, And instead of iron I will bring silver, And instead of wood, bronze, And instead of stones, iron. And I will make peace your administrators And righteousness your overseers.
- 18 "Violence will not be heard again in your land, Nor devastation or destruction within your borders; But you will call your walls salvation, and your gates praise.
- 19 "No longer will you have the sun for light by day, Nor for brightness will the moon give you light; But you will have the Lord for an everlasting light, And your God for your glory.
- 20 "Your sun will no longer set, Nor will your moon wane; For you will have the Lord for an everlasting light, And the days of your mourning will be over.
- 21 "Then all your people will be righteous; They will possess the land forever, The branch of My planting, The work of My hands, That I may be glorified.
- 22 "The smallest one will become a clan, And the least one a mighty nation. I, the Lord, will hasten it in its time."

In verses 1 and 2, there is a distinction the people of Zion and the people of the earth. When glory rises on Zion, there is a power failure (darkness) coming on the earth. In Zimbabwe there has been darkness for the past ten years. In the USA, the economic collapse could have been perceived before it commenced. God began to expose wickedness in the church (Eph 5:27 - removing all the spots and blemishes) in the USA. **The moment God cleans up His church and puts glory on the church, darkness is coming on the earth.** God has no right to judge the earth, until there is a standard of righteousness in His people. God cannot judge people for something that is 'undo-able'

- that no-one is doing or that which cannot be done - unattainable. **He has to have a people as standard by which He will judge everyone else.**

Illustration of a Tonga Tribe in Zimbabwe - could not be prosecuted.

For God to judge the wicked, there must first be some people walking in His Glory.

**Glory = Doxa/Kabod = the fullness of what God is. All disobedient systems will continue if we as God's people do not reflect the fullness of God. This fullness of God in us will activate the judgment on God on evil systems.**

In a court of law, a witness will provide evidence and then he is then cross-examined. A witness is checked historically to establish credibility and reliability as a witness. "Arise and Shine for the light has come" - then darkness will cover the earth. **For darkness to the earth - God must have first found a credible witness in His people. Glory is associated with integrity.**

**God is raising a glorious people**, who are God's witnesses and who will, by their position, give God power to condemn. **A glorious people need not be large in numbers.** The first world was brought to an end by Noah and seven others a few. Only eight righteous people condemned the world. On the basis of eight righteous people, God condemned the world.

Hebrews 11:7 By faith **Noah**, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he **condemned the world**, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

The moment the ark was finished, judgment was ready to come on the world. When world systems begin to collapse, some uninformed Christians start praying to God to save it, when it is God's intention that it does collapse.

**Things that fascinate us do not fascinate God.** In Matthew 24 - the temple was magnificent - the Jews said it took 46 years to build. When Jesus walked out of the temple, the disciples were distraught and called His attention to the beauty of it. Jesus said no stone shall be left on top of another. **The Glory of God had left this temple. They did not understand what God values. God is fascinated by righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. God can only work with what looks like HIM.**

God does not look at a country's GDP per se to determine wealth but how much of that GDP is used for the poor. God measures our stock exchange against the standard of righteousness. We must fully comprehend the Kingdom mandate. **Do not help darkness to continue standing when God is judging the dark systems in it.**



Many are not living by faith. Faith demands a promise from God - and you must reconfigure life to conform to the Word of faith. Most believers are being sustained by the world system and come to church on Sundays. **We must develop and establish a Kingdom system.** God has given examples in the past : Israel in the wilderness for 40 years; they lived by a divine system; no shoes wore out; no clothes wore out .... “so that you might know that man shall not by bread alone but by every word that come out of the mouth of God”.

We are a holy ‘NATION’ - we are a nation within a nation . **The system of our nation is God’s system - a supernatural system. It has practical things we do that produce supernatural results.** When we see world system collapsing, there is a fresh call on the Kingdom. IN the Kingdom, doors are opening. The collapse is a vindication of what we have been preaching - things that are anti-God cannot stand.

When Jericho was taken, Joshua asked the Lord ‘are you for us or against us’ The answer was, “I am none of what you have said” i.e. “I am neither for you or for Jericho. I have come as the captain of the Lord’s armies. I am for a higher order - a kingdom order - and whoever supports me, I will give victory”.

Rahab, the harlot, believed and joined the Kingdom. She became engrafted into the line of Jesus. The city of Ai could not be taken because of Achan’s sin. Achan was from the tribe of Judah and was killed. Yet Rahab, the harlot, from Jericho is saved. **The Glory of God is non-negotiable.**

Scriptures says that “When He appears we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is”. When He shall appear, we by that time, must be glorious - of the same DNA as Him.

God does not work by party politics but principles of His kingdom. Jericho was a bad city, but Rahab was saved. **The Glory of the Lord will be globalize.** Economic collapse was inevitable because of talk of globalization - creating one (evil) system for the whole world.

Dan 2:44 God will raise up a Kingdom and will cover the whole world - not the new world order. Systems of this world will crumble. Nimrod, Nebuchadnezzar, Hitler tried it - it collapse. God will inherit the nations also. Any nations that tries to exclude God, comes into head-on collision with God.

**Daniel 7:13-14,27**

- 13 "I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him.
- 14 "**And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom,** That all the peoples, nations and men of every language Might serve Him. **His dominion is an everlasting dominion** Which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one Which will not be destroyed.
- 27 'Then the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; **His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.'**

**Dan 2:44** "In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up **a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people;** it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever

His Kingdom is the one which will not be destroyed. Jesus was given a Kingdom. Matt 28 - "All power and authority is given to me." **We are working as co-laborers with Him.** Unemployment is a choice because we have a permanent invitation to be employed in advancing the Kingdom.

There are systems that look innocent, yet are not perfect. When that which is perfect has come, that which is not perfect will be taken away. **The more we unveil the Glory, the imperfect system will be taken away.**

**Gal. 4:1-2**

- 1 Now I say, as **long as the heir is a child,** he does not differ at all from a slave **although he is owner of everything,**
- 2 **but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by the father.**

There are systems that brought you up, but God allowed them, but they are not systems of inheritance. **Once the heir has matured, the guardian systems and temporary steward systems are removed because they are not perfect.**

**Illustration:** unfaithful gardener stealing - you tolerate him - but he is not the perfect heir. You tolerate him up to a point when your own children are SONS, who now can discern his wickedness.

There are some systems in the world and the church that we have grown up under and we think it is normal, but when become glorious and mature, we begin to see a shaking.

- Two things are happening :**
1. God wants the church to mature into His Glory.
  2. God is also coming more and more against every godly system.

Luke 12:32 - It is my father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom, hence FEAR NOT". If you are going to receive the Kingdom, you need to MATURE up as soon as possible. Because you will not be under guardians - but you will be the guardian yourself.

Some sufferings are self inflicted because of the state of maturity. These sufferings makes you perfect. **There are some things we have done in the previous season that will not be tolerated now.**

**The glorious church is a solution to many things. The weight and dignity of God must come back to the church, and the problem of evangelism will be solved.** The sinner will see what God looks like in us. When the Tabernacle of David is restored then the remnant of the people will seek the Lord (see Amos 9 and Acts 15).

There are some advance pictures of the glorious church. Balaam was hired to curse Israel. He said, "I cannot curse what God has blessed." "The shout of a King is in a midst of her".

Scriptures we generally ascribe to Christ can also be applicable to us. E.g. "He took our infirmities in His own BODY". **We are that BODY and nations will come to us for healing.** As His Body is remembered - healing, power and victories will flow out of His Body.

**Session 12 : 25:03:09**

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## ***Return of the Ark of the Covenant through a Davidic People***

The connected-ness to grace is what is empowering sons. Our is focus is the conditions that precipitate the return of the Ark of Covenant by a Davidic-type people. See Amos 9 and Acts 15. The Council at Jerusalem convened to consider the Gentiles and circumcision. Jews wanted Gentiles circumcised.

### **Amos 9: 11-15**

- 11 **"In that day I will raise up the fallen booth of David, And wall up its breaches; I will also raise up its ruins And rebuild it as in the days of old;**
- 12 **That they may possess the remnant of Edom And all the nations who are called by My name,"**  
Declares the Lord who does this.

- 13 "Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord, "When the plowman will overtake the reaper And the treader of grapes him who sows seed; When the mountains will drip sweet wine And all the hills will be dissolved.
- 14 "Also I will restore the captivity of My people Israel, And they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them; They will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, And make gardens and eat their fruit.
- 15 "I will also plant them on their land, And at they will not again be rooted out from their land Which I have given them," Says the Lord your God.



The 'Tent of David' represents a transitional phase in the dealings of God with mankind - all the Davidic principles embodied in his tabernacle. Apostles established doctrine by referring to the prophetic writings - interpret them apostolically and started to declare present truth doctrine.

The 'Tabernacle of David' is **God's strategic plan to finalize or bring a final empowerment to the church of God.** The Tabernacle of David is facilitating this process - it is a transitional structure. If you bring these principles back - you will bring back the Ark of the Covenant. We need to portray a Davidic Standard in our day. **Psalm 89:3-4**

- 3 "I have made a covenant with My chosen; **I have sworn to David My servant,**  
 4 **I will establish your seed forever And build up your throne to all generations."**

The Tabernacle of David: He needed to erect a Tent so that the Ark could be placed there in it.

God wants to bring the **vigour of the Davidic faith and prophetic dimension** back to the church. God also wants to extend the borders of His programme to include all nations.

Amos 9:11: '**Raise Up David's Fallen Tent**' - **God is communicating redemptive truth to us.**

1 Cor.15:46 teaches, 'first the natural, and then the spiritual'. Scriptures also teaches that the last shall first and the first shall be last. The natural in God's mind will always be last and the spiritual will always be first. Christ must be manifested in us. We are people of the covenant

**Raise Up** = to Arise in strength or to come to the scene with vigour;  
 to be valid again;

to make something that was once functional right - to bring it to functionality again.

If we bring back Davidic Principles, we will have the same results that David had. **Unless there is a Davidic People in the earth today, the Ark will not return. We must be that people.**

David lived in Ziglag, Hebron and Zion. From Ziglag to Hebron is an ascension. **David always ascended.** He ascended in character even when Saul pursued him. **It was an upward movement in internal character.**

Ziglag = 'the stronghold of David'; Zion = 'the stronghold of God'. Zion is the place of elevation, fortification. Heb 12 says, "you have come unto Mt. Zion". **The Ark cannot be restored until there is a Davidic principle installed in a people that have come to a dominion mentality in their disposition.**

There is a people in the earth that understands 'Hebron' - covenant - that understands how to deal with Saul (those that hate you). You must know how to deal with Saul's hatred toward you. Learn to sing the Bow even when Saul is fallen. **You cannot usher back the Glory of God if you have not learned righteousness and justice.**

Do not burn your bridges with those that have hurt you. You will be the bridge upon which they will walk into the new thing that God is doing. **Only covenant Davidic people will be allowed to bring back the ARK of the Covenant. There must be no hatred of this who abused you.**

**'Repair the fallen Tent of David':** The church has fallen into disrepute - this must be repaired and restored. **God wants purity and holiness to prevail in his house.** The repair will take place in the environment of great resistance. Learn how to live in the culture of rejection. Clarify your voice without fear. **Do not shrink back from your prophetic responsibility.**

Eli's sons, Phineas and Hophni represented the corrupt state of the priesthood. The priest's function is to stand between heaven and earth. **You have to be pure, integrous, holy and upright.**

David was a king and priest; Jesus was a priest after the order of Melchisedeck, a principle which represents a relevant priesthood in every kairos of God. He was a priest continually, without any genealogy for His priesthood - no earthly reference. He stood in the power of an endless life.

**The priest was to carry the rigours of God's task without distraction.** The Ark must always be carried on the shoulders on the priesthood. The Ark will draw the nations. The standards of Christ built inside of a prevailing priesthood.

#### **Micah 4:1-2**

- 1 And it will come about in the last days That **the mountain of the house of the Lord Will be established as the chief of the mountains.** It will be raised above the hills, **And the peoples will stream to it.**
- 2 Many nations will come and say, "Come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord And to the house of the God of Jacob, That He may teach us about His ways And that we may walk in His paths." For from Zion will go forth the law, Even the word of the Lord from Jerusalem

#### **Isaiah 2:1-2**

- 2 Now it will come about that In the last days **The mountain of the house of the Lord Will be established as the chief of the mountains,** And will be raised above the hills; And **all the nations will stream to it.**
- 3 And many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, To the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways And that we may walk in His paths." For the law will go forth from Zion And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

We need to be a nation-conscience priesthood. Nations will flow to us when the Glory of God is restored in the House of God - see Isaiah 60:1-3. There will be a lot of character assassinations in this season. Michal, David's wife cursed David as he danced before The ARK on its return to Jerusalem. His wife, for us today, represents those that are supposed to be closest to you. Michal looked through a window. Windows represent looking through an un-renewed soul. God is judging His house.

There needs to be a healing of broken things in the house of God. The priesthood must know how to deal with their own inner hurts.

The Ark was brought up after a new level of kingly presence was established. Man fell from dominion (not from heaven) - because of a marred image. Christ became sin for us. He became the last in the line of Adam. In His resurrection, He rose as the second man.

The Tabernacle of David represents the establishment of a new stronghold. There is a movement from out of obsolete strongholds. People are coming out of dead churches. The apostolic position is the most preferred position in the earth today. The Tabernacle demands a new mentality.

#### **What did the ARK OF THE COVENANT represent to Israel?**

It symbolized the rule, government, glory, and righteousness of God to Israel. It was also called the Ark of Witness or Testimony. It made of wood acacia/shittim wood = the sinless humanity of Christ 'Christ in you is the hope of Glory'. The Ark has three principles that have to come reside into our hearts, its final resting place. **Look into yourself for the final revelation of the Glory of God.** You

are the temple of God - Christ in you, the hope of Glory. Glory is coming to you by the Word of God released. Psalm 50:2 “Out of Zion, perfection of beauty, God shines forth”.

**We must become the rule and the rod of God to the nations.** We are the budding rod of God incarnated by the living Christ. Our budding is into the priesthood of Melchisedek.

**The ARK was the evidence of God being in the midst of His people.** Moses started first with the ARK of the Covenant. God starts from the inside out. Grace moves towards man’s expression of faith in God. We sing from a position in God to God.

**The ARK determined the accuracy of the movement of Israel.** Without it, their journeying became meaningless. In Eli’s day the ark was stolen, and for long period, the Holy of Holies was empty with no Ark in it. In David’s day, this tabernacle of Moses was at Mt. Gibeon and David brought the Ark back and put it in an open tent on Mt. Zion.

Abiathar was the priest that meditated the offerings under the Tent of David. He was positioned right but with the wrong heart. Zadok at Gibeon was positioned in the wrong place with a right heart. God repositioned Zadok to the right place.

There are churches with no glory (no Ark) - full of regulation. You know about the brazen altar = redemption; laver = sanctification ; lampstand = apostolic (but people only see it as baptism in the Holy Ghost); incense = praise and worship. **BUT THIS IS WHERE THEY STOP.** They do not venture further into the Holy of Holies where the ARK is where all regulation is removed.

**The Ark led people into victory in warfare.** At times God would lift His glory when Israel acted sinfully. **Phineas and Hophni acted presumptuously.** They wore priestly garments; garments speak of nature and character. They wore external garments, but we wear this internally. **The colors in the priestly garb represent distinctions in divine character, e.g. gold = deity; blue = Holy Ghost; purple = kingly; white = active righteousness.** These garment gave the priest access. **We have got to be clothed right.**

#### **Hebrews 9:1-5**

- 1 Now even the first covenant had regulations of divine worship and the earthly sanctuary.
- 2 For there was a tabernacle prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the sacred bread; this is called the holy place.
- 3 Behind the second veil there was a tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies,

- 4 having a golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden jar holding the manna, and Aaron's rod which budded, and the tables of the covenant;
- 5 and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat; but of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

Tablets of the Law = ten commandment

**Ex 20:1** Then God spoke all these words, saying,.....

Ten Commandments = Decalogue = the ten words of God written by the finger of God.

In Rabbinical writings - **the Decalogue is the fountain head from which all other writings flow.**

These Tablets of the law were placed in the ARK. **Fountain head = the origin of the water where it is the most purest.** Religion has polluted the fountain head of God's word. Even our constitution denies the Decalogue. When any nation transgresses the Decalogue - it touches the ARK of God.

In Solomon's Temple there was only the Tablets of Law in the ARK. We are moving the earth back to the unchanging laws of God.

Deut 32:2 My word = doctrine

**Deut 32:2** Let my teaching drop as the rain, My speech distill as the dew, As the droplets on the fresh grass And as the showers on the herb.

Isaiah 55:10-11 Word is sent to accomplish purpose

**Isaiah 55:10,11**

- 10 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it bear and sprout, And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater;
- 11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, **Without accomplishing what I desire,** And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

God inscribed it as it was spoken.

Ex 34 Moses breaks the Decalogue, but he is commissioned to write it again

The new covenant not according to the covenant on tablets of stone - but a new covenant - I will write my laws upon your heart and your mind. The Decalogue is shifted on your heart.



The church in Acts **was of one heart AND MIND**. This is done by God's word in apostles and prophets. God will relocate His throne to your heart and mind as you accept and receive His Word. You become the Throne and Covenant of God. There is a great equalization taking place - "all will know me", says the Lord.

Session 13: 26:03:09

Howie Baker

## *Fathering Generation X*

Do not delay in implementing the principles you have learned.

**Generation X was born out of the mid 1980's.** The future of the kingdom is about to be passed into the hands of these. They are the ones who will represent you as a father better than anyone on the planet. We must ensure that they are active in God's purposes. **There is a harnessing that must take place with them.** Otherwise our congregations will age with old people. Do not miss your moment in history.

Haggai 2 - the latter house glory is greater than the former house glory. We are the latter house with a greater glory. **Construct this latter house so that it will contain the glory.** The Grace produced through fathers and sons will ensure this is done. The Father-Son dimension must be perfected quickly so that greater glory can be released.

If this generation X is true a representation of the 11<sup>th</sup> hour workers, **then we must understand that generation X will only fulfill the will of God when authentic fathers engage them.** Fathers must be the primary influences in their life. This generation is influenced by MTV - **hence we must engage them at their level.** God is squarely placing on our shoulders the responsibility to **upgrade ourselves to harness and release our young people into the purpose of the Lord.**

**How can we capture them unless we become the seat of influence in their world.** If you cannot influence them, how can you reach them. A lot of the differences between us and them are not spiritual, but it is natural. **'Different' is not necessarily 'wrong'.** The challenge is to **father someone that is different from you.**

Influence over this generation is secured when a **father has certain traits that create connection that results in covenant - produce trust, identity, and confidence in them and lead them into divine purpose.**

### **CHARACTERISTICS OF A FATHER THAT WILL INFLUENCE GENERATION X**

#### **1 Kings 19:19-21**

- 19 So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, while he was plowing with twelve pairs of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth. And **Elijah passed over to him and threw his mantle on him.**
- 20 He left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Please let me kiss my father and my mother, then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?"
- 21 So he returned from following him, and took the pair of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the implements of the oxen, and gave it to the people and they ate. Then he arose and followed Elijah and ministered to him

Elisha is already manifesting governmental authority. Most millionaires being produced now are in their 20's. There is something of a governmental capacity that sits on this group. You will lose your potential future if you do not open your eyes and see who is under your nose. Some are isolated. The Spirit of Elijah will reconnect fathers and sons.

#### **1. Gen X Father Knows How to Approach this Generation**

**verse 19b: 'Elijah passed over to him'** = Elijah drew near to him and approached him. He strategically shifted his course to come closer to him. Most young people and young adults

are engaged in their own business, and they are waiting for their father to come near them. **Plant yourself among them.** They will normally not come to you. You must draw near to them. You have to give them a reason for them to come. **Our households will transform - they will bring a raw edge to your ministry.** In their stirring, they will push you to another level. **We must up-skill ourselves.** The queen of Sheba came to Solomon - she observed the way he approach the house. **This 'gen. X' is full of spirit - they have attitude.** We become offended by their attitude. We are seeing them incorrectly. Your young people are measuring you - everything about you. This 'gen. X' is measuring you more than any generation before. God has called us to strip their attitude from them by our approach toward them - it does not take much.

### What Impresses and Moves Gen X?

- a. **The Father has to be transparent with this Generation;** they can sniff a phony a mile away. We have a fear of been transparent - fear of rejection; fear of being viewed as less than what you project or are. **As a father - be yourself toward them.** They are not looking for you to be perfect; they are looking for you to be honest. This will develop trust. Do not perform for generation X. They want a father. Be honest towards them even about your weaknesses. Do not posture an angelic look to them - otherwise when you fail, they will be devastated. Allow them to cover your nakedness. Shem and Japheth saw Moses nakedness and walk out backwards. Ham uncovered his father's nakedness. **When they know that you are honest and transparent - they will jump to your protection and cover you.**
  
- b. **Fathers who have dealt with any trait of Religion;** Gen. X are seeking a fathering grace without religious trappings. There are things we do that got nothing to with kingdom. There are things that we do that got no relevance to generation X - yet we defend these spiritually - but it is religion. Do not impose cultural beliefs systems on them. They do not care what you wear. Get positioned among and influence them with transparency . Do not reject the very people that will bring you your harvest.
  
- c. **They will not tolerate fathers with a Poverty Mentality.** They are not worried about the recession. They cannot tolerate poverty in leadership. 3 John 2 - prosper in all things . How do you posture your marriage and finances to this generation X. This generation is focused on the outside. ('man looks on the outside'). Upgrade - if the barn needs paint - then give it a cote of paint. You fatherhood must demonstrate

prosperity and dominion. Maintain the integrity power and truth of God's word and posture yourself among them so as to win them. Paul became all things to all men so he might win some.

If you want to become a profound influence of generation X, upgrade yourself in terms of how you think, communicate and function. Have a prosperous soul. Some of us look our age. There is a need to upgrade. When you position yourself among generation X, something happens to you as well.

2. **Upgrade your ability to lead** - you have to move with them. It takes skill - learn how to operate among them - mingle among them without your spiritual prowess.
3. **Upgrade your lifestyle** (e.g. get magg-wheels on your car !!!). Be relatable - become all things to all men.
4. **Value the impact of your own anointing.** Learn to 'casually associate' with and among them - and then release apostolic decrees among them - you capture their attention. The power of your anointing is just not meant for your teaching only.  
Elisha was mesmerized by Elijah's grace because Elijah knew how to cast the mantle.

Elisha wanted to kiss his mother and father goodbye. Do not function with gen X with what you need from then on Sunday morning. Elijah allowed to Elisha to go home to say goodbye to his parents. Deal with generation X holistically. Give them room to do what they need to do. Be flexible with them. Do not be a control-freak.

This word was released by Shaun at the commencement of this session :

**Prophetic Word : Shaun Bilgnaut : Vision**

A Flooding River - Massive satellite dishes installed all over the earth (big and small) = prototype congregations as a standard in the earth what emit a sound - communalities - that is attuned continually to the frequencies of the heavens - this prototype will attract people from that epicenter. These satellite dishes are moving all the time and emit sounds one to the another - sound waves traveling in all directions.

## *Honouring Previous Fathers*

Generation X is also called the 'millennial generation'. Many older folk who have been in the apostolic for a long time have grown discouraged. Recall the question Stephen Everette alluded to : 'How long before we get there?'. Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father, waiting. We are waiting also. But God is waiting for us to get our act together. **We can redeem our future by building accurate relationships with the younger generation. Our style should upgrade, but TRUTH will remain unchanged.** You learn good judgment through bad judgment. Know the feeling of being on a ship you know is sinking and the need to quickly migrate. **But equally important, we must also know how to evaluate the generation which have gone before.**

Questions about apparent delays in the 'parousia' prevail. The apostolic seeks to create the right conditions that will activate this. Mindsets need to be changed through apostolic confrontation.

Zerubbabel - his hands laid the foundation - his hand will finish it. This present company of relationships must not be tainted or fail - we must finish together.

**Revelation 21:1-3**

- 1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea.
- 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.
- 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "**Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them**

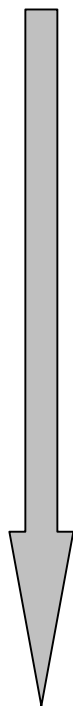
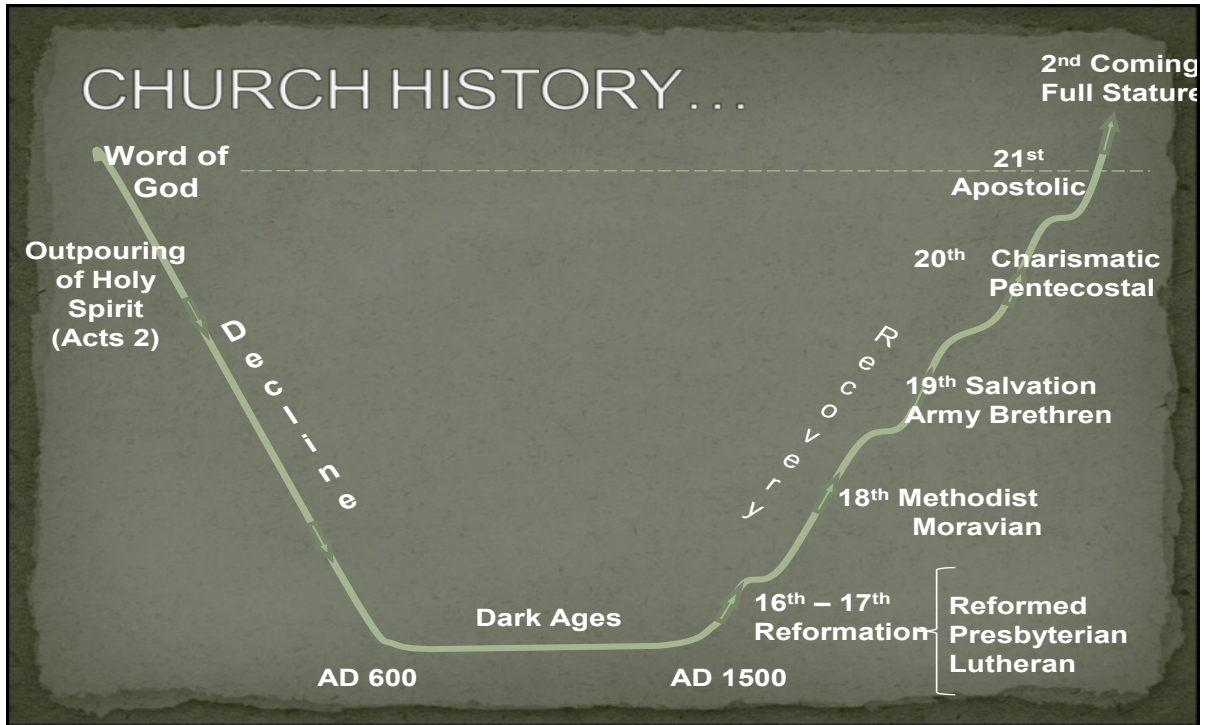
New Jerusalem is not a physical thing; it is a people. Hebrews 11 - we read of the faith heroes - cloud of witnesses. There are others which are not listed there, which are also part of this company of witnesses. **There is nothing more painful than to see people turn their back on revealed truth.** If God calls you to run 7 miles, and someone joins you and only goes 3 miles, you cannot help it. **Honour and recognize the saints that have gone before you.** Ask forgiveness if you have to if some feel offended by you. **We are in the final phases of the ARK returning. God is busy with a relational alignment.**

**Amos 9: 11** "In that day **I will raise up the fallen booth of David, And wall up its breaches;** I will also **raise up its ruins And rebuild it as in the days of old;**

God is busy the healing the breaches of generations.

**Proverbs 23:10** **Do not move the ancient boundary** Or go into the fields of the fatherless

**Diagram : Overview of Church History**



Outpouring of Holy Spirit (Acts 2)

Dark Ages = AD 600 - AD1500

16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Century Reformation (Luther, etc)

18<sup>th</sup> Century : Moravian

19<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army / The Brethren

20<sup>th</sup> Charismatic/ Pentecostal

21<sup>st</sup> Apostolic

2<sup>nd</sup> coming (Full Stature)

In many of these transitions, we 'lose the ball'. We lose something in terms of a frame of reference. People like to come in their own name and not the name of their father, who was before them. You must honour those from whom you drink. **Do not move away from your foundations. The enemy**

hates this because the double portion that is potentially available in this transition. The requirement is "If you see me go, you will get double portion". Imagine where the church would be now, if the double portion principle had continued throughout the ages. Jesus said that we would do greater works - this is the double portion.

**Do not allow history to repeat to itself.** We must believe that things will be fulfilled and be consummate in us. **Malachi 4:6 is more than just the Father-Son principle. It is also a reference to the 'fathers' in the cloud of witnesses that will connect closer with the 'sons on the earth'.** All fathers make mistakes - forgive them. Hebrews 13:7,8 - 'Remember those who led you and imitate their faith; Jesus is the same yesterday and forever.' This verse could be interpreted reading as follows: 'Jesus is the guarantee of the final outcome even if your fathers make a mistake'. The word 'accumulative' is relevant here.

#### **Hebrews 11:39-40**

39 **And all these**, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised,  
40 because God had provided something better for us, **so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.**

They are not complete without us, and we are not complete without them. Revelation knowledge used to come in bits and pieces, but now in this season, it is RAINING on us daily.

Another challenge : God still loves this earth.

#### **REV 17:1-9**

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.

9a "Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits

**This woman SITS = she is in rest.** This mother of harlots in the position of control in her mind - and full of the blood of the saints - she is drinking from the church. 7 mountains of influence (Business; Education; Institutional Church; Family; Arts; Science and Medicine; Governments). These mountains are shaping this present age. Dispensationalist Theology is a satanic strategy. This mother of harlot is sitting on seven mountains of influence. God at the moment is judging the church. 1 Peter 4:17 - judgment will begin in the House of God. Not just the economic meltdown but also the charismatic meltdown has already begun. Also, the kingdoms of this world must become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ. **God is about to break into South Africa's history like never before.** We must establish a model for accuracy.

**Rev 18: 1-4**

- 1 After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was **illuminated with his glory.**
- 2 And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird.
- 3 "For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality."
- 4 I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "**Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues**

Come out of Babylon! Babylon is subtle - it can overtake quickly. **God wants Babylon comes out of us - out of your spirit - then He send us into Babylon to invade it to destroy it.** If the gospel does not work in the market place, it does not work at all.

**Go for the 'corporate' - not for the one-man-band superstar mode of ministry. Let the generations connect. Be thankful for those who fathered you in your life.**

**Thamo :** Matthew 1: Jesus, son of David - David, son of Abraham = remote fathering (progenitor). We have to step back into history at times, so that previous fathers can father us. Paul fathered Martin Luther through his revelation of 'Just shall live by faith'.

**Session 15: 26:03:09**

**Stephen Everette**

## ***Coming into Glory through Suffering***

Introductory Comments based on the Two Previous Sessions :

Matthew 13:1-3,51,52

- 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, .....  
.....  
51 **"Have you understood all these things?"** They said to Him, **"Yes."**  
52 And Jesus said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple (instructed) of the kingdom of heaven is like a head of a **household**, who **brings out of his treasure things new and old.**"

Grace allows for God to raise a multi-dimensional workforce. This is God's prerogative. No one age group can be replaced.

'Para' = running beside (like a stream) ; 'bole' = story ; Hence a 'parable' is throwing a story alongside a truth to grasp the truth. Verse 52 ; 'instructed' = disciple. Those who Jesus trains are called 'disciples' - but the term is rarely referenced after Acts 2.

'Brings forth out of his treasure - both old and new' = **Bringing together the ancient-future methodologies** . When you come into the Promised land, do not leave Joseph's bones behind. ALSO, before entry in to the Promised land - 12 men took stones (resurrection) out of the Jordan as well. So you have the past (Joseph's bones) and the future (stones).

Every person 60 older did not die in the wilderness. The 'numbered men' died (603 500) - i.e. those in the army - those numbered under the priesthood of Aaron. Caleb with Joshua were preserved. When others died, the time expires of 40 years. God had already raised up a brand new generation under the new priest Eliezer. So all the seniors (old folk) were not dead. Thus Jesus said 'DID YOU UNDERSTAND' - i.e. how do we motivate both groups, old and young.

This Session:

God has made provision for us even through economic recession. In the Kingdom, there is not such thing as recession. God's economy is not based of man's economy. In God's economy, there is

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always more than enough. Jesus always flowed out of a spirit of prosperity. The spirit of poverty was no where near attached to Jesus. God is not about poverty.

**Matt 6:29** yet I say to you that not even **Solomon in all his glory** clothed himself like one of these

Solomon came into his glory. **What will it look like when we come into our glory?**

God gave the Passover a 'face'= the broken and bruised servant of the Lord, Jesus Christ. What will the face of the consummation look like. **What will the face of glory look like?**

### **Other examples of those who came into their glory:**

#### **Joseph**

**Genesis 45:13** "Now you must tell my father of all **my splendor** in Egypt, and all that you have seen; and you must hurry and bring my father down here."

**Before Joseph was honoured, he had to suffer and be humiliated. You cannot be skyscraper of influence and have a foot-depth of foundation. The pathway to glory takes every true son through humiliation. The pathway to affirmation by the father will take a true son through the wilderness.**

Jesus was led by the Spirit to be tempted of the devil. **Jesus had to walk through what Adam was confronted with**, i.e. the lust of the flesh, the lust of eyes and the pride of life. In response to each of the three temptations of the devil Jesus remembered the Word and quoted this. Two quotations were from Deuteronomy and one was from Psalm 91. 'Deut' = second law given before entry in the land; Psalm 91 is the second part of Psalm 90. **Hence Jesus quoted to the devil from a place of victory and overcoming.** With this He begins His public ministry. **What proves you is what you do with what you have while you are in the valley.** It is up to you how long you stay - 40 days, 40 hours or 40 seconds. Overcome quickly and move on.

**Joseph had a glory of position**, yet he **was second in charge** - you must know your metron in your specific sphere. **Your glory is associated with a specific sphere of function.** Joseph had a dream connected to his destiny. Do not lose your dream. Joseph shares his dream prematurely with those who could not appreciate his dream. Be careful to whom you tell your dreams. This led him to the 'school of unsolicited new beginnings' (Ha, Ha!). His destiny involved rulership. He produces prosperity in Potiphar's house. **He passed the integrity test by refusing Potiphar's wife's**

advances. Flee fornication! Integrity and GLORY are inseparable. Integrity speaks of wholeness - (no weak flesh and spirit strong).

Joseph's did the right thing and goes to prison for it. He is humiliated. He did the right thing and still was humiliated. His gift of dreams was still in him and would be raised up. He said to the Butler 'Do not forget me'. This was his attempt to assist God in the process. But God left him there for two more years because God's process for him was not complete. **Then Joseph comes into his glory. This glory involved saving people within a recession. Joseph was unspoiled by sudden prosperity or opulence. God is bringing his sons into great wealth.**

David's glory was associated with his royalty :

**Psalm 21:1-6**

- 1 O Lord, in Your strength the king will be glad, And in Your salvation how greatly he will rejoice!
- 2 You have given him his heart's desire, And You have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah.
- 3 For You meet him with the blessings of good things; You set a crown of fine gold on his head.
- 4 He asked life of You, You gave it to him, Length of days forever and ever.
- 5 **His glory is great through Your salvation**, Splendor and majesty You place upon him.
- 6 For You make him most blessed forever; You make him joyful with gladness in Your presence.

Both David and Joseph were 'anointed at 17 years old; David too was humiliated and suffered. **Before glory, there is humiliation.** That is why we are suffering ridicule at the level we are. This ridicule usually comes from the previous fountain that God used. The previous move of God usually attacks the present move of God. Do not allow previous relationships to let you get left behind. Before there is honour, there is always humility

Joseph principles that brought him to GLORY :

1. Forgive everyone who has been used by God to crucify us.
2. Be prepared to allow God to vindicate you
3. When wounded, stop bleeding all over the place - heal up and comfort those who wounded you.
4. Perseverance is necessary to overcome ; perseverance will outlast persecution
5. When Joseph overcome, he ruled over jealousy, anger, false accusation, etc. This was the school chosen to bring him to glory.

There is a school that brings one to glory. Joseph forgave his brothers, comforted them and led them into destiny. **There is a goal behind your sufferings.** God showed Moses his goodness when he asked to see His Glory. His goodness like His mercies are new every morning. God is working on your behalf.

Solomon had unprecedented peace and wealth. This was intrinsic to his glory.

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# Restoring the Glory of God - Theocratic Leadership

## Part 5

### RECAP ON THE POT OF MANNA = GRACE :

Some people have touched certain principles embedded within the Ark and have died. They are dead, yet living. These principles are three-fold principles - timeless - divine - eternal.

The first principle in the Ark is the Pot of Manna = Grace.

**Rev 2:17** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.'

Grace is the bread from heaven coming through the Word . When the Word is spoken by a preacher, that Word comes to the hearer as 'Rhema' - the substance of the Godhead. This Word is by the administration of the Holy Ghost. When you receive it becomes like chewing gum. Manna refers to an edible thing like chewing gum. You have to chew on it over and over again = meditate repetitively on the Word. What you eat is what you become; so you need to learn how to access GRACE. Become connected to the ones that serve you the GRACE. We all need to be connected to grace - not determined by race but by grace. This the fatal attraction in the spirit - a chemistry in the spirit - a begetting/adoption moment. **The richest most valuable thing in the Body of Christ is a preacher, who is a father, who dispenses grace.** That is why they are worthy of double honour, which twice the market related salary. These are individuals who are maturing people into their destinies.

### SECOND ITEM IN THE BOX : AARON'S ROD THAT BUDED

#### AARON'S ROD = Theocratic Leadership.

In the Body of Christ we have democratic processes which are inaccurate. God has a theocratic system of govt. We have to reconfigure the mentality of our thinking. Parables were never concocted a story. Parables were actual events that are used as stories to throw beside a truth to illustrate and meaning to the that truth.

Our story here is in Numbers 17.



### Numbers 17:1-13

- 1 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,  
2 "Speak to the sons of Israel, and get from them a rod for each father's household:  
twelve rods, from all their leaders according to their fathers' households. You shall write  
each name on his rod,  
3 and **write Aaron's name on the rod of Levi**; for there is one rod for the head of each of  
their fathers' households.  
4 "You shall then deposit them in the tent of meeting in front of the testimony, where I  
meet with you.  
5 "It will come about that the rod of the man whom I choose will sprout. Thus I will lessen  
from upon Myself the grumbings of the sons of Israel, who are grumbling against you."  
6 Moses therefore spoke to the sons of Israel, and all their leaders gave him a rod apiece,  
for each leader according to their fathers' households, twelve rods, with the rod of  
Aaron among their rods.  
7 So Moses deposited the rods before the Lord in the tent of the testimony.  
8 **Now on the next day Moses went into the tent of the testimony; and behold, the  
rod of Aaron for the house of Levi had sprouted and put forth buds and produced  
blossoms, and it bore ripe almonds.**  
9 Moses then brought out all the rods from the presence of the Lord to all the sons of  
Israel; and they looked, and **each man took his rod.**  
10 But the Lord said to Moses, "Put back the rod of Aaron before the testimony to be kept  
as a sign against **the rebels**, that you may put an end to their **grumbings against Me**, so  
that **they will not die.**"  
11 Thus Moses did; just as the Lord had commanded him, so he did.  
12 Then the sons of Israel spoke to Moses, saying, "Behold, we perish, we are dying, we are  
all dying!  
13 "Everyone who comes near, who comes near to the tabernacle of the Lord, must die. Are  
we to perish completely

Verse 10 = if you grumble against a divinely ordained leader, you will die spiritually

**leader = nasi =** a prince of families, a governor, pillars of the community; highly elevated  
officials, vapors that ascend from the earth to make clouds

**Tribe = mater = rod, staff, stick.** A tribe represents a group of people, but it could be reduced to a  
stick in the hand of their leader. The rod is in the hand of the leader of the whole tribe. The leader  
is a reflection of the sons of the entire house (not the crowd in the house). If God wants to examine  
the house, he examines the father of the house. The 12 spies sent were leaders; when they made a  
decision it affected all of their sons. Achan's sin affected his whole family. **You as the storehouse,  
are supposed to be a reflection of your people.**

If your father is blessed, you as sons will be blessed. If your father lacks, the house he leads will lack.

The rod was placed in the box as a sign for every generation

#### **Numbers 16:1-40**

- 1 Now Korah the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, with Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took action,
- 2 and **they rose up before Moses, together with some of the sons of Israel**, two hundred and fifty leaders of the congregation, chosen in the assembly, **men of renown**.
- 3 They **assembled together against** Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "You have **gone far enough**, for all the congregation **are holy**, every one of them, and **the Lord is in their midst**; so why do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the Lord?"
- 4 **When Moses heard this, he fell on his face;**
- 5 and he spoke to Korah and all his company, saying, "**Tomorrow morning the Lord will show who is His, and who is holy, and will bring him near to Himself; even the one whom He will choose, He will bring near to Himself.**
- 6 "Do this: take censers for yourselves, Korah and all your company,
- 7 and put fire in them, and lay incense upon them in the presence of the Lord tomorrow; and the **man whom the Lord chooses shall be the one who is holy**. You have gone far enough, you sons of Levi!"
- 8 Then Moses said to Korah, "Hear now, you sons of Levi,
- 9 **is it not enough** for you that the God of Israel has separated you from the rest of the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to Himself, to do the service of the tabernacle of the Lord, and **to stand before the congregation to minister to them;**
- 10 and that He has brought you near, Korah, and all your brothers, sons of Levi, with you? And are you seeking for the priesthood also?
- 11 "Therefore you and all your company are **gathered together against the Lord;** but as for Aaron, **who is he that you grumble against him?"**
- 12 Then Moses **sent a summons** to Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab; but they said, "We will not come up.
- 13 "Is it not enough that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey to have us die in the wilderness, but you would also lord it over us?
- 14 "Indeed, you have not brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, nor have you given us an inheritance of fields and vineyards. Would you put out the eyes of these men? We will not come up!"
- 15 Then Moses became very angry and said to the Lord, "Do not regard their offering! I have not taken a single donkey from them, nor have I done harm to any of them."
- 16 Moses said to Korah, "You and all your company be present before the Lord tomorrow, both you and they along with Aaron.
- 17 "Each of you take his firepan and put incense on it, and each of you bring his censer before the Lord, two hundred and fifty firepans; also you and Aaron shall each bring his firepan."
- 18 So they each took his own censer and put fire on it, and laid incense on it; and they stood at the doorway of the tent of meeting, with Moses and Aaron.
- 19 Thus Korah assembled all the congregation against them at the doorway of the tent of meeting. **And the glory of the Lord appeared to all the congregation.**
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20 Then the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,  
 21 "Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them instantly."  
 22 But they fell on their faces and said, "O God, God of the spirits of all flesh, when one man sins, will  
 You be angry with the entire congregation?"  
 23 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,  
 24 "Speak to the congregation, saying, 'Get back from around the dwellings of Korah, Dathan and  
 Abiram.' "  
 25 Then Moses arose and went to Dathan and Abiram, with the elders of Israel following him,  
 26 and he spoke to the congregation, saying, "**Depart now from the tents of these wicked men, and  
 touch nothing that belongs to them, or you will be swept away in all their sin.**"  
 27 So they got back from around the dwellings of Korah, Dathan and Abiram; and Dathan and Abiram  
 came out and stood at the doorway of their tents, along with their wives and their sons and their  
 little ones.  
 28 Moses said, "By this you shall know that the Lord has sent me to do all these deeds; for this is not  
 my doing.  
 29 "If these men die the death of all men or if they suffer the fate of all men, then the Lord has not  
 sent me.  
 30 "But if the Lord brings about an entirely new thing and the ground opens its mouth and swallows  
 them up with all that is theirs, and they descend alive into Sheol, then you will understand that  
 these men have spurned the Lord."  
 31 As he finished speaking all these words, the ground that was under them split open;  
 32 and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, and their households, and all the men who  
 belonged to Korah with their possessions.  
 33 So they and all that belonged to them went down alive to Sheol; and the earth closed over them,  
 and they perished from the midst of the assembly.  
 34 All Israel who were around them fled at their outcry, for they said, "The earth may swallow us up!"  
 35 Fire also came forth from the Lord and consumed the two hundred and fifty men who were  
 offering the incense.  
 36 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,  
 37 "Say to Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, that he shall take up the censers out of the midst of  
 the blaze, for they are holy; and you scatter the burning coals abroad.  
 38 "As for the censers of these men who have sinned at the cost of their lives, let them be made into  
 hammered sheets for a plating of the altar, since they did present them before the Lord and they  
 are holy; and they shall be for a sign to the sons of Israel."  
 39 So Eleazar the priest took the bronze censers which the men who were burned had offered, and  
 they hammered them out as a plating for the altar,  
 40 **as a reminder to the sons of Israel that no layman who is not of the descendants of Aaron  
 should come near to burn incense before the Lord; so that he will not become like Korah and  
 his company—just as the Lord had spoken to him through Moses.**

Korah = 'ice'. When they fall they cause collateral damage.

**Verse 3** : They claim equality with Moses. They were a nation of prophets, a kingdom of priests,  
 God's chosen people. But in the midst of coequality they establish a culture democracy. We believe  
 in the priesthood on all believers. **In co-equality, there is hierarchy based on functionality.** Learn



how to stay on your frequency wave. Even in the Godhead there is equality, yet the Son submits to the Father. Israel insisted on their right to divine access and they sought to invalidate the theocratic principle. A grumbler is one who is 'clever with speech' - they drop thoughts of doubt - they have crafty maneuverings.

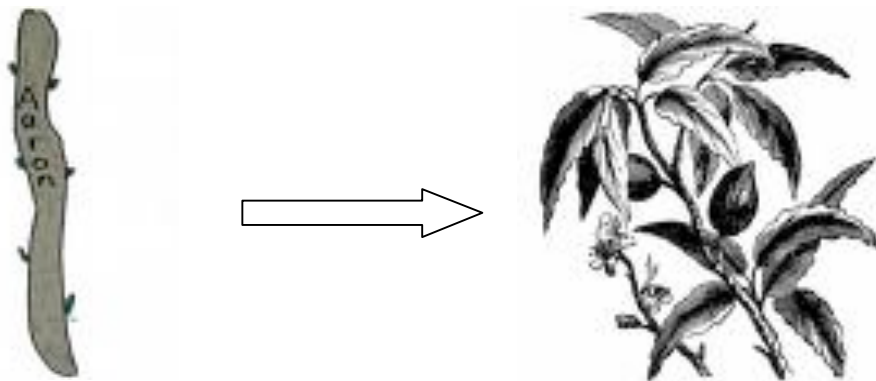
**Verse 4** : Moses falls on his face. NO man can be called by another except by God. If you were called, then you were called to serve. **What people say must not sway the leader.** You are God's servant. Do not be influenced by the bigness of a cheque book.

**Gen 2:1,2** Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts. By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done

**Hosts = Tsaba =** things created with military precision designed with servitude

**Work = melaka =** a collection of the works of God. Everything God created, He created to deputize on behalf on Himself. Leaders must represent God over the congregation.

Ground swallowed up Korah and the clan. Insurrection produces an earthquake, and they are swallowed into the bottomless pit. God places the Rod in the Ark. Aaron's rod blossoms with ripe almonds. **Discern the one who is fruitful.**



The almond is the first fruit tree in winter. The almond is the place that Jacob dreamt (Luz) - he renamed it Bethel. The almond blossoms giving ripe almonds - then all the other trees know that the winter is ended.

**Leadership brings favour upon you - then everyone knows that God has come upon you. You cannot argue with favour. Favour will elevate you.** Such individuals enjoy a special anointing from the Lord. If you know how to submit to that leader, you get favoured.

**Gen 30:24-43**

- 25 Now it came about when Rachel had borne Joseph, that Jacob said to Laban, "Send me away, that I may go to my own place and to my own country.
- 26 "Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served you, and let me depart; for you yourself know my service which I have rendered you."
- 27 But Laban said to him, "If now it pleases you, stay with me; I have divined that the Lord has blessed me on your account."
- 28 He continued, "Name me your wages, and I will give it."
- 29 But he said to him, "You yourself know how I have served you and how your cattle have fared with me.
- 30 "For you had little before I came and it has increased to a multitude, and the Lord has blessed you wherever I turned. But now, when shall I provide for my own household also?"
- 31 So he said, "What shall I give you?" And Jacob said, "You shall not give me anything. If you will do this one thing for me, I will again pasture and keep your flock:
- 32 let me pass through your entire flock today, removing from there every speckled and spotted sheep and every black one among the lambs and the spotted and speckled among the goats; and such shall be my wages.
- 33 So my honesty will answer for me later, when you come concerning my wages. Every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats and black among the lambs, if found with me, will be considered stolen."
- 34 Laban said, "Good, let it be according to your word."
- 35 So he removed on that day the striped and spotted male goats and all the speckled and spotted female goats, every one with white in it, and all the black ones among the sheep, and gave them into the care of his sons.
- 36 And he put a distance of three days' journey between himself and Jacob, and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.
- 37 Then Jacob took fresh rods of poplar and almond and plane trees, and peeled white stripes in them, exposing the white which was in the rods.
- 38 He set the rods which he had peeled in front of the flocks in the gutters, even in the watering troughs, where the flocks came to drink; and they mated when they came to drink.
- 39 So the flocks mated by the rods, and the flocks brought forth striped, speckled, and spotted.
- 40 Jacob separated the lambs, and made the flocks face toward the striped and all the black in the flock of Laban; and he put his own herds apart, and did not put them with Laban's flock.
- 41 Moreover, whenever the stronger of the flock were mating, Jacob would place the rods in the sight of the flock in the gutters, so that they might mate by the rods;
- 42 but when the flock was feeble, he did not put them in; so the feeble were Laban's and the stronger Jacob's.
- 43 So the man became exceedingly prosperous, and had large flocks and female and male servants and camels and donkeys.

Speckled and spotted sheep = deficient Christians = like David's defeated men in the cave of Adullam. See the potential in your speckled and spotted people. David men became night like the army of God.

The sheep that looked at the rod will get strength and an abundance; the ones that reject the rod (leader) will get weaker and weaker.

The Rod in most cases is the mouth of the leader :

**Jeremiah 1: 4-11**

- 4 Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,  
5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you;  
I have appointed you a prophet to the nations."  
6 Then I said, "Alas, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, Because I am a youth."  
7 But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am a youth,' Because everywhere I send you, you shall go,  
And all that I command you, you shall speak.  
8 "Do not be afraid of them, For I am with you to deliver you," declares the Lord.  
9 Then the Lord stretched out **His hand and touched my mouth**, and the Lord said to me, "Behold, I  
have **put My words in your mouth**.  
10 "See, I have appointed you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms, To pluck up and to  
break down, To destroy and to overthrow, To build and to plant."  
11 The word of the Lord came to me saying, "What do you see, Jeremiah?" **And I said, "I see a rod  
of an almond tree."**  
12 **Then the Lord said to me, "You have seen well, for I am watching over My word to perform  
it."**

"You are like the rod of an almond tree - I will watch over my word in your mouth". Leaders must speak as they hear THE FATHER speak for their word and leadership to be legitimate. The rod blossoms based on speaking. If Joseph never told his brothers his dream, will they ever had a witness when the dream came to pass.

**There is another dimension of favour coming where nations will become to bow to your leadership. Presidents will come to us to take notes from our speaking.**

**Exodus 4:1ff**

- 1 Then Moses said, "What if they will not believe me or listen to what I say? For they may say, 'The  
Lord has not appeared to you.' "  
2 The Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" And he said, "A staff."  
3 Then He said, "Throw it on the ground." So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and  
Moses fled from it.  
4 But the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand and grasp it by its tail"—so he stretched out  
his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand—  
5 "that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of  
Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you."  
6 The Lord furthermore said to him, "Now put your hand into your bosom." So he put his hand into  
his bosom, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous like snow.  
7 Then He said, "Put your hand into your bosom again." So he put his hand into his bosom again, and  
when he took it out of his bosom, behold, it was restored like the rest of his flesh.

"If they will not believe you or heed the witness of the first sign, they may believe the witness of the last sign.

Symbol of authority (rod) can bite you (become a snake). Rod is used to perform signs and wonders but could also become a serpent. **My greatest fear is having started this race so well, and we are disqualified.** Moses struck the rock with his rod when he should have spoken - **when you use the authority principle inaccurately you may be disqualified from ministry.** Moses used the rod to judge Egypt, but the same rod caused him to be disqualified. If you discern your leader is inaccurate - and you cannot submit, rather leave, but do not speak about or against him - leave this to God.

### God is raising up SHEPHERD LEADERS.

#### Psalm 23

- 1 **The Lord is my shepherd**, I shall not want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters.
- 3 He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.
- 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; **Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**
- 5 You prepare a **table** before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

God shepherds you from the place of REST, by shepherding you through the father he has placed over you. David must have had someone shepherding him. You must know when your sheep have exhausted the pasture in their land.

'He leads me beside quiet waters.' = How is God with us = his rod (his leaders over you in your life) and his staff comfort me.

The Table is probably reference to the Table of The lord.

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| 'Anoint my head with oil' | = laying on of hands = task of leadership.                             |
| 'My cups overflows'       | = my life overflows with blessings.                                    |
| 'House forever'           | = I will dwell in the 'bayit' = household of faith that you belong to. |

**Rod (leadership) breaks the iron.** Paul and Barnabas' contention over John Mark, who fled because he was not strong enough. Only leaders can engage in certain levels of warfare. Some women cannot submit, but chose to engage spiritual warfare - and look at their homes, their husbands. Leaders break the enemy's stronghold.

The rod is also used to disciple SONS. Discipline your son and you will soon know whether he is a son or not. Only discipline ONLY THOSE who are your sons. Some members in your church, who are not sons, will reject your discipline.

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## *Firstborn Sons*

God wants to inculcate a new prescribed mentality in a people so that we understand our status in the Spirit. In Ephesians 1 - 'God has already blessed us' - He has conferred favour on us - we are chosen in Him before the foundation of the world. You are the FIRSTBORN of God. We are partakers of the FIRSTBORN status in Christ, the first born of God. You outrank the devil - before there was a devil God had us on his mind. God gave us pre-eminence in Him. WE are to operate in earth based on this reality.

The word, 'First' means 'first in association and relationship - first in ascendancy

First Born = 'protokos' = the pre-eminent one

See Ex 4: God is bringing His people out of bondage. Moses is raised up.

### **Exodus 4:22-24**

- 22 "Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the Lord, "**Israel is My son, My firstborn.**"
- 23 "So I said to you, 'Let My son go that he may serve Me'; but you have refused to let him go. Behold, I will kill your son, your firstborn." ' "
- 24 Now it came about at the lodging place on the way that the Lord met him and sought to put him to death.

Jesus is the FIRSTBORN of God.

**Luke 2:7** And she gave birth **to her firstborn son**; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

### **Romans 8:28,29**

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

Jesus is the Firstborn among many brothers. First Born implies a second born, and third born, etc. We are His Firstborn after Christ. We are the Firstborn after the likeness of Christ, the Firstborn son. God will conform many sons into the image of the Firstborn Son. Conformed = 'to be patterned after the mould of Christ, who is the mould of the Father. Under the WORD, we are conformed into His image.

**Col 1:15-18**

- 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
- 16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.
- 17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.
- 18 He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, **the firstborn from the dead**, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

Firstborn is not first in the order of birth but the right of privilege and access with the Father; and the pre-eminent position in the mind of God. God wants a First-fruit company in the Firstborn sons. We must step into a Firstborn identity. You are excellency of God in the earth. You are the strength of the God in the earth. You are more powerful and more excellence than the devil in Christ. You have a rank above the devil.

**Hebrews 1:6** And when He again brings the **firstborn** into the world, He says, "And let all the angels of God **worship Him.**"

The Firstborn is connected to Worship.

**Hebrews 11:28** By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that he who destroyed the **firstborn would not touch them**

The First Born is connected to Divine Immunity.

**Rights of the First Born**

**The First Born is connected to Divine Immunity**

God is saying to Pharaoh, "If you do not let my Firstborn go, I will kill your firstborn. God is in a violent mood against Pharaoh dominated systems within a church that keeps people in bondage.

Egypt = labouring in what is not God's will for your life; laboring in systems of religion. Some church leaders are modern day Pharaohs. God intends to kill Egypt's firstborn sons. The Passover feast was celebrated to bring immunity to Israel. Thus today the immunity of the Firstborn is connected with an immunized Firstborn status. Israel had to eat everything of the Lamb = **you have to partake everything of Christ**. You cannot leave Egyptian systems until you have assimilated the fullness of

the LAMB of GOD. If any Egyptian brought his household under the Word of Moses, he would have been saved.

Get into the spirit of this season - but not presumptuously. Do it being, **connected from the foundation of covenant with the one from whom you have received the WORD.**

John 6 - "Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son, you have no life in you". Feast of Unleavened Bread and Feasts of Waving of First Fruit: Unleavened bread with bitter herbs = Christ the bread of heaven. **To get out of Egypt, you must have the LAMB inside of you. To get Egypt out of you, you must bread inside of you.**

**Hebrews 12:23** to the general assembly and **church of the firstborn** who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

FIRST = first in time, rank and order

**First Born = 'to burst open the womb'** = this was testimony of the Father's strength. Now the womb is ready to bring forth the second born, etc. The son is brought forth in the power of the father. This is the first son, from whom the generation will be called. **His was given double portion of the Father's estate. He received the birthright and a verbal blessings. The Right of headship in the absence of His Father and double portion of the**

**Three things :**

- Father's Estate
- Headship Double Portion
- Invocation of a Verbal blessing

**Also, Firstborn indicates SUCCESSION** - the perpetual reign of God through that First born son.

Consider God's Word to Abraham to kill Isaac. Isaac embodied the fulfillment of all covenantal promises. Abraham regarded this act as 'worship'. Again the connection between the first born and worship. God was testing Abraham to see where He (God) was in Abraham's life. God will ask you to kill the thing you love the most. After this, God swears by an oath that Abraham's offspring will bless the nations. Abraham placed God as the 'primary' one in his life. **Can God trust you because of where you locate God in your life?**

BEGET = TO MAKE A LINEAGE = TO BRING FORTH OFFSPRING IN THE EARTH.

Firstborn bursts open the womb

**Ecc 3:1** There is a time for every season under heaven.

Time = Et = womb; The Firstborn is the one that **burst forth the time of God.**

Reuben was the First born of Jacob, but he forfeited this right. Esau as well - he sold his birthright for a pot of soup. **The Firstborn is connected to favour. If you break the order of integrity, you will not know the fullness of God's favour on you.**

Jesus was affirmed by His father at His baptism. There was an **invocation of a verbal blessing from the Father.** The Blesser imparts everything within Him, into the one being bless (cf. Melchisedek and Abraham). Jesus was in the loins of Abraham when they broke bread. Jesus was the seed of Abraham. Later Jesus also broke bread with His disciples - being the fulfillment of what Melchisedek did.

### **First Born is speaks about MAKING EARLY FRUIT**

**Romans 11:16** If the **first piece of dough is holy**, the lump is also; and if the **root is holy**, the **branches are too.**

If First-fruit is holy, the lump is holy. The first-fruit represents the perfections of a coming harvest. The first ripen sheaf by the priest was waved as a prophetic indicator of a coming harvest. Jesus was the first fruit, the firstborn from the dead as a prophetic sign of a **greater harvest of sons who will function in the same resurrection power. HE represents eternal life; so do we. We are represented in Him as a first-fruit.**

### **We are the First Born of God**

- **Headship.** We have the right of Firstborn over the rest of the brothers in the Body - this is not arrogance or pride. It is a spiritual principle. Baptisms in name of Father, Son and Holy Ghost = invocation of His name/nature within us.
  
- **Right of Access to Double of father's provision**

Elisha's request for double portion was a request for the status as Firstborn in Elijah's order. In John 17, Jesus prayed, "Give me back my glory (the position and reputation I had in your mind before time began).
  
- **Power of the Father to beget**



## WHAT DOES THE FIRST BORN REPRESENT IN THE MIND OF GOD?

### Ex. 13:1,2,12,13

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

As a principle or concept, the Firstborn is ...

- **Sanctified** unto God
- **Sacrificed** unto the Lord
- **Presented** unto the Lord

Ex 3:12 you shall **devote to the Lord** the first offspring of every womb, and the first offspring of every beast that you own; the males belong to the Lord

- **Redeemed** unto God

Ex 13:13 "But every first offspring of a donkey you shall **redeem with a lamb**, but if you do not redeem it, then you shall break its neck; and every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem.

First Born was made **holy unto the Lord**

Hence, .....

### 1. We must Sanctified unto the Lord so we can be presented to the Lord

#### Eph 5:26-27

- 26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,  
27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, **having no spot or wrinkle or** any such thing; but that she would **be holy and blameless.**

This involves total surrender to the Lord. You must give your life and your congregation back to God - as holy unto the Lord.

### 2. Sacrificed unto the Lord

A presentation of your Body

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

**Maintain your holiness consistently because you the First Born of God.**

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SON = Builder of the family name. The psalmist said, 'When the Lord builds up Zion, then he shall appear in His glory'. There can be no glory without sons.

**Ex 2:23-25**

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

There must be sound emitted from the depth of your heart to be set free.

**Ex 4:22,23**

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

4. **The firstborn is linked to worship.** Whatever prevents the Firstborn from worshiping God completely will be killed.

5. **The Firstborn represents a clear distinction between us and the world.** You must contradict everything that in is your environment. Your context no longer defines you. **Exiting Egypt means coming out of the systems in the earth that are lodged within your mind.**

**Ex 11:6,7**

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

6. **The Firstborn is connected with expressing the Kingdom of God.**

**2 Chron 21:1-3**

- 1 Then Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of David, and Jehoram his son became king in his place.
- 2 He had brothers, the sons of Jehoshaphat: Azariah, Jehiel, Zechariah, Azaryahu, Michael and Shephatiah. All these were the sons of Jehoshaphat king aof Israel.
- 3 Their father gave them many gifts of silver, gold and precious things, with fortified cities in Judah, but he gave the kingdom to Jehoram because he was the firstborn.

**Matt 6:33** "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Through our kingdom rights, we can decree the authority of God in our lives again. You must prioritize the Kingdom.

**7. The Firstborn represents the first sign of father's Strength. Firstborn = God's divine power and choice of cancellation of the natural choice of the earth.** Israel in Bondage In Egypt - a place of provision can become a place of curse if you do not migrate with the seasons of God. Before they moved out, they had to activate the Passover principles again. The first principle of migration, is keep the Passover.

Jacob's blessing of Joseph's two sons: Joseph set the blessing up for Manasseh to get the right hand first born. Jacob crossed the birth order of earth for the Firstborn to go to Ephraim (double fruitful). Whatever the earth says about you, God will wipe it out, if you are the Firstborn of God.

Acts 19 Paul at Ephesus: 'Paul persuaded with them'. Persuade = peitho = to influence the mind to change. Allow your mind to be persuaded that you are the Firstborn. You are the standard of God in the earth. If you live in poverty, you are in Egypt. If your ministry is not flourishing, you are in Egypt

# Accessing Grace : Grace and Apostolic Culture

Recap. :

**Romans 5:17** 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.

The purpose of dominion GRACE is to bring us to the place of Rulership. Automatic doors open because of accurate positioning on the square in front of it. Accessing Grace is about positioning yourself correctly.

## KEYS FOR ACCESSING GRACE

1. **Humility** (refer to previous notes on page 45)

2. **Integrity and Righteousness** (refer to previous notes on page 45)

Noah received grace because of his righteousness; Joseph had an excellent spirit - this gave him dominion

3. **WISDOM**

**Proverbs 4:9** "**She** (wisdom) will place on your head a **garland of grace**; She will present you with a crown of beauty."

4. **Repentance**

**Proverbs 1:23** **Turn to my reproof**, Behold, I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you.

5. **Apostolic Connection - Connection to a Carrier of Grace** (refer to previous notes)

E.g. Ruth and Naomi; The Centurion and Jesus.

▶ You must **co-operate with the carrier of grace**.

Jehu co-operated with the servant of Elisha

▶ Investing in the 'Grace Carrier' is key.

▶ Also Moral support (Aaron and Hur lifting up the hands of Moses)

- ▶ Power of seed in accessing grace. 2 Cor 9:8 'God is able to ALL GRACE abound to you'.  
The Philippian church's giving to Paul was received by God as an aroma.

Jesus did not directly sanction tithing and first-fruit in the New Testament, BUT rather Jesus changed it and said you must 'give everything' - carry your cross and follow me. Dead men own nothing. Those who give everything have an open heaven. Tithes, Offering and First-fruits give to us a pattern of everything. The starting point in your giving is the tithe, and then you move to offerings and then to first fruits ( we are teaching people how to die slowly.)

## **6. Table of the Lord within the Context of the Other Three Pillars of an Apostolic Culture/Community**

The Table is both an Ordinance and a Sacrament. Yesterday's grace (manna) is today's worms. The Lord's table is linked to healing. **By His stripes, you are healed. For the past 200years, it has been illegal to die.** 2 Chron. 30 - Hezekiah's Reformation : he instituted a return to the Passover Feast but did it inaccurately, e.g. they celebrated the Passover in the 2<sup>nd</sup> month and not the 1<sup>st</sup> month; also, priests did not have time to sanctify themselves in time. BUT God overlooks these regulations because of the posture of their hearts, and Hezekiah asked God for Grace so that no one was killed or judged by God. It says '**and they were healed**'. One of the greatest adverts for the church must be "**this is a healthy group**".

**A CAUTION :** Never look at the Table of the Lord in isolation from the other three pillars of an Apostolic Community.

The prayer movement does not work because it isolated from the Four pillars of an Apostolic Communities. Similarly the Table of the Lord must be in the context of the four pillars.

### **a. APOSTLES DOCTRINE**

**Restoration processes :** 1994 **Apostles Doctrine** was restored  
2000 **Fellowship** was restored  
2008 **Table of the Lord** was restored

We will see a new dimension of prayer as we not seen before restored. Even in the armour of God, prayer is mentioned last. **Get your doctrine right, then you will know who to fellowship with and who to break bread with and then revelatory prayers will be released.**

When Apostles Doctrine was restored, Bible Schools started closing down. **Apostles Doctrine back then = what the apostles were teaching. Now Apostles Doctrine = proceeding word = what the**

**Spirit is saying to the churches = a word bringing cumulative truth.** What you had to do to be saved differed in different epochs of time: e.g.

<b>Noah's day</b>	= 'come into the Ark	<b>Lot's day</b>	= 'get out of the city'
<b>Abraham's day</b>	= 'Be circumcised'	<b>Moose's day</b>	= 'Keep commandments'
<b>John's day</b>	= 'Repent and baptized'	<b>Paul's day</b>	= 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ'

Hence it brought the same results - Same word but answered differently in different Kairoses of God

**Present truth proceeds and manifests differently in different times.**

Another e.g. : The Bent woman in Luke 13 :	<b>Bent woman</b>	= deformed church ;
	<b>Bent at the waist</b>	= Truth is bent;
	<b>Bent for 18 years</b>	= (6X3) number of man.

Another e.g. Luke 15 The story is not so much about a prodigal son than it is about an absent mother; 'mother' represents 'prophetic grace' which is absent; 'father'= apostolic grace

**The proceeding word will give you what you need for that season.**

From 1994, when Apostolic Doctrine was restored, there were church splits. Then the teaching of the autonomous church was brought. God then spoke to us about '**set man principles**' and churches stopped splitting. Then we taught **second man principles**; then **father-Son principles**; then **Economy**; then **Dominion** (and rapture theory was dismantled). **Fasting was corrected**. Fasting is not abstention from food only - Isaiah 58 - "Is this not the fast I have chosen" says the Lord = pictures fasting as a lifestyle. The apostles did fast, but not in the way we think. Daniel fast was famous among Indians because they like to eat vegetables. Also previously, the length of the fast was seen as more important than righteousness. And a host of other inaccuracies were corrected. E.g. the clash of **blood application**. You cannot apply the blood over the car, house, etc. We overcome the devil by the blood. 'By'= 'because'. Life of the flesh is in the blood - today the life is in the Word. Jesus said, 'My words are Spirit and Life'

Another e.g. : **John 14 is not about heaven.**

Another e.g. : one shall set thousand to flight, two shall set a ten thousand. This verse is not about the power of unity or numbers. It should be interpreted, "If Jesus the rock forsakes you, and one demon will set thousands of you to flight." The reality for us today, is that one of us can set the whole of hell to flight.

Paul in Ephesians - for two years he taught the Kingdom of God for two years and displaced the evil influence of the goddess Diana of the Ephesians

## b. FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship brings strength, order and maturity. Fellowship breaks limitations. Be careful as to who you are walking with. Do not sit at the table of the Old prophet. Do not join Jonah in the boat - you will become poor like him.

### 2 Tim 3:1

- 1 But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come.
- 2 **For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy,**
- 3 **unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good,**
- 4 **treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,**
- 5 **holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.**
- 6 For among them are those who enter into households and captivate weak women weighed down with sins, led on by various impulses,
- 7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- 8 Just as Janis and Jamborees opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men of depraved mind, rejected in regard to the faith.
- 9 But they will not make further progress; for their folly will be obvious to all, just as Janis's and Jamboree's folly was also.
- 10 Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance,
- 11 persecutions, and sufferings, such as happened to me at Antioch, at Conium and at Elytra; what persecutions I endured, and out of them the entire Lord rescued me!
- 12 Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.
- 13 But evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.
- 14 **You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them.**

'But you have followed my doctrine'. See previous school notes on 'fraternal'. Uzi dies because Ohio was standing in front of the Ox - the Ox stumbled ; Ohio's name means 'fraternal'.

## The Issue of the APOSTOLIC CULTURE

### Acts 2:41-47

- 41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.
  - 42 **They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.**
  - 43 Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.
  - 44 And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common;
  - 45 and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.
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- 46 Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house,  
 they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart,  
 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number  
 day by day those who were being saved.

‘THEY’ = people that just got saved continued steadfastly in Apostles Doctrine, etc. This is the steadfast continuance in proceeding Apostolic Doctrine

**RESULTS OF THIS CULTURE:**

1. Fear came upon every soul
2. Signs and Wonders

**Acts 4:33** And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all.

3. There was a sharing of resources
4. Unity
5. Joy and Gladness
6. Favour
7. Numerical Growth
8. Made it hard for the counterfeit to Thrive (e.g. Annanias and Saphira)
9. Church were multiplied

**Acts 9:31** So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria **enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase.**

**EXAMPLES OF APOSTOLIC CULTURE - THE FOUR PILLARS OF APOSTOLIC COMMUNITIES:**

(Here below, AD = Apostle’s Doctrine; F = Fellowship; BOB = Breaking of Bread; P = prayers)

**1. Tabernacle of Moses**

- |                     |   |           |
|---------------------|---|-----------|
| Candlestick         | = | AD        |
| Table of Shew bread | = | F and BOB |
| Altar of Incense    | = | P         |

These items were in the Holy Place. You could not come into the glory of the most Holy Place without passing through this culture

**2. Ezek 8 : Glory of the Lord departing from the temple because of the**

- |                                 |   |                     |
|---------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Image of jealousy in the Temple | = | a violation of AD   |
| 70 elders in the dark           | = | a violation F.      |
| Tamuz                           | = | a violation of BOB. |
| 24 praying toward the sins      | = | a violation of P.   |



**3. At the crossing of the Jordan - God's word to Joshua ...**

Book of the Law	=	AD
12 stones form Jordan	=	F
Passover	=	BOB
Joshua worships the Lord	=	P

**4. Flying Scroll Zechariah 5:23 -**

200 cubits in area = area of the Holy Place = Apostolic Culture

.... (refer to CD / DVD)

**5. The number 300 = Apostolic Culture**

300 foxes of Samson destroyed Philistines	=	AD
Gideon army of 300 men	=	F
Mary's worship : 300 denari of fragrance	=	BOB
Enoch walk with for 300 years	=	P

**6. Dwelling places of God : "He that dwells in secret place of the most high shall abide ..."**

John 15 - Abide and me and my words abide in you	=	AD
Psalms 133 "... brethren dwell together in unity	=	F
John 6 "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me and I in him	=	BOB
My house shall be called house of prayer	=	P

**7. Zechariah 1:18**

Four craftsmen; Culture will bring unity

**8. David in bringing the Ark from Obed-edom**

Sacrifice	=	AD
Elders	=	F
Sacrifices offering	=	BOB and P

**9. Eli and his sons**

Prayer is misunderstood	=	P
Eli sons violate the offering	=	BOB
Prostitute	=	F
Violate the transit of the Ark	=	AD

**10. Elijah on Mount Carmel**

"If God is God, serve Him ..."	=	AD
Offerings	=	BOB
Prayers	=	P
Then fire falls ...		

**11. Queen of Sheba**

Test him with hard questions = AD  
His waiters/ men = F  
Seating at His table = BOB  
His ascent on the stairway = P

**12. Solomon's Temple**

Solomon finishing of the temple = AD  
Gave elders = F (2 Chron. 5)  
Sacrifices = BOB  
Prayers = P (2 Chron 6:41)

**13. Passovers of Jesus**

John 2 =  
John 5 =  
John 6 =  
John 19 =

**14. Josiah**

**15. Eden's third river was associated with health for the Body.**

**16. Four creatures : Rev 21**

Lion = AD  
Ox = F (two oxen yoked together)  
Man = BOB  
Eagle = Prayer

## ***Apostolic Imitations - The Danger of Inaccurate Alliances***

Focus : Danger of inaccurate apostolic alliances. Do not marry your enemy. God commanded Israel not to make covenant with the Canaanites. There is an enemy within. You will have overtures made to you from others to join you.

**Ex 3:8** "So I have come down to deliver them from the power of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite **and the Hivite** and the Jebusite.

The Hivites joined Israel and become among them - they fought from the inside. They are liked viruses in the system (HIV-ites).

### **INTERNAL ENEMIES**

1. Balaam and the Moabite mix. Inter-marriage brings the curse into the nation.
2. Jezebel and the Baal mixture. She married into Israel - Ahab. Her daughters also married the kings of Israel.
3. Sanballat the Horonite
4. Tobiah the Ammonite
5. Geshem the Arab

**These infiltrated by illegitimate alliances.**

A City in Bulgaria: The Ottoman (Islam) Strategy: through brute force, they could not take the city. But one man from the inside opened the doors - this led to Islamic oppression for 400 years and then Communism. **Years can be lost if we do not deal with the enemy within.** Apostles can discern the inaccurate. The inside enemy is more dangerous than the enemy outside

**2 Thess 2:4** who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he **takes his seat in the temple** of God, displaying himself as being God.

He is in the Temple.

**Tim 3:6** For among them are those who enter into households and captivate weak women weighed down with sins, led on by various impulses,

Six times the Lord instructed Israel to destroy the Hivites

**Joshua 9:1ff**

1 Now it came about when all the kings who were beyond the Jordan, in the hill country and in the lowland and on all the coast of the Great Sea toward Lebanon, the Hittite and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite, heard of it,  
2 that they gathered themselves together with one accord to fight with Joshua and with Israel.  
3 When the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai,  
4 they also acted craftily and set out as envoys, and took worn-out sacks on their donkeys, and wineskins worn-out and torn and mended,  
5 and worn-out and patched sandals on their feet, and worn-out clothes on themselves; and all the bread of their provision was dry and had become crumbled.  
6 They went to Joshua to the camp at Gilgal and said to him and to the men of Israel, "We have come from a far country; now therefore, make a covenant with us."  
7 The men of Israel said to the Hivites, "Perhaps you are living within our land; how then shall we make a covenant with you?"  
8 But they said to Joshua, "We are your servants." Then Joshua said to them, "Who are you and where do you come from?"  
9 They said to him, "Your servants have come from a very far country because of the fame of the Lord your God; for we have heard the report of Him and all that He did in Egypt,  
10 and all that He did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon and to Og king of Bashan who was at Ashtaroth.  
11 "So our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spoke to us, saying, 'Take provisions in your hand for the journey, and go to meet them and say to them, "We are your servants; now then, make a covenant with us."'  
12 "This our bread was warm when we took it for our provisions out of our houses on the day that we left to come to you; but now behold, it is dry and has become crumbled.  
13 "These wineskins which we filled were new, and behold, they are torn; and these our clothes and our sandals are worn out because of the very long journey."  
14 So the men of Israel took some of their provisions, and did not ask for the counsel of the Lord.  
15 Joshua made peace with them and made a covenant with them, to let them live; and the leaders of the congregation swore an oath to them.  
16 It came about at the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that they were neighbors and that they were living within their land.  
17 Then the sons of Israel set out and came to their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon and Chephirah and Beeroth and Kiriath-jearim.  
18 The sons of Israel did not strike them because the leaders of the congregation had sworn to them by the Lord the God of Israel. And the whole congregation grumbled against the leaders.  
19 But all the leaders said to the whole congregation, "We have sworn to them by the Lord, the God of Israel, and now we cannot touch them.

- 20 "This we will do to them, even let them live, so that wrath will not be upon us for the oath which we swore to them."
- 21 The leaders said to them, "Let them live." So they became hewers of wood and drawers of water for the whole congregation, just as the leaders had spoken to them.
- 22 Then Joshua called for them and spoke to them, saying, "Why have you deceived us, saying, 'We are very far from you,' when you are living within our land?"
- 23 "Now therefore, you are cursed, and you shall never cease being slaves, both hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God."
- 24 So they answered Joshua and said, "Because it was certainly told your servants that the Lord your God had commanded His servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land before you; therefore we feared greatly for our lives because of you, and have done this thing.
- 25 "Now behold, we are in your hands; do as it seems good and right in your sight to do to us."
- 26 Thus he did to them, and delivered them from the hands of the sons of Israel, and they did not kill them.
- 27 But Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation and for the altar of the Lord, to this day, in the place which He would choose.

Judas was part of the leadership team - he was within the ranks - he was the treasurer - money is a way these guys come in. These intruders act as if they are ambassadors (apostles). Joshua was deceived by their answer.

#### **The Hivite city was Gibeon = a false dimension:**

- Gibeon was a major distraction from Zion; it was also a city on a hill.
- Gibeon fell within the allotment of Benjamin (Josh18:25) - but the Hivites took it.
- Gibeon was also assigned to the priests (Jos. 21:17)
- 2 Sam 2:12-17 - 24 young men died unnecessarily. (12 from Joab and 12 from Abner) people are dying unnecessarily.
- Tabernacle of Moses ended up on Mt Gibeon (1 Chr 16:38)
- Gibeon - a stronghold and refuge for rebels -2 Sam 20:6.
- Gibeon is a counterfeit of the city of God
- A Place of Inaccurate Worship 1 Chr 21:28 -29 ;
- 1 Kings 3:1 Solomon offered in Gibeon even after the tabernacle was removed.

King Solomon declined in his latter years. 1 Kings 11:1 - he loved foreign women. Even in the book of Revelation, the foreign woman (harlot) looks like the bride. Solomon did everything God said he must not do. He loved foreign woman - he got bitten by the virus in Gibeon.; He also loved many horses when God said the kings must not have too many horses; he builds his temple with 666 talents of gold with 666 steps to his throne.

1 Kings 11:4-8 : Viruses can hid within your system and will manifest when you guard is down. **Do not flirt with things you things you think you can handle.** Solomon's major weakness was woman. When he was old his wives turned his heart away.

#### **1 Kings 11:4-8**

- 4 For when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away after other gods; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father had been.
- 5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians and after Milcom the detestable idol of the Ammonites.
- 6 Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, and did not follow the Lord fully, as David his father had done.
- 7 Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the detestable idol of Moab, on the mountain which is east of Jerusalem, and for Molech the detestable idol of the sons of Ammon.
- 8 Thus also he did for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.

God is not restoring the Tabernacle of Solomon but the Tabernacle of David.

Numbers is not important. God is weighing in this season - He is not counting us. He wants a pure people that will not mix the seeds. **Be careful not to mix the seeds**, or else you will produce the **gigantic flesh problems**.

➤ **Gibeon = city of false peace** Josh 11:19

Gibeon = hill city; Jesus said Zion = a city set on a hill; Gibeon = a counterfeit.

Infiltrates the priesthood - 8 km from Jerusalem - one Sabbath journey

Institutional church is false - religion, but not a religion.

The antichrist spirit sits in the temple - **and it hates exposure**. When revelation comes into the midst of ignorance, that which is religious will be exposed. **When a lie manifests it is going out of power. The antichrist hates to manifest; once it is exposed, it loses power**

➤ You cannot join a curse with a blessing

➤ Jos. 9:9 **They came in craftily**; they lied about their location ; offered themselves as servants

**How was Joshua deceived ?**

**By False evidence** - falsely manufactured - he did not consult the Lord. **He impressed with their provisions**. David always asked God's permission before attacking new groups of Philistines - even though he had a string of successes against them. **David never acted presumptuously - he always waited for God's intention and God's methodology.**

They acted as they were ambassadors (false apostles) . Rev. 2:2 ; 2 Cor 11:13

**Rev 2:2** 'I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those **who call themselves apostles**, and they are not, and you found them to be false;

**2 Cor 11:13** For such men are **false apostles**, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.

**They had old sacks** : Poverty mentality - false humility - an outward appearance. The old sacks indicate the length of their journey - but it was a lie. Joshua should have compared HIS sacks with their sacks. His sacks did not wear out through a 40 year wilderness journey.

**They showed old and torn up wine skin** = a lack of revelation; religious spirit - no fresh word and anointing.

**They showed old sandals** = no kingdom understanding ; no capacity for dominion

**They had dry and moldy bread** = dry revelation

Paul warned against wolves that will come in.

## *Banquet - Love Feast*

Thamo welcomed us all to the Love Feast.

Various speakers gave their testimonies on their experience and impressions of the ASOM thus far. We enjoyed a sumptuous meal prepared with excellence; starters, main meal and drinks. Stephen Everette delivered a 30 minute exposition of what he believes the glorious church will look like. We broke Bread together and celebrated the Lord's Table and Prayers at separate tables. God's glory was evident and He was known to us in the 'breaking of bread'. Divine exchanges and impartations took place. An elegant dessert was served. All four pillars of an accurate Apostolic Community and Culture were present in simplicity and purity, yet with great power and profundity.





# Accessing Grace through Honour and Respect

The Table of the Lord is a feast of exaltation. It is the Meal of The Lord, not our meal.

The Table of the Lord is a FEAST of ....

- Union
- Communion
- Humility
- Declaration
- Remembrance
- Introspection
- Submission
- Thanksgiving

**The Table exposes Illegal Alliances.** The peril of false brethren - we will have to deal with. This is a very painful experience. Judas sat at the Table of Lord with Jesus. The devil entered Judas within the context of the Table. **Judas, as a son of as the son of perdition, is unaffected by the glory. He was distressed when Jesus was praised (woman with the alabaster box). Judas died of a burst abdomen - his intestines were spilled out.** His abdomen could not contain the Body and Blood of Jesus symbolized by the emblems. Judas was exposed by the Table of the Lord.

Two business men that are contemplating business together should practice the table of The Lord together for about a month. So should courting couples. **It will expose illegitimate alliances. The 'Table' exposes false brethren. The Table of the Lord will expose every hidden sin.** It will bring great protection to everyone of us. We do not want to carry false brethren with us. You will experience deliverance from illegal relationship. Do not mourn - it is the Lord protecting you.



## THE NEXT MECHANISM FOR ACCESSING GRACE : HONOUR AND RESPECT

The Principle of Honour and Respect is the Matrix of the Kingdom.

### Luke 7:1-9

- 1 When He had completed all His discourse in the hearing of the people, He went to Capernaum.
- 2 And a centurion's slave, who was highly regarded by him, was sick and about to die.

- 3 When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders asking Him to come and save the life of his slave.
- 4 When they came to Jesus, they earnestly implored Him, saying, "**He is worthy** for You to grant this to him;
- 5 for he loves our nation and it was he who built us our synagogue."
- 6 Now Jesus started on His way with them; and when He was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to Him, "**Lord, do not trouble Yourself further, for I am not worthy for You to come under my roof;**
- 7 **for this reason I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed.**
- 8 "For I also am a man placed under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it."
- 9 Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled at him, and turned and said to the crowd that was following Him, "I say to you, not even in Israel have **I found such great faith.**"

The Centurion soldier understood authority, but discerned the greater authority in Jesus. He honoured Jesus and Jesus labeled this as '**GREAT FAITH**'. In the charismatic era, faith included confessions, right actions. etc, **What was the Centurion's faith ? The respect and honour that he showed to Jesus. He prayed Jesus extraordinary honour.**

#### **Ephesians 6:1-3**

- 1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
- 2 **Honor your father and mother** (which is the first commandment with a promise),
- 3 **so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth.**

#### **Blessings of Honoring your parents:**

- It will be well with you
- You will be prosperous
- You will live long in the earth

#### **Curses for dishonouring : see**

- Ham
- Absalom
- Prodigal Son : dishonouring his father
- Lot's sons
- Samuel's Sons
- Eli's sons

#### **Example of Honour : Isaac submitting to Abraham to sacrifice him**

### Honor your Parents

- Speak with love
- Take an offering to them every month
- Visit them regularly
- Take care of them when they are sick
- Show them love

(Joseph Gen 46:29 : His pre-eminent concern in Egypt was his father)

Some ministers impose their spiritual fatherhood on their natural parents to the point of disrespect.

### Honour your children

- Provide and protect them.
- Nurture = provision with instruction and discipline.  
Absalom was David's creation - because he failed to discipline when his other son raped Tamar
- Build the honour principle in your house. Keep an eye on them : What are you eating? What are you watching? What time do you go to bed? What are you talking about? How do you speak to elders? Are you dressing correctly? Are you on are drugs? Who are your friends? What are you reading ? What is your response to human beings ?

### Honour that is due to the Wife

**1 Pet 3:7** You husbands in the same way, **live with your wives in an understanding way**, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; **AND SHOW HER HONOUR** as a **FELLOW HEAIR OF THE GRACE OF LIFE**, so that **your prayers will not be hindered**.

Failure to give honour to the wife will hinder your prayers, no matter what your levels of obedience are in other areas. Be practical about this as well. Treat her with the utmost respect. Open the door for her, carry her bags, etc. Honour her because she is equal to you. She is a 'help - meet' for him. 'Meet' = parallel to him. God gave THE dominion to the husband together with his wife - not separately. 1 Peter 3:7 indicates that the wife also has GRACE that you need. Grace is not only in you but also in your wife. Rehearse the 1 Cor. 13 definition of love.

### Ephesians 5: 23-25

- 23 For the **husband is the head of the wife**, as Christ also is the head of the church, **He Himself being the Savior of the body.**
- 24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.
- 25 Husbands, **love your wives**, just as **Christ also loved the church** and gave Himself up for her,

Husband is the head of the wife. Man becomes a husband when he is ready to give his life for his wife. Love develops and grows - when you are obedient to God - love which is a grace, will grow.

Heirs together of the GRACE. Your wife is different - understand her.

- |                                 |   |                                    |
|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Men dress up quickly            | - | Women take long;                   |
| Men want the end                | - | Woman want detail;                 |
| Men want blinds                 | - | Woman wants curtains;              |
| Men want duvets                 | - | Woman want blankets with over-lays |
| Men want the cars with spoilers | - | Woman want the car only            |
| Men want action                 | - | Woman want conversation            |

There must be love and INTIMACY - 'Cleave unto His wife' - ONE Flesh. There should absolute transparency - 'naked and not ashamed'. There should be no AT ALL secrets between husband and wife. When people confide in me, they know that my wife will know it as well. Nothing is hidden between us.

### THE WIFE MUST HONOUR HER HUSBAND

Eph 5:23 Wives submit to your own husbands. Women are submitting to other people that are not their husbands. The boss at work cannot override the decision of the husband. Metaphors that indicate this principle: Husband (H) and Wife (W) depicts the mystical between Christ and His Church:

- |                   |     |                  |   |
|-------------------|-----|------------------|---|
| (H)Shepherd       | and | (W) Sheep        | = Sheep follow the shepherd - caring relationship |
| (H)Cornerstone    | and | (W) Lively Stone | = Must live together                              |
| (H) I am the vine | and | (W) Branches     | = Work together                                   |
| (H) High Priest   | and | (W) Royal Priest |   |
| (H) Head          | and | (W) Body         |   |

This principle of honour downloads GRACE to you.

### Scriptures warn us to Honour Authority

#### Rom 13:1-7

- 1 Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.

- 2 Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.
- 3 For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same;
- 4 for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.
- 5 Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake.
- 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for rulers are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing.
- 7 Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

### Prayer must be made for all those in authority

- 1 Tim 2:1** First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men,

### The Unclean despise authority

Rejection of authority is likened unto Sodom and Gomorah

#### Jude 8-10

- 8 Yet in the same way these men, also by dreaming, defile the flesh, and reject authority, and revile angelic majesties.
- 9 But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"
- 10 But these men revile the things which they do not understand; and the things which they know by instinct, like unreasoning animals, by these things they are destroyed.

Any church that violates the grace and authority will know decay. Honour your president, policeman, etc; obey the lifesaver on the beach; obey the doctor; obey the headmaster;

The Centurion's faith was his honour that he showed Jesus.

#### Mark 7:24-28

- 24 Jesus got up and went away from there to the region of Tyre. And when He had entered a house, He wanted no one to know of it; yet He could not escape notice.
- 25 But after hearing of Him, a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately came and fell at His feet.
- 26 Now the woman was a Gentile, of the Syrophenician race. And she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter.
- 27 And He was saying to her, "Let the children be satisfied first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

28 But she answered and said to Him, "Yes, Lord, but even the dogs under the table feed on the children's crumbs.

**Matt 15:28** Then Jesus said to her, "O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish."  
And her daughter was healed at once.

Jesus ignored this lady, used racist statements against her, and called her a dog - She still said 'YES Lord' = HONOUR SHE SHOWED JESUS.

**Luke 7:36-39**

36 Now one of the Pharisees was requesting Him to dine with him, and He entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table.  
37 And there was a woman in the city who was a sinner; and when she learned that He was reclining at the table in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster vial of perfume,  
38 and standing behind Him at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears, and kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and kissing His feet and anointing them with the perfume.  
39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet He would know who and what sort of person this woman is who is touching Him, that she is a sinner."

**Luke 7:44-50**

44 Turning toward the woman, He said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.  
45 "You gave Me no kiss; but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss My feet.  
46 "You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with perfume.  
47 "For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little."  
48 Then He said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven."  
49 Those who were reclining at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this man who even forgives sins?"  
50 And He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Her faith was the honour and respect she gave Jesus. 'Jesus turned and faced her' = the face of God will turn towards you. Simon is rebuked for showing dishonour.

When the son of man comes, will he find faith (HONOUR) on the earth.

**Mark 7:6** And He said to them, "Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written:  
'This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far away from Me.

**Luke 4:18,19** "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel ....

**1 Thess 5:12** But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction,

**Hebrews 13:7** Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.

David's song of the Bow : 'Tell it not in Gath'. Gath was the Philistines - He still wanted to protect Saul's reputation even after his death. He honoured him as the 'anointed of the Lord'

When Eli's witnessed Hanah intercession and called her a drunk, she still responds to him as "my LORD"

#### **HONOUR THE GRACE IN YOUR SET MAN PRACTICALLY IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:**

- Come early to the meeting before your set man
- Diligence
- Water is ready at the pulpit
- Gets the notes and Bible ready
- Pastor is allowed privacy

Our intimacy must not become familiar. Do not become so familiar to the point where you're become disrespectful - and this can be seen in the following ways : foolish jesting; arrogance in the relationship; ingratitude; subtle animosity; failure to be sensitive to other parties.

- Insist Pastor and family takes a holiday
- Bless the pastor and his family with presents
- Bring first fruit and Melchisedek Tithe
- Make the pastor look good before guests
- Excuse yourself if you cannot make a meeting

If you honour God, God will honour you and take care of you. Take care of your guests with deep respect. Even if your leader is a SAUL - honour and respect him. Something will happen in your household. People out of wounds, react the carrier of grace. If you invite grace gifts to you household, your elders, your people must treat these people with dignity and the utmost respect.

Respect and honour every man of God - be careful how you talk about them. Believe the grace carrier. Imitate the grace carrier. Be sacrificial in your dealing with the grade carrier in your house. Do not bring an accusation against him except in the presence of two or three witness - must be redemptive and not scandalous. Invest financially in his life. Very few set man are in it for the money - bless them financially.

### **3 areas of attack when you embrace the apostolic**

1. Money (Assyrian attack)
- 2, Marriage
3. Children

If grace is not received, it paralyses the anointing.



## *Provision of Grace*

The provision of Grace will be necessary for us to accomplish many of the mandates of God and to overcome the challenges that go with that.

Some specific WORD of the Lord, the Spirit will emphasize (e.g. the Just shall live by faith; Baptism of the Holy Spirit). Brazen altar = justification ; Laver = sanctification ; Holy Place (Candlestick; Table; Altar of Incense). Pentecost was the first fruit of our inheritance. These exists in the Spirit. Heb 10:19 - beyond the veil. There is a dimension beyond the veil that we need to tap into. But there only exists a veil if you are under the influence of the Old Covenant. **The only veil is in our minds. There is no veil!**

**There is no arrogance in the current apostolic move.** Paul said, 'Let the same mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus'. Christ chose to stoop low and become obedient to death. **Humility reflects the mind pf Christ more than any other characteristic. It is in opposition to the Luciferian spirit of pride.**

God chooses to bless and refresh His people - this part of His fatherhood. In previous moves, this manifested in laughter ('he who sits in the heavens, laughs')

Learn through rejection that fact that God has chosen us to speak through us. You cannot represent God in the future if you cannot pass the 'money' test.

One of the words for kairos is 'opportunity' - **do not miss the hour of your visitation of the Lord.** Some of Israel did not make it through the wilderness. There is a provision of grace available for us

**Sin = to move into place of mistaken identity.** Sin is more that missing the mark. **Adam was persuaded by the devil that he wasn't who he was.**

Luke 15: parable of lost son: Parable - 'Para' = near or alongside ; 'bole' = "to throw" - hence parable = a "story that is thrown near us".

Luke 15:11-32

- 11 And He said, "A man had two sons.  
12 "The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the estate that falls to me.'  
So he divided his wealth between them.  
13 "And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey  
into a distant country, and there he squandered his estate with loose living.  
14 "Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began to be  
impoverished.  
15 "So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his  
fields to feed swine.  
16 "And he would have gladly filled his stomach with the pods that the swine were eating, and no one  
was giving anything to him.  
17 "But when he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have more than  
enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger!  
18 'I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in  
your sight;  
19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men." '  
20 "So he got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and  
felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.  
21 "And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer  
worthy to be called your son.'  
22 "But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and bput a  
ring on his hand and sandals on his feet;  
23 and bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and celebrate;  
24 for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.' And they  
began to celebrate.  
25 "Now his older son was in the field, and when he came and approached the house, he heard music  
and dancing.  
26 "And he summoned one of the servants and began inquiring what these things could be.  
27 "And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf because  
he has received him back safe and sound.'  
28 "But he became angry and was not willing to go in; and his father came out and began pleading with  
him.  
29 "But he answered and said to his father, 'Look! For so many years I have been serving you and I  
have never neglected a command of yours; and yet you have never given me a young goat, so that I  
might celebrate with my friends;  
30 but when this son of yours came, who has devoured your wealth with prostitutes, you killed the  
fattened calf for him.'  
31 "And he said to him, 'Son, you have always been with me, and all that is mine is yours.  
32 But we had to celebrate and rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead and has begun to live, and  
was lost and has been found.' "

Note - sinners draw near to Jesus - He is transparent - no mask - and this is attractive to the masses.

Both Sons are Lost:

Older Son - is still at home and hanging around daddy - but missing the whole purpose of why He exists. You can hang around the apostolic father and not know why you exist.

In any household, there are two sons . One son requests the inheritance - in essence wishing his dad was dead. But the Father **divides the wealth between BOTH OF THE SONS, even though the older son did not ask for it.** This is about the provision of grace. It is always the prerogative of Father to bring the matter of inheritance up - not the son's.

Parousia = second coming of the Lord. There are many comings and many words used to describe this coming. Manifestation of the Lord = pherosis = the manifestation once the Spirit is present. One of the words used for 'coming of the Lord' is exactly this. Dr Sagie's session this morning = manifestation of Christ - the coming of the Lord. Many struggle with the form that the Lord comes in. This is not the literal coming of the Lord ('this same Jesus'). There are many different comings of the Lord. **This is also His parousia = his presence among us e.g. in our meetings. When HE becomes very specific in that coming it is called an apokalupso = revelation.**

**The glory of that unveiling is called an epiphany - the glory of His coming**

When a father calls the sons near it is for the purpose of providing a near touch. Some abuse this, but there are fathers of integrity. Isaac blessed Jacob; Jacob blesses Joseph and his sons - his sons were between his knees - this is a birthing position. Joseph brought them near unto Jacob his father. **The prophetic dimension here is so important - apukalupto = insights into the destiny of the son.** Love is not love until something has been given - it is not based on physical attractiveness - otherwise with time as external attractive fads, love will fail.

**The son should not spend years and years searching for the will of God. This quest is the responsibility of fatherhood - the father must declare a name over his name - a prophetic indicator.** Moses renamed Joshua from Oshua (generic salvation) - to Joshua (God's salvation). Fathers must be accurate in this process. God announced JOHN the Baptist's name and it was not 'Zechariah Junior'. His name was not attached the old order. God had to silence Zechariah so that he could not say anything.

**The promise of prosperity and success.**

The petition of expectation ; The blessing is natural and spiritual. The blessing must not be a point of division. Allow God to grow you. Get out of debt as soon as you can because it robs from the prosperity of the Father.

**The prodigal son became a waster - he was drawn in by the spirit of consumerism.** Israel in the wilderness - a environment not conducive for production. There was no production only consumption of manna. **The Hebrews definition of manna - IT IS OUR PROVISION FOR NOW.**

**It is impossible to build sustained wealth apart from ownership of estate.** We are the spiritual seed of Abraham. **We are to become a PRODUCER OF WEALTH so we can become a DISTRIBUTOR of wealth.** **The younger son became a waster - a consumer - he congregates with those he was never intended to be in fellowship with.**

Here is GRACE - The Father's willingness to forgive - **THE FATHER RUNS TOWARD HIS SON** - God breaks a cultural norm - comes towards his son and embraces him - kissed every last bit of rebellion out of him. Adam was a prodigal. Adam moved east. That is why eastern religion developed.

The older Son who stayed at home - calls the younger sons a 'son of the father' and not 'his brother'. With him too the father deals gracefully.

Embrace rebellious sons who return as though they had never left the house. The father ignored the speech of his returned son and gave him grace. Grace overrides the need to explain - but insists on a feast of celebration.

The older son = the older prophet - he cannot even participate - he sees himself as compliant - always done things right based upon law; His fear kept him home rather than in intimacy with the father; he could even respond properly to his father. The story does not say whether the older ever came into the house.

Both sons indicate the need for development in relationship and intimacy.

The younger failed the test of honour. The older failed to mature because he placed service before relationship. But the GRACE of God is big enough.

#### **Ephesians 1:3-6**

3 Blessed be the God and **Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in **the heavenly places** in Christ,

- 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love
- 5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,
- 6 **to the praise of the glory of His grace**, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

## *Poetic Summation of the March 2009*

### *Apostolic School of Ministry*

This was school number sweet sixteen  
Much to be heard and much to be seen  
We sensed we were in for another time  
Of once again shifting our paradigm

Before we started going through the motions  
We set the pace at the foundations  
Though here to drink from this spiritual fountain  
We placed a robe around the mountain

Steve did not go for the Pharisees  
Instead he taught us from Hercules  
He took some thoughts from mythology  
To trim and shape our theology

The thing with six heads was not a starlet  
It showed us that Zion became a harlot  
Moral issues are first in God's eyes  
But the glory will come and we will arise

God wants to commune with us face to face  
So He reveals Himself grace upon grace  
Just like the layers of pineapple cake  
Line upon line cannot build a fake

What if the saints say we have no need  
Pastor you don't have to intercede  
These words will blow any preacher's mind  
Christians like these are so hard to find

While praise will be simply telling the story  
We have to be living to the praise of His glory  
One thing is certain and very sure  
God is demanding that His vessels be pure

He spoke about generation Y  
Answering to the Father's cry  
People of the eleventh hour  
Those who will run with finishing power

The passion of a true father should be  
My son must become greater than me  
Not like Jacob, the cheat and the stirrer  
Who found uncle Laban to be his mirror

As with Jacob, God knows how to win  
He always will finish before He'll begin  
After his blessing Jacob went to the roast  
To a point of losing the thing he loved most  
So if you are called to shepherd God's nation  
You surely will taste humiliation  
But if you don't come to graduation  
You're a skyscraper with only a one-foot  
foundation

The wilderness is designed for the ones  
Who see themselves as being true sons  
They'll learn the meaning of Jordan's stones  
And dare not migrate without Joseph's bones

So what will you say if asked by the youth  
About fornication, please tell us the truth  
The answer is easy, don't stop for tea  
Just run for your life, the word is flee

It might just sound like a good old fable  
But we started the school around the Lord's table  
This set us off in a wonderful unity  
As we reflected the kingdom community

Sagie said more about the wonderful union  
That we have with Christ as we share the  
communion  
The table, again, will bring back God's dealings  
Of miracles, signs, wonders and healings

For a world in distress there's just one solution  
Their only hope is the fourth revolution  
People who know how to engage God online  
These are the ones who will arise and shine

So while they are having a failure of power  
The church will be having its finest hour  
Pharaoh's magicians will be rejected  
But Joseph was always divinely connected

We see the church, alive and arisen  
It's Joseph that has been called from prison  
If we want to give to this truth a face  
It's how to access dominion grace

The first way into this level of grace  
Is by giving His table its rightful place  
The church has made it a ritual  
It has become dead and habitual

There is a demand that is linked to this word  
And that's to proclaim the death of the Lord  
And so we remember that He died for us all  
And came to restore us back from the fall

It must be a lifestyle and not an event  
A part of the culture of those who are sent  
By drinking and eating we'll publish the banner  
That we have been freed from the "unworthy  
manner"

The truth is we're growing from glory to glory  
Sanctification is really the heart of the story  
We've made it the table of condemnation  
While it really should be a grace-declaration

We learned how the children are sanctified  
How through this our God will be glorified  
The issue that brought the condemnation  
Was the manner of Corinth's proclamation

They only remembered how from Egypt they went  
And how, in the desert, they lived in a tent  
They did not see and they did not know  
How to leave the type and move from the shadow

The problem of Corinth was inaccuracy  
They ate with a mindset of history  
So the grace of the table they were denied  
And thus they got sick and some even died

So if I partake with the right confession  
Even in times of a global recession  
I won't have to fear any hint of depression  
But I'll even have strength to make every session

The blessing won't come at the point of embrace  
The key is for you to access the grace  
That is why Benjie got five portions more  
And why nine benefits in the death of our Lord

If you cannot build an upper room

Then conferentitis will lead to your doom  
While Judas stayed close, he still missed the truth  
That you have to connect like Naomi and Ruth

Sagie recalled from teachings past  
How we can miss it, like Daniel's fast  
Do not stagnate with old things heard  
You have to move on with proceeding word

So ungodly systems will come like a vulture  
To steal from the church its kingdom culture  
But only in this new community  
Will we enjoy divine immunity

One thing we know, you won't find solutions  
In any of the religious institutions  
These have been proved to be killers of grace  
Wanting to eliminate you from the race

Thamo taught us about the glory  
This is a complicated story  
It's all about God's reputation  
Carried forth by His holy nation

This was very clearly stated  
God's glory is always earth-related  
To order our steps is part of His goal  
But He does not do it by remote control

The glory is really the tale of the ark  
A wooden container that's made its mark  
To bring back His presence is what it's about  
Or else you will have just a scream, not a shout

So you must know how to carry the ark  
Make sure you are not being kept in the dark  
Even old Dagon ended flat on his face  
To tell us we just cannot mess with this grace

David then made a huge mistake  
Something his kingdom severely would shake  
The glory's not carried by man-invented holders  
But only on priestly, governmental shoulders

So it's all about what is inside  
Three things that this box does hide  
If all of these can be restored  
We'll see the glory of the Lord

Three speaks to us of more excellent things  
A place where we soar on eagles' wings  
These things will survive all impurity  
And still be with us in eternity

Grace and wisdom is what we need  
On a daily basis as we proceed

We will be able to demonstrate Jesus  
As God is erecting a holy prosthesis

The wood of the ark is our humanity  
Covered with gold - God's divinity  
But you will be knocked right out of your socks  
If someone should tell you what is inside the box

The golden pot of manna was there  
Which speaks of the word and the bread that we  
share  
This is always the proceeding word  
What you build will reflect how you have heard

The head of the house had to go and collect  
That is how, to this word, we must connect  
You can go searching from north to south  
The rhema will always proceed through a mouth

So if you don't want a religious block  
You must learn how to ask, seek and knock  
And if you do not want to stumble  
You'll have to deal with your inner grumble

Now let me share this wonderful news  
You have to progress to the orange juice  
You cannot buy it, but still it will cost  
That none of the fragments of bread should be lost

The word must be squeezed until it's in you  
So believe that your set man is godly and true  
Recognition, reception, reward  
Is how you connect to the sent of the Lord

The devil is like a sly old fox  
To keep you from seeing number two in the box  
This has to do with theocracy  
And saying goodbye to democracy

It's all about the day when God  
Chose and gave favour to Aaron's rod  
It's the earthly showcase of Christ's headship  
Demonstrated in theocratic leadership

Even since Israel was living in tents  
The leader the whole house represents  
God's house is not led by human labour  
But instead and only by divine favour

If you want your people to grow strong in God  
Like Jacob, just teach them to look at the rod  
To blossom in winter, that is the key  
That people like Korah just could not see

We also heard from Alexander  
Architect of Zim's coming wonder

He spoke with words that sounded like thunder  
Righteous and evil dividing asunder

You may have a vision of the wheel  
But you'll lose motivation if you can't make it real  
God can only judge systems in the earth  
If there is a people who live the new birth

Now this is the moral of the story  
We have to be asking "why the glory?"  
So Rahab joined Judah when she believed  
While Achan joined Jericho and God was grieved

So if you feel you're in the minority  
Remember God alone is a majority  
And while the kingdom is approachable  
To the king it is non-negotiable

Please do not listen to the system's voice  
For unemployment is still a choice  
The kingdom can only be victorious  
When the church has become bright and glorious

You've got to be open, transparent and true  
Not blaming the devil for the things you do  
Let's march to the beat of a different drum  
Where His body is moving, healings will come  
Shaun took us further on the glory track  
When he spoke about the ark coming back  
We learned just why for so long we blew it  
And that only a church like David will do it

This church will not only be governmental  
But right to the core also covenantal  
A priesthood not only redeemed from the fall  
But free from the past and also from Saul

So two religious systems existed  
A picture of how things have become twisted  
In one of these the rituals went on  
While the ark and the glory was absent and gone

Shaun brought wonderful, godly insight  
Into the truth of the birthright  
God wants a first fruit company  
A son with a firstborn identity

To move out of Egypt God has a plan  
Your inside must carry all of the lamb  
But Egypt must also come out of you  
And that will be done by the bread you chew

We've often seen and often read  
Christ was the first-born from the dead  
Just as He came forth from the tomb



The first-born had power to open the womb

Howie talked of the X-generation  
A totally different kind of nation  
How are we going to reach out to these  
The very thought will make some freeze

If we don't get down from our holy steeple  
The world and its systems will father these people  
MTV will become their guide  
If we behind our pulpits hide

We might not like their music and song  
But being different doesn't make them wrong  
This generation needs a father's adoption  
We just no longer have any option  
Elisha's position was not accidental  
They are already governmental  
So Elijah approached by drawing near  
Do not let this thought fill you with fear

If we are sleepy and dare to slumber  
This generation will have our number  
By now it must be clearly apparent  
To reach them you have to be very transparent

They have a strong opinion  
Of leaders not showing dominion  
So join them until they think you are cool  
But soon they will see you are not a fool

The reason for loving this community  
Is to look for a given opportunity  
To release over them an apostolic decree  
And speak into their destiny

Kobus resembled the ancient of days  
Like Moses he seems to be knowing God's ways  
While we to our future must be connected  
Those gone before cannot be neglected

It's not just about the hills numbered seven  
But also the cloud of Hebrews eleven  
While surely a part of God's holy elected  
Without us they simply cannot be perfected

So if you have come to a place called old  
Just take this advice and do as you're told  
Go ski on the "Breede" but be sure not to fall  
Or "Yummy" the shark might just have a ball

Frans came like always with a mode called full  
throttle  
To warn us of something which is very subtle  
While we are quick to recognize sin  
The biggest danger is the enemy within

These will come in and pretend to be true

They'll try to come into alignment with you  
Your safety will be in your recognition  
Of the one who is called the son of perdition

Be careful of those who want to align  
Even the harlot can fake a good sign  
When you open your eyes she'll be sharing your  
bed  
In stead of your foot standing firm on her head

This enemy seems to be on your side  
The harlot adorns her to look like the bride  
But here is a secret this matter to fix  
HIV-ites and Zion simply do not mix  
Sagie is thankful for the poem  
Now he feels he's right to go home  
To give a day-to-day report  
Will it be "Thus sayeth the Lord?"

He showed the importance of giving honour  
A thing that has become a gonner  
Of holding your liver in your hands  
When Jehu on the wagon stands

The carrier of grace gets to feel like a mule  
When the driver asks him to pay for the fuel  
The grace will not flow if you cannot receive  
The sent of the Lord or his words not believe

Steve brought the finish to the story  
When he spoke about the praise of God's glory  
He related his training as a young minister  
How God helped him not to become sinister

Just like the truth has no and's, if's or but's  
The church has a lot of fruit, flakes and nuts  
Preaching to them fills your heart with desire  
To tie up their tales and set them on fire

Ezekiel's anointing is what you need  
Don't let their expressions become your lead  
And if you should find nothing else will work  
The last thing you try is the apostolic jerk

The father will always attempt to draw near  
This is what makes him so precious and dear  
To bless his children is really his heart  
Words and prophetic insight also play a part

Some of the apostolic heavy weights  
Are really an axe and two thirty-eights  
A family name is not a good reason  
When God announces a brand new season

And last but not least we also had fun  
As we drew from each other and blessed everyone  
You really can tell this thing is not racial  
When they speak about soccer and even a facial

We also heard it's illegal to die  
And a can of worms can make you cry  
So we also had a wonderful meal

To show that we believe this is real

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