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Session 1**Thamo Naidoo**

Servanthood

Part 1

INTRODUCTION TO THE ASOM:

The capacity you create in your personal life is the amount of room you create for God to move. The mandate of the ASOM is based on the post-resurrection methodology of unveiling Christ as revealed in Luke 24, which records Christ' discussion with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. He did three things:

1. He opened their hearts by opening the Scriptures

The Scriptures are our primary reference. We will allow the Scriptures to lead Jesus out unto us - from the Law, the Prophets and the Psalms. The Scriptures will speak in this school. Train yourself to shift to the next level of engagement with the Word. Do not succumb to fatigue or sleep.

2. He opened their eyes – by breaking the bread

Break the grace in the Word, through those who will bring the Word. This will demand for you to personally engage the Word at a deeper level. Be conscious of how grace is 'broken'. First catch it in your spirit – let your mind catch up later if it has to. There will also be the 'appearing of Christ' – be 'raptured' up into revelations of Christ.

3. He opened their minds - by piecing various segments of the Scriptures.

Jesus brought fragments of truth and pieced it together so that they can see the whole truth. Recall the imagery of the dry bones becoming a powerful army. These bones are not the skeletons of a human body, but are the foundations of pieces of truth scattered in the valley of God. They are scattered all over. The body is dismembered.

Various streams of truth are coming together to form the basis of "the Word becoming flesh and dwelling among us". Only then can we wage effective war as the army of God. This school will be an affirmation of truth previously in(take out) given in piecemeal, but is now coming together as a whole unit. God builds precept upon precept and line upon line. Now things are coming together. God is erecting Himself in us – we must be so full of the Word that there is nothing left in us.

SERVANTHOOD

God builds on 'principle'. We judge everything on 'principle'. The biblical concept of servanthood is the vehicle through which God's purposes are effected. Servanthood is the most important hermeneutical tool, and is also vital to fully appreciate who we are. As we process servanthood, we must not understand it humanistically. Do not view it domestically or in terms of slavery in history. Servanthood is part of who God is. If you are a partaker of His divine nature – then this aspect of Christ has got (can be taken out) to be formed in each one of us. In Christ, the godhead dwells.

We are all sons of God. We are at liberty. Therefore servanthood is not about slavery in a negative way within the context of restriction. We are all set free from 'slavery', yet we choose to become slaves of Christ. We pierce our ear – indicating that we enslaved to our Master and the voice of Master – we will only hear the Word of our Master and do His bidding.

All sacraments communicate grace, e.g. husband and wife in marriage communicate grace for God's purposes. The Table of the Lord communicates great grace. But there is another sacrament – the washing of each other's feet – not physically but symbolically. If you want to be the greatest, learn to be the servant of all. To go up in the kingdom, you have to choose to become nothing.

Every citizen of the Kingdom should be a servant. Sonship is key today. Sons perpetuate the will of the father. If you are going to be a true son of the king, the fundamental principle of servanthood needs to be installed. Read all the parables again – they emphasize servanthood. God will one day say to those who were faithful, "Well done my good and faithful SERVANT (not son)". Learn to labour in the dust. Deaconship (diakonos) is key to effective apostolic function.

Whatever ministry we do is not unto man but unto the Lord. The ultimate objective of servanthood is to provide a 'body' ("A body thou hast prepared for me": Heb 10:5b). Will you be that body? Will you be that womb for God to establish His purpose in the earth?

Mary called herself a 'maid-servant' in bearing the Christ child. God never created any of us to be famous. We were not created to be glorious, but rather to reflect the glory of God. We were not called to own anything – we were called to manage or steward things on HIS behalf. Barnabas taught us, to enter the apostolic season you have to dispossess yourself of the things you are possessed by. We will manage large volumes of money, not in our church bank accounts, but our people/sons who will know how to steward it and place it at apostles' feet. We learn how to possess all things but not to be possessed by them.

The administration of the kingdom is diverse and complex and it demands that service be rendered on many levels of functionality. We are not equal when it comes to function, yet at whatever level we operate, we are all servants. Servanthood demands voluntary work. Surrender your time solely to your Master.

Some Words relative to 'SERVANT / SLAVE':

Slave (Doulos) = one who functions in a permanent position of subjection to another. He is consumed by the will of his master. Conveyed is the idea of serving or subjugation to another. The commands or demands of the other are more important than your own desires. He is totally dependent on his master. He works without expectation of pay. He chooses not to freely possess, but to steward everything on behalf of his master.

If you choose to become a 'doulos' to Christ, then the only view you should have of life, is a view that is focused on Christ – nothing you own is really yours. Like Elijah, you may think you are the only one, yet there are 7000 others like you. God never called your 'ministry' or 'church' per se – he called **YOU** to bear the burden of His call. Keep your gaze on Christ. Those who will steward billions will have to prove servanthood first. A true offering in the sight of God is a (take out) to be a reflection of the offering. Slavery is coming to a place of total dispossession. Do not crawl in the dust and eat dust. Slavery is the state of 'handing over'. Become nothing so that he can become all in all. **Deaconship involves** 'laboring in the dust'.

Minister = leitougeo = a minister performing priestly functions – in a specialized function.

Servant = huperetes = subordinate servant = who waits for the commands of his superior (the second man); part a team rowing the boat but you are under command.

Jesus was consumed with the will of His father. My frustration presently is with those that sat under my instructions but have not changed – they think this message is romanticism. They are still selfish, argumentative and divisive. God is calling forth Gideon's 300 to selflessly fulfill the will of God. Jesus said

“My food is to do the will of him that sent me and to finish it”. We do not see this kind of passion in people anymore.

Session 2

Thamo Naidoo

Servanthood

Part 2

With the announcement of the restoration of apostles and prophets, people rushed into these offices and with it came a spurious manifestation of apostolic-prophetic work. People thought they were more apostolic if they had the title ‘apostolic’. Titles are not important to us. Servanthood is the more critical mechanism.

Characteristics of a Servant

➤ **Permanently Subjected to his Master.**

When we are consumed by the will of God, then nothing else matters to you.

➤ **Servants are Totally Dependent on their Master.**

We do not depend on people. Your work is unto HIM.

➤ **Their service is in Response to the Demands of the Master**

➤ **They work without Expectation of Pay or Reward or Accolade**

Before the fall, the only economy was one of obedience and not faith. Slaves just OBEY. They do not argue or reason. When you obey, you place yourself under the covering of the one who speaks. God will take care of His servants. Isaiah 56:5 indicates that there is a better place higher than sonship – and this is the position of the eunuch totally sold out to preparing the bride for his Master.

Isaiah 56:3-5 Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the Lord say, “The Lord will surely separate me from His people.” Nor let the eunuch say, “Behold, I am a dry tree. For thus says the Lord, “To the eunuchs who keep My sabbaths, And choose what pleases Me, And hold fast My covenant, To them I will give in My house and within My walls a memorial, And a name better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name which will not be cut off.”

In Luke 15, there were two sons in the house. On his return, the prodigal reduced himself to a servant – to simply fulfill the desires of the father; the older son adopted a self-righteous position – he never appreciated the love of the father. Claim nothing and just SERVE God and see what He will do. The Shunemite woman gave without expectation to receive - Elisha scans her life and determines she needed a baby. God will do the same for you.

Come to a place of a single eye, of total dependence upon Him. Just SERVE and God will take care of the rest. Great slaves in God’s house are given prominent places in human history because of the attitude of serving.

CHRIST – OUR SUPREME EXAMPLE

Love is the greatest virtue. It is selfless unconditional giving. Love impoverishes itself to enrich others. God is selfless in His giving. The concept of a ‘joint-heir’ implies that after you have bequeathed everything, you have nothing left.

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| <u>Christ is the Suffering Servant :</u> | Acts 3:13 | “Has glorified his servant, Jesus” |
| | Acts 3:26 | “Your servant Jesus” |
| | Acts 4:25 | “Your servant David” |
| | Acts 4:30 | “Your holy servant Jesus” |
| | Isaiah 49:5 | “The Lord formed me to be His servant” |

The ministry of Jesus is classified into three parts, namely, Priest, King and Prophet – yet the basis of all of this is **servanthood**.

Phil. 2:5-11

- 1 *Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,*
- 2 *make my joy complete by being of the same mind, **maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.***
- 5 *Have **this attitude** in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,*
- 6 *who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,*
- 7 *but emptied Himself, taking the FORM of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.*
- 8 *Being found in appearance as a man, **He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.***
- 9 *For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,*
- 10 *so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,*
- 11 *and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

The term '**Christ**' refers to pre-existent state. He was incarnated in human flesh and was known as '**Jesus Christ**'. The term '**Christ Jesus**' refers to His ascended position after the cross - after the resurrection. But He is pre-existent as the CHRIST. In Him we live move and have our being. '**Christ**' was in the **form of God**.

Note verse 1-2: Paul calls for like-mindedness, pure love, concern to be focused on **one purpose**. Christ Jesus made Himself of no reputation. This is referred to as the 'kenosis' of Christ - He emptied Himself of His equality with God. God exalts Jesus because He emptied himself. There is equality in the Godhead but not equality in creation. **We were not created to be equal to God but exact representations of Him. Instead of choosing exact representations, they choose equality by exalting themselves.** Also, we have to revert back to obedience. **Do not aspire to become anything; simply focus on how to fully empty yourself. Look out for the interest of others.**

Formed = morphe = the essence or reality – the substance of a being, the primary form of something; **nothing in this form can appear without it being an objective reality**; this has to be concrete and complete; it is the opposite of being a shadow.

You cannot parade servanthood without it being the substance of what you are made up of - this is the ontological nature . Do not confuse 'hospitality' with 'servanthood' (you can be hospitable without having the spirit of servanthood). Christ essentially, in His substantial makeup, had a 'form' and it was 'God' – 'in the Form of GOD'.

'Morphe' also refers to the life quality that describes the very existence of God; the atomic nature of this immaterial God. 'Morphe' has got to do with the 'timeless' world. We are not 'a' WORD from God – we should be, like Jesus, THE Word.

'Morphe' refers to what you were in your pre-existent state. Was Jesus in the form of God pre-existent? Yes. Now, He takes on the FORM of a bondservant. Thus the (take away) within the essence of the nature

of God in the trinity, there is the **principle of serving called submission**. The Spirit submits to the Son – the Son to Father – everyone serves the other; at the end of age, the scriptures say that the Son gives the kingdom back to the Father.

We are not talking about the Roman concept of slavery. Recall how Joseph took Mary to go to Bethlehem to be registered in his father’s house before Jesus was born. Before we see the emergence of a ‘Christ-man’ in the earth, we will have to obey the heavenly decree to go to our father’s house – to register in that house - to be re-aligned with divine purpose. Before the Christ child could be born, He dealt with the orphan spirit. Joseph (Judah) and Mary (Levi) had to be reckoned first in terms of their father’s house.

When Jesus emptied himself, he kept the element of servant-hood and slavery. We should all de-robe ourselves of false aspirations. God never expects us to become something that He himself has not lived out.

Matthew 20:20-28

- 20 *Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her sons, bowing down and making a request of Him.*
 21 *And He said to her, “What do you wish?” She said to Him, “Command that in Your kingdom these two sons of mine may sit one on Your right and one on Your left.”*
 22 *But Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?” They said to Him, “We are able.”*
 23 *He said to them, “My cup you shall drink; but to sit on My right and on My left, this is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by My Father.”*
 24 *And hearing this, the ten became indignant with the two brothers.*
 25 *But Jesus called them to Himself and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them.*
 26 *“It is not this way among you, but **whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant,***
 27 *and **whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave;***
 28 ***just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”***

Jesus is the greatest. The greatest is the servant. If God is the greatest, then He is the greatest servant. Whoever desires to be ‘first’ (apostolic – first in time, place and rank), must be your slave. “1 Cor. 12:28 he gave some to be first apostles”. For apostles to be first, they have to become scum – the scourge – the least. In Romans 1:1, Paul referred to himself as a ‘bond slave’ and as an apostle. Jesus is the chief apostle (Heb 3:1) – so he functions as a **chief of the slaves**. If we get this right, immortality could happen within our life-time. The first shall be last and the last first.

John 13:1-20

- 1 *Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.*
 2 *During supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, to betray Him,*
 3 ***Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God,***
 4 *got up from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself.*
 5 *Then He poured water into the basin, and **began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.***
 6 *So He came to Simon Peter. He said to Him, “Lord, do You wash my feet?”*
 7 *Jesus answered and said to him, “What I do you do not realize now, but you will understand hereafter.”*
 8 *Peter said to Him, “Never shall You wash my feet!” Jesus answered him, “**If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.**”*

- 9 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, then wash not only my feet, but also my hands and my head."
- 10 Jesus said to him, "He who has bathed(baptism) **needs only to wash his feet**, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you(Judas)."
- 11 For He knew the one who was betraying Him; for this reason He said, "Not all of you are clean."
- 12 So when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and reclined at the table again, He said to them, "**Do you know what I have done to you?**
- 13 **"You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am.**
- 14 "If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, **you also ought to wash one another's feet.**
- 15 **"For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.**
- 16 **"Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him.**
- 17 If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.
- 18 "I do not speak of all of you. I know the ones I have chosen; but it is that the Scripture may be fulfilled, '**HE WHO EATS MY BREAD HAS LIFTED UP HIS HEEL AGAINST ME.**'
- 19 "From now on I am telling you before it comes to pass, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am He.
- 20 **"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."**

Learn how to wash each other's feet – serve each other selflessly. Recall Mary washed His feet with her tears and wipe it with her hair (glory/authority).

Note Verse 18 – Jesus is saying, "He who partakes of grace with me has come against me". To be great, you have to become a servant, yet Jesus did also not expect this level of servanthood for everyone (Judas was excluded).

Matt 23:11 "But the greatest among you shall be your servant.

We have produced dictators in the kingdom. A great slave could be in charge over significant areas. Slavery is not servile functions. Apostles must remain focused on the Word and prayer. Only those that have a broken spirit and a contrite heart can stand on the mountain of God. Jesus was not weak, yet He was humble and a servant. Pyramidal structure of church governance is not biblical (you have a pharaoh with slaves burning bricks).

John 13:16 "Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him

Servanthood

Part 3 : The Divine Design for Human Kind

Broad outline of issues in this session:

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| ↪ Exact Representation | ↪ Shaliah Principle |
| ↪ Deputyship | ↪ Stewardship |

❖ THE REPRESENTATIVE PRINCIPLE : EXACT REPRESENTATION

All of creation was created as 'deputies' or representatives of God. This is our identity. We act upon instruction on God's behalf. **'Exact representation' may only take place when we choose to function as servants of God.** You cannot be an exact representation, if you are full of yourself or visions of grandeur. You have to go through the 'kenosis' process of emptying yourself of yourself.

Gen. 1:26-28

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

'Image' = shalem = a resemblance; an illusion; a phantom; a ghost; a figure.

God will become visible through the order of human-kind. Cain functioned from a place of perspiration. Abel = "I have nothing" – an illusion. There was an expectation placed on Cain by his parents to redeem the earth - God rejected him.

Shalem also means "Nothingness". John said, "I must decrease".

Shalem = "an exact duplicate" – means you are not the original – you are representative of the original.

God never created us to be HIM, but to be representative of Him. It is through OBEDIENCE to everything He says that we represent Him. Jesus in the womb of Mary was still God. The fullness of the godhead can reside in us. You have to be a phantom. God hates the proud but give grace to the humble.

God spoke to the fathers by the prophets :

Hebrews 1:1-4

- 1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways,
- 2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.
- 3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

4 *having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.*

You have to learn to be a servant in order to represent Him. You do this through obedience. Faith simply silences the voice of rationalization; it blinds you to dualistic sight. Faith brings you to obedience to Christ; you become a slave to His word. Subject yourself to His voice and ideas.

For example, The principle of 'Being Sent': If you receive the sent-one, you receive the sender; you are receiving the sender in the sent one. For this to become reality, exact obedience is essential – the sent-one is to fully obey the sender for accurate representation to be reality. This goes beyond faith. Ask God to give you the skill of a listening ear – train yourself to hear accurately – so you can obey accordingly.

❖ DEPUTYSHIP

We were called to deputize on God's behalf

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 =

- 1) everything was created with military precision;
- 2) everything had to serve as a deputy ; it had to serve something else

Everything on the planet is connected – a kind of ecosystem – everything is created to serve another. Angels also were created to serve and not to be served. Satan fell when he realized that there are humans he had to serve – he protested. Discern who has great grace – a different measure of grace.

This set of teachings will determine what opens up to us in the future. Discipline, submission, divine order is all important. Instead of producing fathers, we have produced pedophiles. (God does not remove the church, he removes the candlestick).

'completed' /'finished' = kalah = completely done with nothing to add; man was not the last item God created; **the last of the created acts was to create a seventh day called REST.** Rest was first in God's mind, but He created it last. (the principle that the first shall be last and the last, first)

'Work' = melakah (Melak = king) = Appointed to deputize on behalf of another. God's works should deputize on behalf of God. Every level of creation was created to represent God. **The seed principle captures the essence of deputyship. God did not take a risk in this. He rested because of the seed principle.** The only time He will step out of rest is in giving mercy. We must be deputies of God undergirded by servanthood.

❖ The SHALIAH PRINCIPLE'

The sent-one goes as an agent or apostle of the Lord. The sent-one goes as if the sender is going. We have too much verbiage in the present move – verbiage that is not fully understood by those who use it. The term 'Shaliah' was used by the Rabbis in their Rabbinical writings. They said when a man commissioned one to act on behalf of him – when the agent goes, it is as if the principal himself goes. The sent-one assumes the identity of the sender. That is why Jesus said "If you have seen me you have seen my father". You cannot get the sender without receiving the sent-one. Absolute obedience in and by the sent one is

essential to accurately represent the sender. Train your mind to 'SEE' the invisible God, made visible in the representation of God in the sent-one. To be apostolic is to be completely obedient. Most the exploits of most of the apostles are not recorded in Scripture. The point is we must seek not to become famous. All ministers are merely servants of God – stewards of God. Matt 21:1-11 – we are donkeys – we are only beast of burden – we carry the burden of the Lord.

Matthew 21:1-11

- 1 *When they had approached Jerusalem and had come to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,*
- 2 *saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied there and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to Me.*
- 3 *"If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them."*
- 4 *This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:*
- 5 *"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold your King is coming to you, Gentle, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.' "*
- 6 *The disciples went and did just as Jesus had instructed them,*
- 7 *and brought the donkey and the colt, and laid their coats on them; and He sat on the coats.*
- 8 *Most of the crowd spread their coats in the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in the road.*
- 9 *The crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest!"*
- 10 *When He had entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?"*
- 11 *And the crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee."*

Verse 2: 'Tied to the doorpost' - picture of the government of a house.

Verse 3: Command to be loosed – because He has a need for you.

Fathers and sons are donkeys. The donkey had to bow its stubbornness. These donkeys had to carry Jesus in a gentle and humble way. These carry the burden of the vision. Apostles laid their coats on the donkeys (their mantles of anointing and gracing). The donkey here is anointed, covered in Christ and the apostolic mantle. The donkeys must not think the praises is being given to them – they are simply carrying HIM. The donkey is representing HIM. The donkey must defer all glory to the Lord. The Apostolic passion is "Christ in you, the hope of Glory". We must magnify Christ and then step away.

❖ **THE STEWARDSHIP PRINCIPLE**

A steward is a manager of domestic affairs; a chamberlain in the affairs of a city, etc. We are administering 'grace'. Stewards protect the house from being ransacked. Fathers, do not place undue expectation on those in your house – do not exploit your sons.

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| We steward various things : e.g. | The mysteries of Christ, God's Creative Works, The Children of God, The 'Kairoses' of God, The Grace of God, The Gospel of God, etc. |
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How do you view the office of ministry? There is ranking in the kingdom of God. All servants were given different talents or responsibilities in terms of productivity.

Matt 24:42-51

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

A servant (father) rules over the Household.

Verse 45 : *“Who then is the **faithful and sensible slave** whom his master put **in charge of his household** to give them **their food** at **the proper time(KJV : Due Season)?***

“Due season” / “Proper Time” = kairos. As a spiritual father over your household, decode the kairos you are in, and in every kairos, bring specific food relative to that kairos to feed your people. Those who are faithful in this, are eligible for promotion. Those who have brutally abused their household – will find themselves in utter darkness and assigned with hypocrites.

TITLE, OFFICES AND STATUS

Matthew 23:1-12

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

Being called rabbi leader or teacher is not a title to be sought after. These are expression of Christ. You are the servant bringing the gift of teacher to people. Verse 9: ‘Call no man father’: Altho’ a man comes to you

as God's servants, you have to receive him in the 'name' in which he comes (father, teacher, leader, etc.). But the greatest among you shall be your servant. What God is saying, is not the title – just be a servant.

Session 12

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Rest

Part 1

2009 was my toughest years of ministry. I heard the Lord's voice saying, "Rest minus Work = Heaven on the earth". We are about to enter a period of rest that is no different to the rest in the eternal dimension. The conditions of the heavens can be encountered on this side of life. This does not mean there will be the absence of suffering. Jesus said, "In this world you will have suffering, but be of good cheer for I have overcome the world". Also, we must not live in denial. Rest is a zone we can step into and enjoy dimensions in God. Rest will not eliminate the challenges of life. In REST, you will have to walk through life.

I still have some anxious moments. If we are going to steward the earth it is not going to happen with a work ethic from our humanistic dimension of life, but we have to enter into REST. We are stepping into a dimension where we are going to race with horses. What some of you will do in one day, some will not have done in a hundred years. It is like making time stop to finish the work. There is a fixed order that we must strictly obey.

Jeremiah 31:35

- 35 *Thus says the Lord, Who gives the sun for light by day and **the fixed order** of the moon and the stars for light by night, Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar; The Lord of hosts is His name:*
- 36 *"If **this fixed order** departs From before Me," declares the Lord, "**Then the offspring of Israel also will cease from being a nation before Me forever.**"*

If you do not follow a fixed order, you will not be able to produce an offspring. 'Fixed Order' is a reference to **statutes**. The order of father and sons is necessary to stay the curse (Mal 4:5,6). The word 'cursed' denotes that the one cursed is reduced to a place of such insignificance that his memory is obliterated.

The 'order' will bring blessings by us discerning the times and the seasons. Gen 1:14 the sun and moon regulate time.

Gen 1:14 *Then God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for **signs and for seasons and for days and years**;*

To get the fixed order, you have to be a discerner of the times and seasons. The divine order of God comes through us interpreting and decoding the mysteries of God as it is transmitted through the kairoses of God. The Sabbath promise must be fulfilled.

Ezekiel 46:1 -2

- 1 *'Thus says the Lord God, "The **gate of the inner court facing east** shall be **shut the six working days**; but it shall be **opened on the sabbath day** and **opened on the day of the new moon**.*
- 2 *"The prince shall enter by way of the porch of the gate from outside and stand by the post of the gate. Then the priests shall provide his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate and then go out; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening*

In verse one, 'east' represented the foremost part of the earth – the access point through which God would enter into earth. Note this 'gate' facing east is shut in the six days in which work is done. Today, we have a

work ethic – we labour and Christ is shut out. Cain means, “I have gotten”. He was so named by Eve in the hope that he will correct her mistakes. Cain represents a self-made man. Abel means “I am nothing”.

Note the scripture above: “The gate shall be opened on the Sabbath day”. The Sabbath will come with a new season. Seasons do not start by earthly time and calendar. The day starts one minute past midnight – “on the DAY of the new MOON”. The gate of the inner court facing the east will be opened in this season of REST from humanly-induced labours. It will be opened on the day on the new moon- i.e. the day of the new season in God.

Isaiah 56:4-6

- 4 For thus says the Lord, “To the eunuchs who keep My sabbaths, And choose what pleases Me, And hold fast My covenant,
- 5 To them I will give in My house and within My walls a memorial, And a name better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name which dwill not be cut off.
- 6 “Also the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, To minister to Him, and to love the name of the Lord, To be His servants, everyone who keeps from profaning the Sabbath And holds fast My covenant;

If you keep the Sabbath and do not flint, and there is place far better than sons and daughters. The eunuch is a castrated individual – a chamberlain – a person of great influence. A castrated individual cannot have children (no legacy in terms of sons to carry on their name – yet God says He will give them an everlasting name Himself). He enjoys the most intimate position with the royal woman, a depiction of the church, the bride of Christ. Eunuchs have to learn to operate without ambitions. These are spiritual celibates. So they give themselves totally to the promotion of the preaching of the gospel of Christ. Not every eunuch was castrated. Potiphar was a eunuch. The spirit of a eunuch preserves the principles of a eunuch in the house of God.

Joseph could have had a relationship with Potiphar’s wife – but he chose the divine will of God of honesty and integrity.

Characteristics of Eunuchs:

- ❖ **Renowned for faithfulness to their Masters** – eunuchs are the same as a slave.
- ❖ **They symbolize the purity of conduct** – transparent, pure and innocent leaders who have castrated themselves symbolically speaking, so that they can serve their masters without distraction.
- ❖ **Their generational line will not be cut off although they do not produce sons** – God says their name will forever be remembered. Do not get arrogant on your claim to have so many ‘sons’. A Eunuch does not talk ‘ownership’.
- ❖ **They are spiritual celibates that have made a vow of commitment to the Lord by marrying Him.**

Isaiah 58:12-14

- 12 Those from among you will rebuild the ancient ruins; You will raise up the age-old foundations; And you will be called the repairer of the breach, The restorer of the streets in which to dwell.
- 13 “If because of the sabbath, you turn your foot From doing your own pleasure on My holy day, And call the sabbath a delight, the holy day of the Lord honorable, And honor it, desisting from your own ways, From seeking your own pleasure And speaking your own word,
- 14 Then you will take delight in the Lord, And I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; And I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

Verse 14: 'High places of the earth' = governmental positions. You have turned your foot (i.e. carve a new path for yourself) from doing your own pleasure and called the Sabbath honorable and delightful = you have to make the Sabbath (Rest) important in your life – you have to give this issue high premium.

I knew I was delivered from hurt and pain, when I started feeling sorry for the people that hurt me. This is when anger became tears of compassion – then you know are at rest. God is building His church – so you must not sweat. Too many are speaking their own 'dabar' (v.13: *And speaking your own word*)

Promises:

1. You will ride on the heights = governmental authority
2. He will feed you with the heritage of Jacob: (Heritage = power, strength and might). All the things associated with Jacob will be given to you.

The Day of the Lord – The Lord's day – what is it? What is the Sabbath? How do we step into it?

First the Historical Antecedents: Why did God create this whole culture?

Genesis 2

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

There is a category of time that God apportioned by sanctifying it. He stepped into it and made it the place of His occupation. It is a sacred sphere. God took 6 days to create everything. When He created man, He concluded the creation program. Everything created was created for man to steward on His behalf. He created everything for man and places man over it. God creates one thing for Himself – the Sabbath Rest – yet not just for Him only but for us as well.

Heaven is not the house of God, because where did God live before He created heaven? God is limitless, He is eternal. Heaven is His throne – His chair – the place from which He will launch Himself. Solomon said, "The heavens of heavens cannot contain You".

God entered REST, the place of repose – the seventh day position. REST is primary in God's mind. Death is not equated to rest. Death is 'sleep'. When you die, you do not need rest. You need rest on this side of life. God never sleeps nor slumbers.

The place of heaven is not REST. Even heaven will pass away.

The seventh day is the primordial day. We need to step into a place of a castrated position. We will be more busy than ever before. Like Jacob wrestled with God himself and prevailed. Supernatural strength, grace and power will come upon us. From the position of REST you can work.

If you broke the Sabbath in the Old Testament – they killed you. It was so serious – God did not want this principle to be violated.

Sabbath =

1. Repose or to desist from exertion
2. End of contention
3. The end of debt

Simply ignore the attack of principalities and focus on the Lord and His purposes. Even when you are not in the mode of prayer, you must be praying.

The primary meaning of 'Shabbath' means '**to be still**'.

Psa 46:10 Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.

Jesus slept in a boat in the midst of a storm. Sabbath also describes a rest to the land and to your staff. Enter rest by learning how to position your spirit and your soul.

Rest

Part 2

The message and the messenger must become one. Even though we have not completely embodied all the principles of rest, yet we still feel quickened to teach it.

The eunuch comes to the place of living a 'fasted life'. Isaiah 58 - This is the preserve of a remnant. You have to **'turn you foot away'** - determined for yourself a new path.

'Rest' is a position within creative time. God rested from all His labors – He did His works so completely and powerfully – that what HE produced, will work for Him. Whatever He created will perpetuate itself on behalf of Him. The only time God steps out of rest is when He wants to show mercy. In the day of rest, two things you can do: (1) You can eat and (2) you can show mercy.

Whatever God created He did it with the configuration that it can work on behalf of Him, without Him interfering with it; it will work obediently and synergistically. God could enter into rest and His works followed Him. If certain conditions are brought into alignment with His will, certain things will result.

E.g. The psalm on Unity.....

Psalm 133:1-3

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

Unity commands God's blessing; the word, 'commands' implies that God sets the rule, and if the conditions are right, the result is produced. When the farmer sows seed and reaps a harvest, did God work? NO! The farmer simply accessed an established principle already set by God. So God does not come out of rest. We should establish in our lives, the principles and laws from the Father so that they can now work for us and we can now rest. If you are faithful in financial obedience, you will be blessed. You do not need faith for this. The principle will work and you will enjoy the works that follow you into rest. 'Rest' means to finish the work and never to work again. The Lamb was slain before the foundation of the earth. Obedience will blind your sight to rationalistic thinking.

To highlight the significance of the Sabbath, God used the law to emphasize it. Those who broke the Sabbath were killed. We have to truly incarnate the applied principles of the Sabbath in our lives, e.g. What about businessmen cancelling all debts after every seven years? Doing this, you are sowing and you will reap the same.

Desist from all forms of exertion; come into a position of repose; repose is pictured when we sit at tables and eat – repose at the table. You learn how to rest at a table. John reposes on the bosom of Jesus = a picture of rest. Ask God to impose the spirit of rest upon our troubled souls.

Rest includes us working and working hard. It does not equate to laziness and a poor work ethic.

In the New Testament Greek, ...

REST = katapausis = to cease, to rest entirely; it is a picture of how you dwell in the Lord's presence

Rest is not a day in the week, or heaven. God has abolished the idea of us keeping a specific day. These specific days were shadows of things to come.

Hebrews 4:1-16

- 1 *Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it.*
- 2 *For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard.*
- 3 *For we who have believed enter that rest, just as He has said, "As I swore in My wrath, They shall not enter My rest," although **His works were finished from the foundation of the world.***
- 4 *For He has said somewhere concerning the seventh day: "**And God rested on the seventh day from all His works**";*
- 5 *and again in this passage, "They shall not enter My rest."*
- 6 *Therefore, since it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly had good news preached to them failed to enter because of disobedience,*
- 7 *He again **fixes a certain day**, "Today," saying through David after so long a time just as has been said before, "Today if you hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts."*
- 8 ***For if Joshua had given them rest**, He would not have spoken of another day after that.*
- 9 *So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.*
- 10 *For the one who has entered **His rest has himself also rested from his works**, as God did from His.*
- 11 *Therefore **let us be diligent to enter that rest**, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience.*
- 12 *For the word of God is living and cactive and sharper than any two-edged dsword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and fable to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*
- 13 *And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.*
- 14 *Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.*
- 15 *For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.*
- 16 *Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

Verse 3: God finished all His works in the heavens. All you have to do to enter rest is believe the Word. If you do not live by certain conditions, rest is denied to you.

Verse 7: He fixes a certain day – this is TODAY – not a calendar day. ["Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts"]. You must be able to say that when there is a 'today moment', I must learn how to hear God. You cannot enter His rest, unless you hear what He is saying daily.

Verse 8: There remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. Chronology measures your days sequentially. He is not talking about this.

Heb 3:13 *But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.*

Today, chronologically, is lived within a "TODAY" moment – not defined by the hours on your clock but your understanding of time in the economy of the Spirit. We are in two time zones – the temporal and the eternal. In the Lord's Prayer, we are to ask God for daily bread. "Daily" = bread that comes from out of space and time. Bread = defines out the context of the temporal.

Heb 4:7 "He fixes day": **Fixes = horizo** - from this we derive the word, **horizon**.

The horizon is defined by your sight. Horizon is a virtual boundary. Your view of the horizon is determined by your elevation – which determines your sight. Your sight determines the limitations of your boundary. Horizo = a boundary unrelated to space, but determined by the Lord. To know the day of the Lord, you must discern the times and the seasons. Your perception will determine the limits of your boundary.

Acts 17:22-31

- 22 *So Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I observe that you are very religious in all respects.*
- 23 *"For while I was passing through and examining the objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, 'TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.' Therefore what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you.*
- 24 *"The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands;*
- 25 *nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things;*
- 26 *and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having **determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation,***
- 27 *that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, although He is not far from each one of us;*
- 28 *for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His children.'*
- 29 *"Being then the children of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and thought of man.*
- 30 *"Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent,*
- 31 *because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."*

Verse 26: "*having **determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation***"

Determined = horizo. God is saying, "I have set an horizon determining the appointed time". The 'appointed time' is determined by your interpretation of 'kairos'. But you have to decode the time. Your boundary is not determined by where you live, but by your position in terms of kairos. In the day of the Lord, there is no night (although you sleep) because the SON shines bright within your life. Even when you sleep, your spirit is awake. You become obsessed and possessed by a passion to finish the will of the Lord. Your horizons determined your growth into 'kairos'. Jesus was born in the fullness of time, but for 30 years he had to mature into it. Recall from the previous session, it starts with the 'new moon' - all seasons start in the dark of night – at midnight; the day has already broken, but the earth has not seen it.

God finished all His work - so that no man can lay claim to producing anything – there is nothing new under the sun. Kairos = an opportune time - which produces opportunities - you are no longer living in yesterday. Provocation provokes you to enter into a new day.

Rev 14:13 *And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who **die in the Lord** from now on!' " "Yes," says the Spirit, "**so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them.**"*

When are you 'dead in the Lord'? This is speaking about those who keep the commandments of the Lord (dead to self and the flesh). Baptism signifies your death and resurrection into life anew. When you 'die in the Lord', your labours should follow you because you are in rest.

Rest

Part 3

The discernment of the times does not come by reading Scriptures, but through those who have the grace to discern the seasons. Recall the parable of the seed and the sower. The sower is the 'KERUX' = the preacher – who summons a congregation and positions the people together. God sends prophets, wise men and scribes to communicate His will. The ground which receives the seed of the Word is determined by how you hear!

To know the day of the Lord, you must know who the sent-one is. Hear His voice - hear the vibrations. In all probability this individual is your father. When this happens, ask him, "Where do you stay". Do not go to someone who just has time for you. Mary had to connect to Elizabeth who was more advanced in that specific season than her. When they greeted each other, the babe leaped and something happened in the spirit. Otherwise, we will become jurisdictional and territorial. Some men waited 180 years to have a son of promise although they had others sons.

When you enter into this day of the Lord, you become the **MAN of REST** (the corporate man). This is a corporate man but also applies to the individual man. This is the one new man in Christ: Eph 2:10-19; Gal 3:28, Gal 3:21.

The house you build must be able to withstand the storms of life. It is the place God chooses to lay His head and nothing will affect him (cf. Jesus sleeping in the boat in the midst of a violent storm). The headship of Jesus wants to come to rest in this place - this is the government of God. We want to build a man in the earth where the head (governance) of God can come to rest in the earth.

Acts 7 – What place is there for my repose?

A Case Study : NOAH

The flood had precedents to it. The conditions of the earth was so contaminated that God had to start again. There was a mixture of the seed. The sons of Cain produced a rebellious era.

Gen 4:25-26 *Adam had relations with his wife again; and she gave birth to a son, and named him Seth, for, she said, "God has appointed me another offspring in place of Abel, for Cain killed him."*

26 To Seth, to him also a son was born; and he called his name Enosh. Then men began to call upon the name of the Lord

There has been a generational and sequential building to this place called rest. What was the first fruit of plugging this gap? Men calling on the name of the Lord.

Gen 5:1-3

1. *This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. 2. He created them male and female, and He blessed them and named them Man in the day when they were created. 3 When Adam had **lived one hundred and thirty years**, he became **the father of a son in his own likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth.***

Adam was the son of God in the image of God. He had to wait 130 years to produce a Seth in his image, although he had many sons before this. Adam lived 930 years from the fall – before that we do not know how long he was alive for.

Gen 5:28-32

- 28 *Lamech lived one **hundred and eighty-two years**, and became the father of a son.*
 29 *Now he called his name **Noah**, saying, “This one will **give us rest** from our work and from the toil of our hands arising from the ground which the Lord has cursed.”*
 30 *Then Lamech lived five hundred and ninety-five years after he became the father of Noah, and he had other sons and daughters.*
 31 *So all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy-seven years, and he died.*
 32 *Noah was **five hundred years old**, and Noah became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.*

Lamech produced a son in God’s image after 182. Noah produced sons after 500 years.

Gen 6:8-12

- 8 *But Noah found favor in the eyes of Jehovah.*
 9 *These are the generations of Noah. **Noah was a righteous man, and perfect in his generations: Noah walked with God.***
 10 *And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.*
 11 *And the earth was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.*
 12 *And God saw the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth.*

The sons of Noah marry the sons of Cain, the seed that murders the purposes of God. This produces gigantic problems in the earth. God decided to wipe everyone out because this economy will not produce the Christ-child. God has to select the group that will bring hope and comfort to the earth. He finds this in Noah, which means REST.

For Noah to bring REST, study the people that went before him:

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| Methusela | = | “When he is dead, then he will be sent”. |
| | | (If you want to used you must die successfully) |
| Lamech | = | “Powerful Destroyer, One who Overthrows” |

Qualifications of a Man of Rest:

1. **Righteousness** – righteousness is to live right in accordance to the divine standard. It has reference to morality and honesty; your standard is not human but divine. Live by a level of morality and integrity that surpasses everything. There is a great judgment coming upon the earth - an increasing of the cosmic pains in the earth. But in judging the earth, God has to raise up a man of REST. This man has to be righteous.
2. **Perfect = complete, whole, sound, free from blemishes.** e.g. You cannot be so spiritual that you have serious problems in your marriage. Live a submitted and surrendered life to the Lord. Be willing to say “sorry” when you have to. Learn to lead a balanced life.

3. **He Walked With God:** He had an intimate relationship with God. He agreed with God (Amos 3:3)
4. **He Found Favour or Grace with God:** God saw a good man - he was good in the eyes of God. You must have beauty, charm and aesthetic wonder. Because of Noah, God did not destroy the earth

Isaiah 54:8-17

- 8 *"In an outburst of anger I hid My face from you for a moment, But with everlasting lovingkindness I will have compassion on you," Says the Lord your Redeemer.*
- 9 ***"For this is like the days of Noah to Me, When I swore that the waters of Noah Would not flood the earth again;** So I have sworn that I will not be angry with you Nor will I rebuke you.*
- 10 *"For the mountains may be removed and the hills may shake,
But My lovingkindness will not be removed from you,
And My covenant of peace will not be shaken,"
Says the Lord who has compassion on you.*
- 11 *"O afflicted one, storm-tossed, and not comforted,
Behold, I will set your stones in antimony,
And your foundations I will clay in sapphires.*
- 12 *"Moreover, I will make your battlements of rubies,
And your gates of crystal,
And your entire wall of precious stones.*
- 13 *"All your sons will be taught of the Lord;
And the well-being of your sons will be great.*
- 14 ***"In righteousness you will be established;**
You will be far from oppression, for you will not fear;
And from terror, for it will not come near you.*
- 15 *"If anyone fiercely assails you it will not be from Me.
Whoever assails you will fall because of you.*
- 16 *"Behold, I Myself have created the smith who blows the fire of coals
And brings out a weapon for its work;
And I have created the destroyer to ruin.*
- 17 ***"No weapon that is formed against you will prosper;
And every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn.
This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord,
And their vindication is from Me," declares the Lord.***

The church at rest will be protected just like in the days of Noah because we are building something just like Noah did.

Matthew 24; 36-51

- 36 *"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.*
- 37 ***"For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah.***
- 38 *"For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,*
- 39 *and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.*
- 40 *"Then there will be two men in the field; one will be taken and one will be left.*
- 41 *"Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left.*
- 42 *"Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.*

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

Noah entered the Ark before the rain came. What must happen for God to finalize His purpose in the earth - you must enter your ark - your rest. The head of the house is the father of the house = God’s servant; The food served in the proper time will serve as salvation for the house.

See Jesus’ teaching on Rest.

Matthew 11:25-30

- 25 *At that time Jesus said, “I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants.*
- 26 *“Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight.*
- 27 *“All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.*
- 28 *“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.*
- 29 *“Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*
- 30 *“For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.*

V.25 - Become like a baby

Be yoked to Christ – surrender your life to God. You will be surprised as to how many people have lost their salvation – they are not plugged in.

Jer 6:16 *Thus says the Lord, “Stand by the ways and see and **ask for the ancient paths**, Where the **good way is, and walk in it**; And you will **find rest for your souls**. But they said, ‘We will not walk in it.*

Ancient = timeless truths of the eternal – the place from where GOD operates from.

Rest

Part 4

God has created a day of rest for us to enter into. It would seem like the seventh day was created for Himself, but He created it for us. So there is a place from which we can function from - a place called 'rest' (not heaven).

Marks 2:23-28

- 23 *And it happened that He was passing through the **grainfields on the Sabbath**, and His disciples began to **make their way along while picking the heads of grain**.*
- 24 *The Pharisees were saying to Him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?"*
- 25 *And He said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and he and his companions became hungry;*
- 26 *how he entered the house of God in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the consecrated bread, which is not lawful for anyone to eat except the priests, and he also gave it to those who were with him?"*
- 27 *Jesus said to them, "**The Sabbath was made for man**, and not man for the Sabbath.*
- 28 *"So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."*

The Sabbath was made for man. The seventh day typifies for us where God builds from. Our Sabbath is in this life. This day is not a specific day. But God fixes a day. **Fixes = horizo**. The horizon is a limitless boundary determined by your sight and perception. With accurate sight, your horizon becomes more clearly defined. You see as well as you presume to see. All of our boundaries are defined by our sight. When you enter into this boundary that has limits, this day is a virtual day. This day is determined by how you discern what the Lord is saying in this day.

John 9:1-12

- 1 *As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth.*
- 2 *And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?"*
- 3 *Jesus answered, "It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was so that the works of God might be displayed in him.*
- 4 *"We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work.*
- 5 *"While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world."*
- 6 *When He had said this, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes,*
- 7 *and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went away and washed, and came back seeing.*
- 8 *Therefore the neighbors, and those who previously saw him as a beggar, were saying, "Is not this the one who used to sit and beg?"*
- 9 *Others were saying, "This is he," still others were saying, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the one."*
- 10 *So they were saying to him, "How then were your eyes opened?"*

- 11 *He answered, "The man who is called Jesus made clay, and anointed my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went away and washed, and I received sight."*
- 12 *They said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know."*

Some have the vocabulary of the apostolic with no subjective experience. You can only work in the DAY. God is representing Himself in you; this is DAY and not night. He is working through you and not you. Affiliation through association does not legitimize your position. The only time the DAY shone with the light, it is only when the SUN of Righteousness is shining in your world.

Clay on eyes = Unless the natural eye is shut, the spiritual eye cannot be open. God is saying, "Shut the eye of reason, of dualistic and rational thinking".

Wash in the pool of the Siloam = Go to the place that produces water from the mount of Zion (seat of divine governance)

Washed = pipto = Continuous washing – repetitive washing – a progressive washing. The process of washing brought him to the place where he started to see Jesus as the Son of God.

We must have a Christology on the issue of the 'Trinity'.

In 'kairos', you get busier with work, but in your spirit you feel lighter and freer. The Word lights up your spirit man.

Your 'DAY' is defined by your boundaries.

Matthew 11:25 –12:

- 25 *At that time Jesus said, "I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants.*
- 26 *"Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight.*
- 27 *"All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.*
- 28 *"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.*
- 29 *"Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*
- 30 *"For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*

Matthew 12

- 1 *At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath, and His disciples became hungry and began to pick the heads of grain and eat.*
- 2 *But when the Pharisees saw this, they said to Him, "Look, Your disciples do what is not lawful to do on a Sabbath."*
- 3 *But He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he became hungry, he and his companions,*
- 4 *how he entered **the house of God**, and they ate the consecrated bread, which was not lawful for him to eat nor for those with him, but for the priests alone?*
- 5 *"Or have you not read in the Law, that on the **Sabbath the priests in the temple break the Sabbath and are innocent?***
- 6 *"But I say to you that something greater than the temple is here.*
- 7 *"But if you had known what this means, '**I desire compassion, and not a sacrifice,**' you would not have **condemned the innocent***
- 8 *"For the **Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.**"*

- 9 *Departing from there, He went into their synagogue.*
 10 *And a man was there whose hand was withered. And they questioned Jesus, asking, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" — so that they might accuse Him.*
 11 *And He said to them, "What man is there among you who has a sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will he not take hold of it and lift it out?"*
 12 *"How much more valuable then is a man than a sheep! So then, it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."*

Matthew 12:18 -22

- 18 *This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet:*
 19 *"Behold, My Servant whom I have chosen; My Beloved in whom My soul is well-pleased; I will put My Spirit upon Him, And He shall proclaim justice to the Gentiles.*
 20 *"He will **not quarrel, nor cry out**; Nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets.*
 21 *"**A battered reed He will not break off, And a smoldering wick He will not put out, Until He leads justice to victory.***
 22 *"And in His name the Gentiles will hope."*

Grain = apostolic doctrine.

v. 4: He entered the house of God (note the temple)

God has never worked since He entered into his rest. How can God step outside of rest? He only does so to exercise good, to show mercy and give salvation to men - so they can enter His rest.

V.18: Note the picture of Jesus: a servant – He is calm yet so busy. A battered reed he will not break off - He will heal it. Deal graciously with the people in your church. He will not snuff out a smoldering wick – until He leads justice to victory.

REST FOR THE SOUL:

You do not need rest for your spirit. You need rest for your soul. Earth is a physical place. If you were only spirit, you could not function on the earth. God made you spirit and soul. You relate vertically and horizontally – cf. the picture of the cross with two beams depicting two dimensions: upward beam = heaven, and the lateral beam = earth. Soul has a will, a mind and emotion (heart). Man has to relate to the earth with his soul. Five gates to the soul through the five senses: touch, taste feeling hearing and sight.

He disconnects man with a simple act of disobedience. The soul becomes disconnected from God and you become cut off your from God in your spirit – and you begin to operate purely through your five senses. The soul that sins kills . The soul is not at rest. It is discontented. **How do you fix the soul?**

1 Thess 5: 23 *Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your **spirit and soul and body** be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Learn how to enter a day called the Sabbath - a new kairos. Connect to the one sent to you. Listen to what is said; be hungry; create capacity. Are your hungry enough to break through sleep, make financial sacrifices, etc. To get grace, you must eat doctrine (grain). You must also eat bread = grace.

Session 25

Thamo Naidoo

Servanthood and Rest

Concluding Remarks

Servant-Hood is Fundamental:

You must become a slave to the purposes of God. From your perspective, you are nothing more and nothing less than His servant in the earth. From His view, you are His son. In the exercise of your authority, simply express the mood of God even in how you express things. Be so subjected to Him that your planned programs mean nothing – be willing to twist and turn. Servant-hood framed much of what was shared in the school. None of your churches belong to you. You are to be God's chief slave. If you do this right, no-one can touch you; and if they do, they are not touching you, but Christ.

Whilst we are all servants, we are slaves. Those who are sent to you, you do not view them as slaves – they are God's slaves. You must discern the body in which that one is coming to you.

Honour has got to do with practical expressions, etc. Do not call a man your father if you cannot honour him with the gifts God has given to you. Abraham was a servant of God – and he honoured Melchisedek and he was blessed. Receive the people in that name in which they come to you. Name (nomos) = a substitute or representative of the person it is seeking to highlight. Give until it pains your heart - in your desire to honour your grace carrier. Sheba went to Solomon with heaps of gifts. Naaman prepared his gifts for Elisha.

REST:

We are going to move into the "sunteleo" moment – the climaxing of the ages – we are reaching the perfect maturity. Every age and karios in God unveils truth - i.e. the transfer of the principles. Then you come to one moment where everything comes to rest – it is the last moment where there is nothing more. God wants a man of rest like Noah. The more you get to know of the workings of God, the more you rest from your own work. Noah got taught by his father.

The Rest is for the Soul:

1. Pentecostalism started to consider this world as being evil. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.
2. The soul is not evil. The soul was not meant to be evil. The soul simply came under evil governance. In the final redemption, the soul also will be saved – so it cannot be evil. We have a body to relate to the material world. The material world had to be engaged with five senses (sight, taste, smell, hearing, touch). The soul was created as a platform from which we could engage the natural. With our spirit, God also wanted us to engage the heavens – deep to deep – spirit to spirit. (Like a frog living on the water and the land). Man made a decision to make his soul to rule over him and not his spirit. 1 Thes 5:23 – the order is perfect – spirit, soul body. Gen 1:1 heavens and the earth, but

in Gen 2:4 – the earth is put over the heaven. After sin, man’s operation from the soul predominates.

Jesus, the last Adam, was a life-giving Spirit (not a living soul). You have to be married to the Lord. We become reconnected to the heavens. You have to be yoked to Him.

Matthew 12 – The imagery of eating grain. If you want to eat the bread of heaven - you must eat grace. On the Sabbath day the only thing you are supposed to eat without working is grace. The father collected bread for 6 days in the wilderness. On the morning of the 6th day he collected a double portion for the sixth and the seventh day. The feeding of the 5 thousand was for Jesus to introduce the fact He is the bread of heaven. He brought enough bread for the 6th and the 7th day. This bread He brought - He instructed the 12 to pick the remaining fragments (“let nothing be lost - I will raise it up in the last days”). When He located His bread - He put it in 12 apostles - and He will raise up on the last days (Acts 2).

When you are the carrier of grace – and people eat the grace in the day of rest, you can say “I work, yet not I, but grace within me”.

Jesus, the Word, was full of Grace (John 1) and Truth (the veritable expression of something that is indicative of something = whatever you see of me is a substantive expression of everything within me). You cannot see grace, but the manifestation of grace is truth = apostolic doctrine.

The showbread was 12 loaves. The word for showbread = prosthesis = a heavenly insertion is made within you so that you can be effective in this life.

“Give us this day our daily bread”: daily bread = stasis = substance = bread that comes from outside of the universe – bread that is made up of the very thing God is made from. The reception of truth will empower you with GRACE.

Study Hebrews 3 and 4. They did not enter rest because of unbelief. The 12 spies were fathers – sent to inspect the land. The land could be the “Promised Land” according to the prophecy or the “Impossible land” according to the facts. Ten of them, through unbelief, questioned the original prophecy.

Rest

Part 1

Gen 2:2,3

- 2 By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.
- 3 Then God **blessed the seventh day and sanctified it**, because in it **He rested from all His work** which God had created and made.

The 'Rest of God' is a seventh day position.

Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for **your souls**. "For **My yoke is easy and My burden is light**."

Many are looking for REST. Rest is not in a PLACE.

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| Rest in Three Areas: | Rest of the Body | = | Immortality |
| | Rest of the spirit | = | At the time of Salvation |
| | Rest of the Soul | = | An Ongoing Growth Process |

Message Bible: "Learned the unforced rhythms of grace"

Two kinds of rest in view:

- 1) The first Rest is **GIVEN** - The gift of eternal life (John 3:16; 1 John 5:11, etc.)
- 2) The second Rest is **FOUND** - "You will find REST for your soul"

The world has many yokes and problems. Pastors face crises continuously. In the midst of this we need to have rest.

CHARACTERISTICS OF REST

- 1) **Ruling in the Midst of Your Enemies** :
2 Sam 8 - David reigned after overcoming several enemies and then David RULED. He had rest from all his enemies. "He who overcomes will sit with me on my throne" = this is a position of rest.
- 2) **To be Secure; To be Established** :
Cf. the dispute between Abraham and Lot's herdsmen
- 3) **Non-Competitive**:
The Shunemite was content when asked what she needs.
- 4) **Tranquility or Peace**
The capacity to sleep in the storm.
- 5) **The Capacity to Resolve Internal Conflicts Quickly**
The conflict does not go on for weeks and weeks. Know how to end the cycle of worry and rumination. You will face the bear the snake and the lion in one day.
- 6) **Non-Retaliatio**n:
David did not retaliate when Shemai threw stones at him.
- 7) **Gladness**: Happiness: Proverbs 15:15: "He who is of a merry heart has a continual feast".

HOW TO ENTER THAT REST?

The rest for the soul can be discovered.

PRINCIPLE OF SEPARATION TO ENTER REST: "There is no rest for the wicked"

Gen 3:5 *"For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*

The temptation in the garden was independence from God - "You will become like God". Note – Compare the statements "The woman SAW that the fruits were good"(before the sin) vs. "The eyes of both of them were opened" (after the sin). Eve saw with the sight of her natural eyes. The second sight is the eye of the soul that was meant to be shut was now opened. The soul was meant to blindly follow the spirit. When Adam and Eve sinned, the eyes of the soul were opened. Man exists in three parts:

1 Thess 5:23b – " your spirit , soul and body be preserved blameless".

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| <u>THE SPIRIT OF MAN</u> | : | Makes you God-conscious - Man communicates with God as spirit to Spirit 'Deep calls to Deep'. (Psalm 47:2) |
| <u>THE SOUL OF MAN</u> | : | Makes you self-conscious; |
| <u>The BODY OF MAN</u> | : | Makes you world-conscious. |

SOUL = mind, emotions, and will:

- Mind: The soul remembers.
The soul knows: the Psalmist said: "my soul knows very well" – the soul has a mind'

Lam 3:20 *Surely my soul remembers, And is bowed down within me.*

Psalms 139:14 *I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well.*

- Emotions

Psalms 42:11 *Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why have you become disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God.*

- Will and Desire

Rev 18:14 *"The fruit you long for has gone from you, and all things that were luxurious and splendid Have passed away from you and men will no longer find them.*

Ps. 84:2 *My soul longed and even yearned for the courts of the Lord; heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.*

Psa 43:5 *Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why are you disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God.*

The spirit of a man also has mind, emotions and will:

God is a Spirit. Man was made in the image of God.

- **Man's spirit has a mind** Phil 2:5 ' Let this mind be in you'

Phil 2: 5 Have ***this attitude*** in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

Rom 8:27 and He who searches the hearts knows what ***the mind of the Spirit*** is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

1 Pet 4:1-2 Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the ***same purpose (mind)***, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, 2 so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.

1 Cor 2:16 to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life. And who is adequate for these things

- **Man's spirit has Emotions** John 13:21; Luke 1:47 – 'My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour'

John 13:21 When Jesus had said this, He became ***troubled in spirit***, and testified and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, that one of you will betray Me."

Luke 1:47 And my ***spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.***

- **Man's spirit has a Will –**

Matthew 14:38 "***my spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak***"

The **mind of the Spirit** (i.e. the Holy Spirit) was imparted when you were born again. The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord [Proverbs 20:27 - *The spirit of man is the lamp of the Lord, Searching all the innermost parts of his being*]. God has intended for the soul to be directed by the spirit. The mind of the spirit and the mind of the soul are in constant conflict. Paul went through this warfare (Read Romans 7).

The soul became an octopus with tentacles (the flesh) and these cover the eyes and ears of the spirit – the communication line with God was broken.

When Adam sinned, man's soul became diseased – developed into carnality – became carnally minded. The seat of carnality is in the soul. The soul only operates through logic. The spirit operates through truth and revelation. God often works through illogicality (wash in Jordan seven times, etc.). Humanistic study only develops the soul.

1 Cor 2:9-12

9 but just as it is written, "***Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, And which have not entered the heart of man, All that God has prepared for those who love Him.***"

10 For to us ***God revealed them through the Spirit***; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man ***except the spirit of the man which is in him?*** Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that ***we may know the things freely given to us by God,***

Note the verse above: Eyes has not seen ... but by His Spirit God has revealed certain things to you. God has already deposited these things already into your spirit. But the tentacles of the flesh and your soul do not want you to get that revelation. When you hear the Word, for a brief moment the flesh is removed. You have the jumping in the womb. There are various levels in God – like a tall skyscraper but many people are still on ground floor.

So long as you cannot hear God for yourself, you will forever be the slave of some prophet or apostle. Each one must hear God for themselves.

At the fall, the soul became carnal and became the leader.

Rom 8:6-8 *For the **mind set on the flesh is death**, but the **mind set on the Spirit is life and peace**, because the **mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God**; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, and **those who are in the flesh cannot please God**.*

Rom 6: 20 *For when you were **slaves of sin**, you were free in regard to righteousness.*

Rom 8:13 *for if you are **living according to the flesh, you must die**; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live*

Col 3:5 *Therefore consider **the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.***

Those who pursue fleshly lusts will be separated from God.

The spirit is the out-breath of God. The soul is man's individual possession - distinguishing one from another. When man was created, his spirit related to God and his soul had to listen to his spirit. After the sin, something happened in the soul. It was activated into dominance over the spirit of man. Man lost intimacy with God. This was the very nature of the fall. The spirit is imparted at the time of impartation. The mind of the soul was meant to be renewed. The mind of the soul and the mind of the spirit are always in conflict with each other. This is why the Scriptures says that "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways" (see James 1:8). At the sin the soul was opened into dominance. Man became carnally-minded and death crept in.

Carnality has several features (ceremonialism, rebellion, the flesh, immaturity, tribalism, etc.). If you are governed by these things you will never enter rest. **Rest is not IMPARTED – you have to FIND rest.** Peace and Rest is your greatest asset. Jesus said "let not your heart be troubled".

Life and peace; Life = 'zoe' = the life that God has. The effect of anti-depressants is the same as placebo.

FEATURES OF THE SOULISH CARNAL NATURE - Consequences in Adam and Eve:

1. **They are NAKED – you lose your covering.**
The presence of the Lord/Glory of the Lord departed.
2. **They made Coverings for Themselves**
Substitute or alternate covering was meant to provide dignity. These fig leaves are the ideas of men, e.g. fig leaves like titles, the kind of car we drive, the house we drive in, and many other externals. In the latter part of Charismatic movement there was an epidemic of 'bishops', which for them is simply preachers with special uniforms. Remove the uniform and they feel naked. The anointing does not validate the man but God. The anointing on Samson did not validate him. There is no scriptural basis for titular vestment authority – this is the spirit of Nicolaitans. Titularity is fig leaves. For some people, they think falling down validates God's presence.
3. **They Heard the Sound**
They lost the spirit to spirit communication. They heard God as separate from themselves. Man was not supposed to hear a sound.
4. **They Hid Themselves**
This is the first sign of intellectual deterioration in that they thought they could hide from God.
5. **They Developed a FEAR**
The soulish life causes you to hide from God and genuine servants of God.
Many times when God appears in the Bible, he says "Fear not".
6. **Blaming Others** – Adam blamed his wife.
7. **In Toil you shall eat the Ground's Produce**
This is an indication of the absence of rest. Man lost his rest – he was governed by his soul. Sweat is a sign that you are not at rest.
8. **God Sent Them out from the Garden**
Man is ex-communicated. The word 'garden' = 'delight'. Man was driven out of the place of delight and peace.

HOW DO YOU TRAIN YOURSELF TO BE SPIRITUALLY MINDED?

1. **Praying in the Holy Ghost** (in tongues) – you build yourself up. Many of us are not hearing God clearly. Pray in tongues regularly.

Jude 1:20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit
2. **Negating the Works of the Flesh** – refusing lust, etc.
3. **Eating Right** – the right spiritual nutrition. Our young people are being fed by worldly music etc. – they are developing mega carnal souls.

Man lost his rest because the eyes of his soul were opened. **How do we solve this problem?** Your flesh is still there at salvation - you have to die daily. If your life is encapsulated by your soul, you will not hear God. The more you are governed by the voice of the spirit, the more you will enjoy rest. The soul is like a python suffocating the spirit. The spirit and soul are so connected it is difficult to separate. Only the **WORD OF GOD** has the ability to separate them!

Heb 4:10-12

- 10 *For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His.*
- 11 *Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience.*
- 12 *For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart*

5 Effects of the Word from Verse 12:

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| 1. | Living | - | A Prescription |
| 2. | Powerful / Active | - | It Works |
| 3. | Sharper – Piercing | - | It Offends: TBN does not offend because of audience ratings) |
| 4. | Cuts | - | Separates soul and spirit |
| 5. | Discerner | - | Judge of the intents and thoughts |

The Word is able to pierce even to the division of soul and spirit, and of the bone and marrow. This is the logos word available to everyone. The whole context of Hebrews 4 is REST. You are born again by the incorruptible Word of God. The spirit of man is the candle lamp of the Lord – it is activated at the new birth. How can you bring your spirit to dominance? Through the Word of God. The division takes place so your spirit can hear from God. The natural man cannot receive the things of God. Why is this division so important? It will bring dominance to the spirit.

APPLICATION:

2 Cor 5:16,17

- 16 *Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer.*
- 17 *Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.*

Revised Standard Version : “From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view.”
Message Bible : “Do not evaluate people by how they look and what they have.”

Do not look at people through the eyes of the soul - from a human perspective. REST means – you are seated with Him. Do not look at people according to their dressing, age, gender, education, title, race, etc. Do not look at people as if they have sinned – or based on prior sin. The Corinthian church was riddled with many sinful problems, yet Paul called them ‘saints of God’.

David said ‘like a deaf man, I do not hear’; like a mute, I do not speak,

Is 42:18 *Hear, you deaf! And look, you blind, that you may see. Who is blind but My servant, Or so deaf as My messenger whom I send? Who is so blind as he that is at peace with Me, Or so blind as the servant of the Lord?*

We need to blind and deaf to be at peace/REST. Do not be preoccupied with other people's sins and shortcomings. Be blind and deaf with other people's sins and weaknesses. When David was sent to his brothers at the battle, he simply he did not react to his older brother Eliab. He did not remind him that he (Eliab) was bypassed as king. The Scriptures say that "David turned from Eliab to another". Learn how to 'turn away' and maintain your REST.

Also when he could have killed Saul, he did not. David was governed by his spirit, and not his soul; David saw with a different perspective.

God said of David that he had a perfect heart. When God forgave him of murder and adultery – he forgot about this – and thus still regarded David as perfect. This is how God sees people. Also Peter boasted of his loyalty to Jesus, yet he betrays him. In John 21, Jesus asks him, "Do you love me? Then feed my sheep". He is still commissioned after failure. What would your response be for example to someone that has left your church? Do not deal people based upon the place or event of their failure. Jesus does not deal with Peter based on his betrayal. If your eye offends you take it out = a reference to the eye of the soul. The soul is the centre of misinformation and misleads the spirit.

Rest

Part 2: SOWING

Matt 11:28

- 28 “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.
- 29 “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
- 30 “For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Rest is about coming into a spirit-minded life from a carnal-soulish life. Do not allow certain thoughts to enter into your mind. The Word of God purges the mind. You must come into the new level of glory. Employ simple things responding affirmatively by saying ‘AMEN’ and lifting up your hands in praising God.

The next way to come spirit-mindedness: **SOWING**

Gal 6:7-8 *Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.*

Sow = a metaphor of giving – dispersing something that will produce a harvest. There are millions of reactions taking place in your body, your soul and your spirit. Many are sowing without knowing. What is sowing to the flesh and sowing to the spirit? There two destinations for seeds, viz. flesh or spirit.

Sowing to the Flesh:

This relates to doing the things that please the flesh - pleasing the carnal nature. Any act of indulgence in the flesh is sowing in the flesh and the end result is a harvest of corruption. Every time you give into the flesh, there will be a harvest - something will emerge from it although you may be forgiven for the sin. “Do not be deceived ...” You will be CORRUPTED to some degree. Corruption = decay, deterioration; to be worse off than when you started.

Sowing to the flesh includes consistent patterns of the traditions of men:

Examples : Systems of documental validation, external emphasis, building on membership instead of sonship, sectarianism, titularity (Esau lost his birthright and suffered from a damaged self-esteem ; he named all his sons with titles); gossip (tongue is shaped like a spade - you are sowing words); pornography and sexual sin, outbursts of wrath; dietary indiscretion (many diseases are due to a lifestyle violation – and this is not remedied by prayer or an altar call); rebellion (altercation with God-appointed authority; direct disobedience to leadership); carnal diet of movies, sport, music, etc. You reap corruption if you sow to the flesh.

Sowing to the Spirit

If you sow to the Spirit, you will reap everlasting life. This life is given – John 3:16 – this is positional – you unlock it by sowing. This life is not life in heaven but ‘zoe’ life – here and now (not only in heaven).

John 3:16 *“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.*

The devil is not your problem. You are loaded with seed and are given two fields. Your sin is forgiven but you will reap. The thief on the cross was forgiven but his legs were still broken. What have you been sowing - have you been feeding the flesh?

Rom 6:13 *and do not go on **presenting the members of your body to sin** as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members **as instruments of righteousness to God.***

Present your members, i.e. parts of your human body.

Rom. 6:19 *I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, so **now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.***

Rom. 12:11 *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.*

1 Cor. 6:20 *For you have been bought with a price : **therefore glorify God in your body.***

Sowing to the Spirit is about giving to God clean speech, internal purity, presenting your hands (not to accept bribes); self-control, equity (no racism, class); obedience - clean feet; uncompromising (sincerity). If you sow a godly life you will reap the God-kind of life. You are the architect of your own prosperity - (Scripture says, “You will make your way prosperous”).

You will reap REST now if you sow to the Spirit.

1 Cor 15:36 *You fool! That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies; and that which you sow, you do not **sow the body** which is to be, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of something else.*

Each seed has a different body. Words are seeds. Attitudes are seeds. Your attitude is a seed. Even the way in which you sit in church – your body language is a seed. And what you sow you will reap more than what you sow.

You Can Sow Yourself Out of Your Problems.

SOME SEEDS YOU NEED TO SOW:

1) **Prayer is the seed for intimacy with God.**

2) **Praise is the seed for His power** (cf. Paul and Silas; Jehosophat)

3) **Apathy is the seed for Heaviness.**

4) **Repentance is the seed for Revelation**

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

5) **Unity is the seed for Credibility**

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

6) **Sacrifice is the seed for Fruitfulness**

7) **Righteousness is the seed for Deliverance**

“Many are the afflictions of the righteous but the Lord delivers them out of them all.”

8) **Assembly is the seed for Safety**

9) **Thanksgiving is the seed for His presence** (2 Chron 5:13)

2 Chron 5:13 *in unison when the trumpeters and the singers were to make themselves heard with one voice to praise and to glorify the Lord, and when they lifted up their voice accompanied by trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and when they praised the Lord saying, “He indeed is good for His lovingkindness is everlasting,” then the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud,*

10) **Good Management is the seed for Dominion** (parable of the talents)

11) **Obedience is the seed for Rest** (Heb 4:4-6)

Heb 4:4-6 *4 For He has said somewhere concerning the seventh day: “And God rested on the seventh day from all His works”; 5 and again in this passage, “**They shall not enter My rest.**” 6 Therefore, since it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly had good news preached to them failed to enter **because of disobedience,***

12) **Humility is the seed for Promotion**

13) **Nothing is also a seed – Laziness.** Eccl 10:18 – you reap decay

Eccl 10:18 *Through indolence the rafters sag, and through slackness the house leaks.*

14) **Gossip is the seed for Strife**

15) **Iniquity is the seed for Sorrow**

16) **Rebellion is the seed for Barrenness** (Resistance to authority)

17) **Deception and lies is the seed for Concealment** - Through the telling of lies.

When you are a perpetual liar, I know who your father is - satan. Jacob lied to his father - he was hidden in uncle Laban's house for twenty years.

18) **Accusation is the seed for Captivity.**

The devil will put you in certain seeds because he knows of the harvest; the harvest itself will produce more seed to produce greater harvest; e.g. a quarrel with a brother and you remind him of all his faults – you have become the accuser of the brethren; when the accuser of the brethren is given space, the kingdom departs. Do not get involved in arguments and debates.

19) **Revelation is the seed for the next level of Glory.**

20) **Gifts are a seed for Friends**

Prov 19:6 *Many will seek the favor of a generous man, And every man is a friend to him who gives gifts.*

21) **Honour is the seed for Grace.**

The Centurion came to Jesus and he sowed honour - he experienced grace; the Syro-Phoenician woman honoured Jesus; Ruth honoured Naomi; The shunemite honoured Elisha and grace flowed. If you do not honour, then you are despising. **What you despise you will not possess!** Despise means to condemn. The fool despises wisdom. If you despise healing you will not operate in healing ministry; the same with prophecy. If you despise a big church – you will not have one; same with prosperity. If you despise the apostolic, you will not possess the grace of the apostolic. Esau despised his birthright – he was cut off; Michal despised David – she was barren; Saul despised David – his kingdom was ended. When the raven is bringing meat to you, do not despise the raven. Honour the one that brings grace to your life.

22) **Money is the seed for Money.**

Most of us give to get. Instead of 30 days of fasting, how about instituting 30 days of giving, where everyday you give something away. God gives seed to the sower – if you do not have seed, there is something wrong with your sowing.

2 Cor 9:6-8 - ALL Grace will abound to you. This is merited grace, like grace given to the humble.

The main portion of your seed should go to the carriers of grace in your life.

2 Cor 9:6-8

6 *Now this I say, **he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.***

7 *Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for **God loves a cheerful giver.***

8 *And **God is able to make all grace abound to you,** so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;*

Thamo: If you follow this list you will manage every moment of your life. Moses prayed: "Teach me to number my days that I may apply my heart to wisdom"

Why are we called to be Servants?

Thamo re-established the principal foundation of the nature of God in terms of 'servanthood' in previous sessions. 'Nature' must echo who God is. What is going on is a reconstruction of what was lost. The expression of who God is in nature is the very glory of creation. Everything else in this school will be built on this foundation. Thamo's foundation was laid as a wise-master builder by leading Christ out of the Scriptures.

The Charismatic Movement produced no apparent deep interest in the written text. Not many things seemed to have remained from this move – because things were not grounded in the Word of God. But in this season, we anchor in reality the revelation of Christ as revealed in the Scriptures. This house of God will be built out, in and through multiple generations. We have come, not to individual performances, but we are laying up an inheritance for generations to come.

When you walk in maturity, there is no competition in the things God is doing – one lays the foundation and another builds on it. The spirit of the foundation and the spirit of the building are the same.

Why are we called to be SERVANTS?

Exodus 33:7-23

- 7 *Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, a good distance from the camp, and he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the Lord would go out to the tent of meeting which was outside the camp.*
- 8 *And it came about, whenever Moses went out to the tent, that all the people would arise and stand, each at the entrance of his tent, and gaze after Moses until he entered the tent.*
- 9 *Whenever Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent; and the Lord would speak with Moses.*
- 10 *When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would arise and worship, each at the entrance of his tent.*
- 11 *Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses returned to the camp, his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.*
- 12 *Then Moses said to the Lord, "See, You say to me, 'Bring up this people!' But You Yourself have not let me know whom You will send with me. Moreover, You have said, 'I have known you by name, and you have also found favor in My sight.'*
- 13 *"Now therefore, I pray You, if I have found favor in Your sight, let me know Your ways that I may know You, so that I may find favor in Your sight. Consider too, that this nation is Your people."*
- 14 ***And He said, "My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest."***
- 15 *Then he said to Him, "If Your presence does not go with us, do not lead us up from here.*
- 16 *"For how then can it be known that I have found favor in Your sight, I and Your people? Is it not by Your going with us, so that we, I and Your people, may be distinguished from all the other people who are upon the face of the earth?"*
- 17 *The Lord said to Moses, "I will also do this thing of which you have spoken; for you have found favor in My sight and I have known you by name."*
- 18 *Then Moses said, "**I pray You, show me Your glory!**"*
- 19 *And He said, "I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and **will proclaim the name of the Lord** before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion."*

- 20 *But He said, "You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!"*
 21 *Then the Lord said, "Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand there on the rock;*
 22 *and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you*
with My hand until I have passed by.
 23 *"Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen."*

God spoke to Moses face to face. The last time He spoke 'face to face' was to Adam. Joshua wanted access to what Moses had, i.e. speaking to God face to face. In the verse above, note that the relationship is rehearsed between God and Moses. On this basis, he asked to see the Glory of God. He wants to know God as God actually is. His cry is, "Show me Your Glory" – and God says "I will show you all of my goodness and proclaim my name – introduce myself to you".

Exodus 34:5-9

- 5 *The Lord descended in the cloud and stood there with him as the called upon the name of the Lord.*
 6 *Then the Lord passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and*
gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in loving-kindness and truth;
 7 *who keeps loving-kindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will*
by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the
grandchildren to the third and fourth generations."
 8 *Moses made haste to bow low toward the earth and worship.*
 9 *He said, "If now I have found favor in Your sight, O Lord, I pray, let the Lord go along in our midst, even*
though the people are so obstinate, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us as Your own possession."

Verse 6: God introduces Himself to Moses as a friend would to a friend: "I am the Lord". When we think of the glory of God, we think of His awesome power displayed in creation, His brightness - the dazzling array of light. We often tend to define God by His competence demonstrated in creation and by His environment. **But God defines His glory by His goodness** – He is compassionate, forgiving, showing mercy. He is just: "I remain true to who I am, even when people are rebellious toward me". He also adds that He cannot stand unrighteousness because it is antithetical to His nature. When you are God, you have no need to show yourself powerful to someone less powerful than yourself. **We are called to be representations of the goodness of God.**

What can we bring to God that would make Him more God? To be asked to serve the Lord - is so that His goodness might appear on and through your face. **He made us as sons – because sons are inherently capable of being like their father.** The sins that prevent us from this noble purpose was the sin of **independence**. Satan thought this up and became the enemy of God. His function was to bring glory to God. Creation has no purpose when it is separated from the opportunity to display the purposes of God. We are then without value.

The goodness of God compels Him to be as He is. When we suggest that there is a purpose for living apart from displaying the Glory of God, we are suggesting that there is another way other than God. To be called to serve is not merely to have some other purpose. To be a servant is to fulfill the purpose for which we were created. He created us as the expression of the very nature of Himself.

God progressively reveals Himself in us and through us.

1 Cor. 15:24-28

- 24 *then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.*
- 25 *For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.*
- 26 *The last enemy that will be abolished is death.*
- 27 *For He has put all things in subjection under His feet. But when He says, "All things are put in subjection," it is evident that He is excepted who put all things in subjection to Him.*
- 28 *When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all.*

When sin came into the world, the taint of sin made subject that which God created, subject to the judgment of sin. When redemptions work is completed, the spirit of death will not rule anyone. The right to separate anyone from God came about because of sin. Sin began with angels in the invisible worlds and this taint was brought into our world. When redemption is complete the power of sin will be eradicated.

When sin is fully expunged, death will cease to exist. Jesus rules until that end has come about. He is the defeater of death by His submitted life. We too must render death illegitimate. Jesus will hand what has been finished to God – not a structure or a building. The kingdom will be defined by spirits of just men made perfect. God will come into that spiritual body with all that He is. He will be all in all. God was first incorporated into man when He gave a spirit to man. The intent was to redeem man completely. God wants a dwelling place for Himself. God will be all in all – he becomes the servant of all.

His glory is His goodness and the manifestation of His glory by us. Servant-hood is essential for this and to keep us humble.

Why is it so hard to see these things? What has prevented us from seeing these things?

This comes close to defining us within that of how God defines Himself. He made us to display His nature on the earth and thereby RULE. There is no rule in the Kingdom of God that is untethered to the nature of God. There is no rule apart from that which puts on display the goodness of God. After Adam sinned – he hides. "Where are you", says God. Adams says "I was naked and so I hid" and blamed the woman - "the woman you gave me".

The man was not naked. What God was saying is, "Who told you the lie that you are naked". Adam was like His father - he was a spirit - his flesh was his clothing.

2 Cor. 5:1 *For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.*

Luke 3:38 *the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.*

God clothed the man, who is spirit, in flesh because God wanted to deal with the devil. We are clothed with the dust of the ground. When we die, our clothing remains here. This earthly house – our body, is not who we are, it is where we are. When it is time for us to go to heaven, we leave our house behind. The environment of heaven accommodates the spirit – the environment of earth accommodates the flesh. What is in the earth was meant to display the glory of God already present in the heaven. The culture that Adam, being the son of God, brought into the earth was the culture of his Father.

When the man decided that he was naked, he took a giant leap away from the proper identity of who he really is. He lost divine identity. He saw himself as flesh - and with this comes an entire pathology. This resulted in a culture that changed the mindset of how he thought about himself - and divine purpose was threatened.

He hid from God – he hid from his Father. The shift was so total, that the man did not have a father and became an orphan (this is an entire culture). The original earth culture is that of an orphan where you live in the anticipation of being abandoned. So man formed a culture of having to be protected (he hid) and preserved (he clothed himself). In the culture of the orphan everything we do is motivated by the unrelenting demand of our souls for provision and protection.

When you as a leader are governed by the spirit of an orphan with overwhelming concerns for preservation and protection, the temptation to monetize the grace that is in you is irresistible. When you tell an orphan he needs to be a servant he is threatened and vulnerable.

Orphans fill the house of God. They view the display of the holy things and glory of God as a diminishment. The culture of the orphan came when man saw himself as flesh instead of as spirit clothed in flesh. So then God simply said to him, to work the land in sweat because he abandoned God as his ultimate supplier.

The orphan becomes a hoarder. That is why God ordered Israel to have bread every day. The only way you can rest is when you come back to God as your Father. An orphan has an inheritance and does not understand himself as God's inheritance. God wants to put Himself on display through His inheritance.

What was the original intent of God? He brings Adam into the world. In the 15th century the Spanish monarchs set out to India. Spain has territories in the South Americas also. Then came the matter of receiving these empires into the rule of Spain. The rule of Spain had to be brought into the new lands. To do this, emissaries of the throne were sent into the new world to bring the Spanish culture into the new world. The emissary must be familiar intellectually and experientially with the form of rule of his native country. Law exists to give form to the nature of the monarch. A philosophy underlies every law. The king decides what these laws are.

When God made Adam, it was because He created a new territory called earth. The earth had come to be a part of the domain of heaven itself. The civil order that would govern the conduct in the earth was the civil order of the throne of God.

The emissary was a 'viceroy'. What was so heinous about Jesus' death – was that he was a SON of the King, sent to earth (the new territory), and he was killed. In historic tradition, to kill the emissary or viceroy who is also the son of the monarch was a declaration of war.

The orphan is single generational wonder. He has come from nowhere and is going nowhere. But the son has come from the house of his father. The son would be sustained by the throne he represents. When you seek the kingdom, the KING, your Father will sustain you on every level.

The soul that fell on our faces is the soul's knowledge of itself. This is why it is so hard for us believe that being a servant is the greatest thing. When the first son lost his estate, we lost the sense and purpose of putting on display the goodness of God. We also lost our confidence of God being who He is. He is the sure and complete supply of everything we need. We begin to monetize grace. The entire structure of religion is

about the man who stands between the people and God – the misuse of the position to use it as a franchise – and to profit from the restriction of man’s access to God.

All this being so, how then are we meant to break through?

The first Adam is the one through whom the decline came; the last Adam (not the second Adam) restored to man the vision of who the Father is. The ministry of Jesus is summarized in His statement when he said

“I have come to show you the Father”.

His aim is to reveal this: ‘What man is supposed to be in relationship to the Father’.

What does God do for His Son that so freely gives himself to His will? He raises Him from the dead; death has no more dominion over you. You are now a living spirit. When an acorn is planted into the earth, it comes up as entire forest in time. This is the principle of the resurrection - the things contained are released in resurrection. It is impossible to imagine what God has in store for those who love Him.

The Orphan Spirit

And Prophetic Decrees

The foundation of servanthood was set. Dr Segie explained the condition of the soul. Shaun in session 7 blasted the silver trumpet.

Man descended from the place of rule and honour to mere survival.

Things that happened when men fell .

The first result was the separation between a man and his Father. Adam was the son of God. When you do not have a Father you have lost your identity. The orphan is suspicious of those who have gone before him and is ambivalent to those who come after him (no respect for the past and no concern for the future generation). They have no motivation to receive (from those over them or who have gone before them) or to give anything (to those coming after them). When you lose your father, you suffer an unimaginable loss. If you had a father you would not have to start off from scratch.

Creation was deputized to represent the nature of God. If you are a father, you may still operate in the culture of an orphan and your sons will still be orphans even though they have you as a father. The orphan is his own provision and protection. The orphan loses his father as well as his heritage. When you return to the Lord he will restore the culture of restraint upon the soul, by giving you a father.

This is why we resist the notion of being a 'shaliah' – the shaliah is the ultimate vulnerability of a son to his father. The orphan is not convinced as to the love of his father.

By the time you are 30 it is usually too late to unwind the thread...

Losses associated with the culture of the orphan: Eg. the man came to be at enmity with his wife. Instead of addressing her as "Bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh" (before the sin), he now, after he sins, refers to her as "the woman that you gave me" – no longer "flesh of my flesh". Before the fall, they were one - inseparable. Man did not see the woman as a separate entity apart from himself. In Ephesians 5 - he washes her with water that he might present her to himself..." She submits to his rule because his rule typifies the very nature of Christ. The mission of a man and a woman is to show the reunion between God and man on the template on Christ and the Church.

The culture of the orphan was first manifested in Genesis 4 – by brother against brother in murderous frenzy. Why did Cain murder Abel? Africa has been racked with genocide. When your father is an orphan, your brother has no basis upon which to value his brother. His brother is his competition. The orphan cannot stand to see his brother succeed. The healing must begin.

When the day Pentecost had fully come there came a sound from heaven. In the Greek, it is an echoing sound. When this sound is released to the earth, it will revert back to heaven and disturb the heavenlies and affect nations bringing release – as principalities lose their control over mindsets of people in those nations. On the day of Pentecost 3000 souls were saved.

Paul was called to bring the good news to the Gentiles – the Jews rejected him. He goes to Philippi - for three days a demonic spirit followed him. He delivers the women and ends up in prison. Their feet were in stocks in the inner prison. At midnight they worshiped God - reflecting the sound from heaven into their innermost being. The prison was shaken to its foundation and every prisoner was set free. When divine intervention comes, it does not matter what condition the nations are in, God will shake the very construct of the enemy.

Africa is the continent of the orphans. It was plundered for its fathers – fathers were taken on ships across oceans. Domestically, South Africa was plundered: homelands - fathers left home to work in cities. The system produced by the enemy brutalized the people and rendered them fatherless. The enemies' agenda is 'separate a man from his father'. God is here to act.

Divine Interruption: [Sam stopped teaching being strongly moved and compelled by the Spirit to call the other apostles to briefly discuss and discern what God was saying to the delegates at the school]

Shaun Blignaut

The Lord showed me that his Father's heart is bleeding for individuals within nations that have been ravished by Fathers that misunderstood their purpose. Even in this gathering there are some of us that have been brutalized by their own Father's, it might have come in different ways, in abuse whether physical or verbal. The Lord this night wants to set you free because you cannot in your own operate as a Father because of this taint this has been enrooted into your memory. The Lord wants through a decree this evening to "set you free" so that you can be set free too father those the Lord has given to you whether biologically or spiritually. God has shown us that there are some who are really struggling with these issues.

Kobus Swart

I believe that what the Lord is speaking to us is not here and in immediate but it reverberates back through generations back into Eden. The baton has been dropped many times from one generation to the next, but the Lord has in His word promised the restoration of ancient foundations. He will restore the relay race; the whole forty second generation will cross the finishing line as a whole man. We release this evening a decree that will go back in time, we responding to a sound from heaven that will cut out all the unnecessary delays to see the finish work completed in this ultimate generation on the earth. Where the Lord has touched your heart of memories of pain and disappointment, release, forgive and accept this release. The prison doors are rattling at the moment. God give us grace this evening, each one of us respond freely and don't hold back of any hurt or abuses of the past. He will heal and He is restoring the ancient foundations and restoring the Tabernacle of David.

Alexandra Chisango:-

Isaiah 44:22 – These are a people who have been robbed, they are ensnared in holes and they can't come out and nobody says restore. There is a cry of the spirit for restoration. In this apostolic season, God sends in apostles, they are to restore the government of God not just in churches but in communities and wherever their sphere of influence is. In this moment we think of what Joshua after the fall of the Jericho walls, he made a decree that stood for over four hundred years saying "cursed be the man that raises up the foundations of this city again, for he shall raise its foundations by the death of his firstborn and raise its gates by the loss of his lastborn", four hundred years later and evil man by the name of Heal tried to raise up the walls of Jericho again and he lost his whole family. There was an apostolic decree to lock the gates of the city and it lasted for four generations. We felt that tonight that there is grace and mantles here to set things in order, to establish the restoration and in that context we have the authority from God to lay a new foundation ,to close the old chapter, to release the captives , to open prison houses , to say to AFRICA be free and go forward.

George

As we were praying an impression came to our hearts that Father's have a strategic grace to be stewards of definition. Successive generations can rise, but if they are disconnected from fathers they will be subjected to realitiasm. They will define glory according to their own contemporary experiences. They will remove absolutes from their own lives because the fathers who are stewards of definition are absent. We have to pray that God will bring us back into that disclosure of who He really is to us so we can build on that. Secondly when fathers are absent, there is no oversight over transitions. Change by nature can be chaotic and without the presence of fathers, it may be left to brothers who may kill each other because they are competitive and want it for themselves. A father doesn't care if he has a blue or a black child, children are children. In the absence of the Father, homes, communities, destinies have been ripped. The AIDS epidemic is a serious consequence of the absence of fathering. If you can remove a million fathers from any nation then you have reversed the destiny of any nation.

Dr. Segie Govender

The Lord has shown me that some of you set men, leaders of local churches, that you have been accepted as a set man in your house but not as a Father. This is a great hindurance to the growth of your house, the curse is rampant as Malachi 4 declares. A curse is rampant where there is cannibalism in your house, where there is persistent lack of success, rejection, poverty, diseases and demonization. One of the reasons is that you have been hearing the Father and Son teachings for the past three years but you have not made the decision in front of the congregation that you have recognized someone as a Father in your life. The institution cannot be your father. You could have heard these teachings but it has not soaked in because of the soul dimension, and the curse will continue to be rampant. The demand is placed today to transition from being a set man to being a father. You have to first make the transition and recognize that God has placed a father in your life. You cannot have multiple fathers, you have to make a decision and tonight that burden is placed upon you, don't vacillate and perpetuate the institution that is totally antagonistic to the Father –Son relationship. You can break the curse when you recognize your Father, the burden of pursuit is on the son and not on the Father (Elijah-Elisha). Today is a time of brokenness before the Lord, where you say no longer will the Moabite be in my congregation. You must humble yourself and find your father, the one the Lord has placed over you, the one who is a dispenser of grace, a resource centre to you. If you would like us to pray then we are availing ourselves to do so.

Eugene Shepherd: -

I think I am the oldest one up here , but in many ways for years I felt like an orphan because I have been in church all my life and I have been through every move that can be imagined since I was five years old . This matter is serious to me and it only seems that God has revived me since I have come here to Africa, there is something that happens when you come here. I feel like I have come home. I want to say to you Thamo personally , you know you are my Father , I don't have nowhere else to go ,I don't have no other place to go , and everything I do from this point on has too count in my life. I love the Lord, I don't have the greatest sermons or church but everything I have I've dedicated it to the Lord. I feel that as an orphan who was taken from this country and taken to a land that some of you think is the greatest on the earth. But I need you to pray for my country that I reside in because I believe that God is going to do something. I want to see God save my city. I don't know how it is going to be done, but I am no longer an orphan I have fathers even though I may be the oldest but these are my fathers. God is going to heal every situation and I want to be the man God wants me to be. I am going to be in this prayer because I am going to be strengthened, because I know that I am the generation of "finish". If I have to die today or tonight then I want God to be glorified in this man's life.

Sam Solelyn:-

Heaven opened out tonight and the volume of things that flooded forth made it abundantly clear that this matter will be prosecuted over months ahead of us. The scheme of the enemy did not come about in this measure of fullness overnight and it won't be reversed in fullness overnight, it will take skill and grace, and the working together of the apostolic and prophetic to provide the proper framework that permits the kingdom of God to profit in this season of violence. For the true God has arisen in this season to do the things that only He can do by the instrumentality that He intends to accomplish all of it , to show to principalities the finish work of Jesus, He will do it through the church. This matter calls for great wisdom and care, not timidity, not reluctance but divine strategy carefully entered into by deep prayer and contemplation in the counsel of the spirit of God and of the righteous. I did not open the wound with the intention of having an altar call, we saw how God managed the timing of this, I believe what God wanted to do, because He wanted you to know that this will be a time of the prophetic, Thamo said "it will be a school of divine surprises, it will continue to be that". When God opens the door it is because He has prepared a people to go through it. I stopped myself and listened to the Lord, called for the counsel of the apostolic and prophetic (wise men). Some aspects that were ready to be prosecuted were undertaken because the moment was here and God wanted by His voice in the earth to sound a trumpet of what He intends to begin to drive out. And we can expect from this spot on the globe, from this content, there will go a wave, and of the increase of it there will be NO end. The sound will not diminish when our voices are not heard in the atmosphere, the sound from this place will amplify because it is what God intends to impart into the hearts of men and women all the way through this nation and continent. When doors are opened it is necessary for us to be at the ready so that we can properly avail ourselves of the enormity of opportunity that lies before us, this isn't about building a church but building the church. This isn't about altar calls and promotion up of figures, but this is about the raising up of one man-the one new man who becomes the standard of the city on a hill. So much work lies ahead of us, it is the nature of the case when opportunities burst open it's the beginning of work. There is work to be done in the restoration of fathers and sons, in husbands and wives, brothers, and from these foundations we will see the Lord heal nations and preserve generations. The sound is coming forth from heaven and tonight in this place it struck a chord in the hearts of men and women, return echo has gone back to the heavens, from now on the Holy One will prosecute His interest in the earth from a people who have risen up to echo the sound that came from Heaven. This is the long term. The **atmosphere has changed**, the **dynamic has changed**, the **economy has changed** and from now on we are going to see where we labored and toiled without result that as our feet step over thresholds from which we were previously forbidden that the welcome of the Lord that has preceded us will meet us even as we come. For the **Lord has gone up before us** in this battle. Be confident of this very thing that **the rising of sons in the earth**, with healing in their wings that **we shall become a healing balm to the nations**. Our **prospects are endless**, when an orphan is replaced by a son, then righteous rule is the result and all things may be committed into the hands of the son. I declare this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. By the authority of the Lord who has sent me, I announce a time of refreshing that has come from the hand of our Father.

Thamo:

This matter is not a domestic one, but we are dealing with a breach that goes back **six thousand years** into the history of humankind. This has systematically dismantled the very institution that God has used to communicate grace. When God brought Adam and Eve together in the garden he made them custodians over the entire human race, God was instituting in that prototype **family a pattern** in the heavens and this is very simply a picture of the family which is called (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). This picture He wanted to demonstrate into a sacrament he installed in the earth, the aim of a sacrament is to administrate grace so that grace will adjudicate that which God wanted to expose of His own person and the essence of His being. Without grace nothing can function. So the enemy attempted to decapitate the representative of the head

“Adam”, the Father. He in reflecting the image of Father became the father of the human race, who had to trans-generationally communicate grace to his wife, his sons and they will then replicate this grace to their wives and sons. What the enemy cut off was not the headship of the human race, he divided the marriage and caused chaos in the family and Jesus came to reconcile all of that and re-connect us to the Head. His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace. I believe that what happened here tonight is not just addressing the issues of widowhood and orphans, but true religion will **bring back the Father** so the widow is not widowed and the orphan not fathered. So it's not the restoration of sons because sons get their image from their Father and an absent Father cannot produce sons but only produce the gender called male. Sons must be begotten to say “this is my beloved son”. We have really explored this Father and son thing to the annoyance of many people who could never understand the depth of what has been taking place. I believe we have just found the missing link of that, which communicates grace, and the true family in this season is not the natural but the spiritual family and that family is without father and mother in the natural because **we are connected in the Spirit**, the spirit of the heavenly Father. It is a timeless genealogy. The sacrament of grace has been re-instituted by bringing headship back to the family and I can tell you that the consequence of that will be healing of marriages and as Isaiah 60 says- sons from the east, north, west, south will come back. We are coming to the place of allowing through the formation of the household that people will now find their fathers. Before the Messiah is born a decree has to go forth that all who are misplaced, in wrong cities, have to migrate to **find your father's house before the child can be born**. That decree is being released today. Look at the register and see who is your Father. We need to find our register and find our fathers house. Rather empty our churches and be like Abraham and Sarah, have one son but know he is a son of promise than have fifty people and have problems. Migration of finding your Father, you will find your prophecy, genealogy, destiny and purpose in life. We are re-heading the family and bringing the Father back.

God's Purpose in Choosing Us

There's a shift in the atmosphere last night. When the Lord, whom we seek, suddenly shows up, we all will be taken through a seam in time. The Kingdom of God is an eternal reality in time. Before we were formed He knew us. There are eternal purposes been worked out within the venue of time and place. The Lord invades our space and time and when He does, the entire order of things shift. You can, at this point, move forward or retrograde.

Israel followed God after ten plagues into the wilderness. But when pursued by Pharaoh's armies they reverted to the mentality of slaves. They had only three human options:

1. They could have fought : FIGHT
2. They could have surrendered : SURRENDER
3. They could have run away : FLIGHT

Neither of these options was the solution. BUT God opened up for them the seas. This was God's option. They went through and God wanted to unveil Himself to them again on the other side, and at this stage they faltered again through a slave mentality - the mindset of the orphan.

Fatherlessness is a result of the fall. With sin comes a culture of self-reliance. The effects of that culture remain long after the individual sin is forgiven. 1 John 1:9 says, "**He forgives us of our sins AND cleanses us from all unrighteousness**" This cleansing from all unrighteousness references a cleansing of the mindset – the residual effect of the sin which is forgiven.

Last night a seam opened in the fabric of time. We stepped through the veil of the natural. The natural is a veil upon reality. We live 'eternally' in time. God calls us to come up to the mountain to meet with Him. There is prevailing duality: the duality of concrete things - structures and forms; then there is a reality beyond this life, which is the prevailing reality. In this alternate reality, we ought to find our individual and collective purpose.

Deciding who man is, is more than deciding that he needs food. This can only be resolved in relationship to God. When you put your son into the world, in that moment your house comes into the world because a house is not a building. A house is named a house because it is a facility that accommodates to the spatial needs of a family. When a house enters a space it is because there is a member of that house in this place. A child lives in his father's house. The head of the family is the father who has his quarters; he shares this with his wife and kids, all under his rule. If that son goes to another location, the household moves there, yet the headquarters remains in the original location.

Ephesians 3:14 *For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, (nature, destiny, purpose).*

God the father is the person from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named or natured. Adam, the son of God, brought God's family (house) to the earth. Luke 3 - Adam was the son of God. The family line remained unsevered. Jesus, in his flesh, also is the son of God. Each one in that genealogical chain is also the son of God. There is no conflict in having a spiritual father and been a son of God. Your genealogy gives you legitimacy in this life. But the orphan defines himself independently – and he lives and dies in one generation. If you have had some poor example in your genealogy, you yourself may be the

redeemer of your kinsman. As unsavory as your forbearers may have been, they still carry a promise. The generations before us were baptized in the filth of religion, yet they still carry the promise of judging angels. On the earth, God designed the final conflict that would vindicate the name of God Himself.

Ephesians 3: 7- 13

- 7 *of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of God's grace which was given to me according to the working of His power.*
- 8 *To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ,*
- 9 *and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things;*
- 10 *so that the **manifold wisdom of God** might now be made known through **the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.***
- 11 *This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,*
- 12 *in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him.*
- 13 *Therefore I ask you not to lose heart at my tribulations on your behalf, for they are your glory.*

We live in the visible realm yet our purposes are determined by the invisible realm. The arrangement of God's house is deliberately choreographed to bring about His purposes. When God put His house into the earth, He did so against the background of pre-existing things. The conflict is about the opposition to the house from being what it should be. The eternal reality is available in time and space. The arrangement of His house is to prepare us to fully do His purpose. If you do not know the purpose, you will make up the order of the house. We could in error, for example, form an institution which serves the primary interests of those at the head of institution. We often inaccurately assume legitimacy of the form by the longevity of the form. The form must aid the substance and purposes of God.

Verse 10 above: The intent of God for the Body of Christ is to show to powers and principalities, the mysteries that God hid for long ages past (long before time began). We are part of something that transcends time and space. You are the prime instrument of God to resolve the issue between God and the principalities. It is silly to suggest that our purpose for being here is to go heaven. We are seated already in heaven. God is in the headquarters. We in the earth are a fulfillment of His house - a multi-generational family, not a building. We are in His house - His building - on the earth - we are just downstairs. The order of this house permeates the house, no matter where in house you are. We were put here, not to escape the culture of the earth but to inform the culture of the earth of what is native to us.

We must discern the sound from heaven and reflect that sound back to heaven. Diplomatic pouch comes to inform us of the agenda of the heavens today. The one who sends you these dispatches, knows that when you engage your counterparts that they are not likely to agree with you. How should we respond as ambassadors? You do not take up arms in your own strength? No! Do not rely on your personal effort. An entire kingdom is behind you. Thousands and thousands of angels are behind you. We declared last night that Africa is free! And no-one may resist God!

There are things that God hides in Himself and His intent is to make these known to powers in the heavenly realms. There are also things written in the book of Truth – angels have access to them – but the details and circumstances God did not lay down in any book. So the angels do not actually know the when and the what. These things are declared by the sons. First consider the mission – then focus on the arrangement. Otherwise the arrangement might not be able to fulfill the mission. The arrangement of God's House then, is preparatory of the final result. In His house – there will be the fathering of sons to declare the mysteries

of God to powers and principalities and also the vindication of God that His choice of man (and not angels) as his representation and heir was valid and legitimate. We will judge the fallen angelic realm.

1 Cor 6:1-3

- 1 *Does any one of you, when he has a case against his neighbor, dare to go to law before the unrighteous and not before the saints?*
- 2 *Or do you not know that **the saints will judge the world**? If the world is judged by you, are you not competent to constitute the smallest law courts?*
- 3 *Do you not know that **we will judge angels**? How much more matters of this life?*

A distinction between judging things of this life and judging angels is hinted at above.

Hebrews 2:5-10

- 5 *For He did not subject to angels the world to come, concerning which we are speaking.*
- 6 *But one has testified somewhere, saying,*
“What is man, that You remember him Or the son of man, that You are concerned about him?”
- 7 *“You have made him for a **little while lower than the angels**;*
*You have crowned him with **glory and honor**,*
*And have appointed him over the **works of Your hands**;*
- 8 *You have put **all things in subjection under his feet**.”*
For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him.
- 9 *But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that **by the grace of God** He might taste death for everyone.*
- 10 *For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, **in bringing many sons to glory**, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings.*

There was the former world and the world to come. God will declare things to princes and powers in heavenly realms through the church. He describes these things as part of the whole matter of judging angels. He has committed the age to come, not to angels, but to man. What is man, that God gives him preferential treatment.

The reference that man was made “lower than angels” is only in terms of dimensionality, in that earth is the lowest of the realm, but not qualitatively. Qualitatively man is above angels – all of them.

The very construct of earth is where God intends to judge angels. Angels rebelled against God - and the conflict concerned man. If the conflict surrounded us, then we would have been the proof that God was righteous in choosing us. God could obliterate Satan and the entire demonic realm at a thought, if He wanted to. He will not resolve the issue through a display of brute strength - because it will resolve nothing. We, His sons, are to be the radiant display of HIS GOODNESS. You are going to have to put on display the goodness of God, in an environment of extreme adversity. We are partakers of His divine nature.

Institutional church (e.g. Roman Catholicism) painted man as an inferior being and God chose to save him to go to heaven. The church then monetized this message. Other charismatic churches did the same.

Verse 8: There is nothing that God has not subjected to us. In the matter of being ‘heir’s – we are referred to as the sons. When He speaks about us as ambassadors, we are referred to as being ‘servants’.

When it comes to representing our Father (and fathers spiritually), we are servants of this grace and glory, but we are also heirs of the same glory and therefore sons of God . We are the bride of Christ - this highlights the love that binds us. “No one has ever hated his own flesh but loves it as Christ loves the church”. So then, how could you possibly hate your brother? Each part is part of the whole – no man stands or dies alone. We collectively are a holy race.

We were sent to be the defense of the reputation of our Father. If we are going to be like Him, we are to conduct ourselves as He is.

What then is the arrangement of His house?

When the eyes of the soul were animated, man saw spiritual things only as from behind the veil. The soul cannot know the clarity of spiritual things because its mind is independent of the mind of God. God knew this. He did not abandon the communication with man, but he spoke with types and shadows.

For example, Let us track the concept of the lamb slain for sin:

- The Lamb was slain from before the foundation of the world.
- Cain and Abel were instructed in the matter of slaying lambs - they did not fully know what they were doing prophetically. God will create a shadow of the reality first, so that there will be a reception of the reality when it comes.
- Abraham’s lamb adds another layer of understanding to the culture of the sacrificing of the Lamb. A lamb may be offered for a son under the sentence of death.
- Moses’ lamb – shows us that the blood of the lamb is an acceptable offering for the life of a first-born.
- When Christ came, John said of Him, “Behold the LAMB, slain from the foundation of the world for the remission of sin”. This is when the eternal reality now makes its appearance as God has originally intended for it to be. Every type or shadow has an antecedent that is the reality. The reality is in heaven, but through time, it will make its advent into the earth as it is in heaven.

Hebrews 8:5 5 *who serve a **copy and shadow of the heavenly things**, just as Moses was warned by God when he was about to erect the tabernacle; for, “See,” He says, “that you make all things according to the **pattern which was shown you on the mountain.***

Hebrews 9:8 8 *The Holy Spirit is signifying this, that the way into the holy place has **not yet been disclosed** while the **outer tabernacle is still standing.***

There are things in the earth as copies and shadows – inexact pictures of the reality within the heaven. As long as the shadow is the prevailing norm, the way into the reality has not yet been disclosed. When the Lamb of God (Jesus Christ) is actually slain it introduces a new economy. When you see the reality of the arrangement of the house of God, the shadow of it was already in the Scriptures, and the disclosure of its details is because the shadow gives way to the reality. Its process is to develop people to such a state of maturity – would be to defeat those that oppose God.

The Order of our Father's House

Thamo possesses a juridical (i.e. relating to judicial processes and the law) character - conservative and controlled in speech. Our gospel is a gospel of love. You cannot administrate the love of God without you yourself loving God. At the end of the day, the thing people will remember is how we have loved one another.

The methodology which God employs bears an exact relationship to the things He is pursuing. The enemy of God made us orphans and our state as sons was lost. The soul separated from the spirit and submerged in a sea of unbelief. The original intent was to put on display His glory through His sons. Jesus, in His temptation in the wilderness, was asked consistently by satan, "If you are the son...". The intent was to prove to God that even if he were the son, that he could separate Jesus from relationship with God, and that God's choice of man as His heir was wrong.

God knew that before He made man that He would have to save him – the Lamb was slain before the foundation of the world. The emphasis on salvation from sin is the mindset of an orphan.

Ephesians 1:3-10

- 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*

Before we were created, God chose us to be holy and blameless IN LOVE.

The administration employed is a one to one correlation between the intent and the intended result. The result would be that God has his sons in the earth. Under the feet of Christ, God would bring all things in heaven and earth under the rulership of Christ. Thus, the Body of Christ would have dominion over both heaven and earth.

The 'plan' is to be a slave to the 'purpose'. Luther and Calvin got it wrong in biblical predestination. Predestination was that God had a plan by which He intended to accomplish the adoption of sons into His glorious grace from before the foundation of the world. Luther and Calvin were controlled by the Roman emphasis as to who goes to heaven. God predestined a plan - the very substance of what He predestined. There is no conflict between freewill and foreknowledge. Luther and Calvin spoke of a matter out of the time of their understanding.

We do not just explain things, but we explain the mind of God behind the thing. This is wisdom. The wisdom of God is pure and peaceable. The Kingdom of God produces righteousness, peace and joy. It was always going to a Father and His sons. It was not an institution but a house, which carries with it an inheritance - not in monetary terms. The inheritance from our father is the thing He pursues to do - i.e. to show His goodness. He gives us the right to be as He is. This is the greatest thing He could give you.

For example, in the matter of administration of the forgiveness of sins:

John 20: 21-23 *So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, **I also send you.**"*
 22 *And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "**Receive the Holy Spirit.**"*
 23 *"If **you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained.**"*

This is deputyship. Jesus is saying to us: "I am going, you are the relief shift".

The church monetized the forgiveness of sins. Jesus was sent to display the goodness of the Father. Before He could forgive sins because He was the representation of His Father, but now, He could forgive sins because He paid the price on the cross. So now, He gives us the same power in dual authority. Institutions will never allow individuals to do this. You should encounter the grace of God when you meet a son of God. The father announces, even when the son is still coming, "your sins are forgiven".

Jesus saw Zacheus in a tree and said "I am coming to your house". Jesus simply said to Him, "Your sins are forgiven" (no traditional altar call was made). We can administer forgiveness in the same manner.

The woman at the well: No preacher in that city would be seen near her. Jesus saw something in this frequently married woman. Jesus forgives her sins. Learn to see people the way God sees them. The forgiveness of people's sins should be the easiest thing we should be able to do. Simply discern if they are serious, and simply declare "Your sins are forgiven". Then train them to become mature expressions of Jesus Christ.

The trinity view of God is a limited view. We do not serve three Gods. We have God who is spirit. In the realm of spirit, there are infinite permutations possible. We have lost the vision of who the FATHER is. But Jesus, the last Adam, shows us the Father. His role is dual. He allows us to see both the Father and how He, the Son of God is. When we lost our contact with God the Father, we saw eternal truths through the veil of the soul as types and shadows. When the veil is set away, we behold His glory as He is.

We return to the modality of a family. What antecedents are there in the Scriptures. E.g. Abraham

Gen.22:17 *indeed I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly **multiply your seed** as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; and **your seed** shall possess the gate of their enemies*

See the connection between the promise of a nation and the promise of a seed. The nation was given to incubate the seed. The arrangement of Abraham's house serves us perfectly to know how the house of God is arranged. We are a holy nation, a royal people for God's own possession. We have to become a holy nation. When we become men, we put away childish things.

Abraham's house started with his son, Isaac (he had other sons). Isaac's only purpose was to bring the seed. All mankind originated from Adam. From all mankind, God intended to reap holy sons. All humankind has the opportunity to be His son. God entered into a unilateral agreement with Himself so that He could

benefit His heirs. They are the inheritors of the estate even before they are born. God's covenant of this was from before the foundations of the world. Before man came, it was only a promise. The first recipient of the goodness of God was Adam. He messed up. The second man (Jesus) received the promise.

God deposited a promise to Abraham directly related to Christ. When Christ came, He first attempted to save the Jews but they rejected him. The promise went from Abraham to Isaac to Jacob, to twelve sons. Abraham did not want Isaac to leave the land and be affected by the polytheistic culture of the day. It takes three generations for a culture to change. The twelve sons of Jacob now have a common culture. They were each different, but shared the culture of their fathers. Jesus bypassed the three generational process of Abraham-Isaac-Jacob, and went straight to the twelve – he had nothing to undo. He imparted to them that which would be formed into the holy nation.

The arrangement of the House of God is the FAMILY – a father and his children. Abraham has 325 men who rescued Lot. They were men of his household. They were formed into households and they viewed each other's worth as their own lives. With this configuration, 325 men defeated an army of five kings. They were willing to lay down their lives for each other.

What does love mean? This is the order that Abraham put in place. When you have multiple families, you have a household, and your role is that of a captain - you are concerned for many not just you. Multiple households together form a clan. When the clan comes together you are a Patriarch over a tribe.

A family can meet in a house. Spiritual families in cities are called congregations – this father and children [Congregations were based on parishes]. A Congregation could be a family.

Multiple families in a city under a father who is a captain, should meet with other similar fathers.

What God wants is for the households to care for each other. These captains are the elders of the city.

They all need to meet together so you can see the full spectrum of all the needs of God's house in the city.

What about the clan. The clan is a national expression of a father's house. Recall the famine in Jerusalem - an order went out to all to send relief. The father has a broad reach over an entire area – and can inform others of the need in particular areas. This is the unity of the spirit. It is how we care for one another all across the earth.

Where we are right now? The church in the city is the cry of God.

PERSPECTIVES ON THE APOSTOLIC HELD ON THE 30 March 2010**Sam Soleyn****SESSION 1:**

Being here at this time is critical in our movement forward into this apostolic season. At the end of this season we shall see the Body of Christ come to something close of the stature which belongs to Christ. We will no longer be tossed to and fro like infants – because we will have the standard of the mature by which to deconstruct the schemes of the enemy. Upon His resurrection, Jesus said “touch me” = an experiential standard, not just a theology. The Word must become flesh - when a matter is worked through you, then you know have something. The blind man healed in John 9 said, “Once I was blind, but now I see” – we may not know the intricacies of the experience, but we have outward validating signs.

The Character of this Season: “It is like passing through the veil and coming to the reality on the other side. It is going from the soul to the spirit. Paul said to the Philippians – “let us walk to the measure to that to which we have already attained”. The veil = the flesh; not knowing Christ according to the flesh – but we need to pass into the Christ. Adam was the son of God – Adam was not flesh – any appearing of the flesh is a veil.

When he sinned, there would be a veil upon of the flesh of man with respect to his perspective on God. Moses in the heart of the day of the flesh (when the law was given) had to wear a veil – but now we behold the Lord by the Spirit of the Lord fully.

Passing through the veil = entering the Body of Christ for the express purpose to ascend into the heavens of God.

The House of God is simultaneously operative in both heaven and earth.

Ephesians 2: 14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name,

The presence of the house validates the house. A house is not a building. Rather, it is a facility that is useful for practices associated with a family. This season is about passing through the veil of the flesh and entering through the reality of the Spirit. His family exists in heaven and earth. The culture of His family is identical whether in heaven or on earth. It is the culture of the ‘father’. The family derives its name from its father. The family functions by the authority of the person of the father. There is an anticipated migration of things from heaven to earth. The culture of earth is perfected by the standard of heaven. The kingdom comes in the earth as it is in heaven and it has been coming progressively. A new season is characterised by a new administration coming from the throne.

I am looking for the knitting together of patriarchal houses. This was the Apostolic Council in the early church (Acts 7 and Acts 15). This season will be extremely complex because of the return of many things.

The culture of the family in the earth is progressively designed to accommodate the family in the heaven. What characterises every new season is a new administration of grace from heaven. Religion frustrates this understanding, e.g. dispensationalists will question the existence of this present season, because they have it worked all out.

Hence young people challenge the outcome of these processes. They ask, “What has certain doctrines produced?” E.g. the sexual abuse of young people . These will reject doctrine held in stasis (state of death). The gospel has no appeal to the generation that is coming. Migration into the new order of things has come because an entire generation has rejected what religion says. If you attempt to control the Spirit of God, He will leave or kill you (eg. Uzzah and the Ark). He will not permit the hand of man to define what is contained in the Ark. The hand of man will not define the nature of His house. The culture of the earth is meant to be reformed. The order of His house was lost – but what we have crafted was never what it was – and the end of this order has come. Anyone who does not enter the season has made a decision to be left behind.

The whole family derives its name from the father: the family is the way the father is expressed as Himself. God will first prepare a people in the earth to reflect His culture. Otherwise, He will have to judge them – it

becomes the basis upon which we will be judged. The doctrine of dispensationalism wages war against the progressive work of God. It defines the concept as God creating a box in which He puts things. They compartmentalize time blocks in which God did certain things – in this view there is no progressive revealing. There is not a single reference to dispensationalism as a time period. A dispensation = a dispensing = a giving out. A dispensary = a pharmacy = giving out

Dispensation = Oikos and nomos = oikosnomia = economy (when you have a product – you need an economy to roll out the product from conception to marketing). The economy is the support of thing so it succeeds.

Oikos = house; nomos = order; hence oikosnomia = the dispensing of a new order of His house.

When the age becomes corrupt, God gives His Son to become His house. The child is born to become the Son that is given. A dispensation is the type and shadow that serves as the antecedent for what God wants to do next. His order previously existed in the Old Testament. God gave to Abraham a promise that in His seed He would reconcile all of mankind to Himself: One promise is that a nation that would produce a culture to preserve the SEED. The SEED would appear through the nation to restore what was lost. The Substance of this is how God would create a nation and the fullness of Christ would be revealed on the earth. Until the nation appears on the earth, the fullness of Christ would not be completely revealed.

The resurrection: all things that are natural are contained within a seed. What prevents the spiritual from being brought forth is the natural being encased in the fear of death. When you are held by the fear of death, you can never be fully spiritual. (“when you eat you will die”). A seed produces a plant that contains multiple seeds within each plant. You plant an acorn in the ground – it will in time produce a forest. The resurrection was the manner in which God elects to release the spiritual out of the natural. Vastness is contained within the construct of the singular. This routinely overcomes death. This is the Spirit’s role – He executed the command of God on the earth in creation. Every time a seed germinates = the remaining signature – the natural contains the spiritual. Death does not triumph over it - death gives way to life. Death is not a bar because the last Adam is a life-giving spirit. This is why Jesus could say “I am the Resurrection” – “Believe in me and you will never die” (even if you die). The Spirit renews the mind of your soul.

The church should be the place where every son of God flourishes in reflection of the one true God. The Spirit in Jesus is CHRIST. Our spirits have unique abilities to represent the nature of God in a unique way. The fullness of the intent of the father dwelt bodily within Jesus. You cannot be in Christ and express yourself solely as an individual – you belong to a corporate Body of Christ.

To assume that the spiritual is discretionary is foolish. Your spirit is entirely renewed – your soul is being saved. As the Father of your spirit, He has the right to reclaim your soul progressively – this is the standard. Then we may approve the good, acceptable and perfect will of God - this part of maturity.

God was in Christ Jesus reconciling men to Himself. His intent was to reacquaint the sons with the order of His father’s sons. The prodigal son was first given a cloak = an identity given by the father. We are ROYAL – as sons of God. “Bring him the best robe” was the cry. Signet ring = made an impression in wax = the signature of the father. The ring is the repatriation to your authority – your right to act on behalf of your father. We are called to administrate the goodness of God. Serve as a slave – be governed by love with no need to prove your worth. Shoes = the destiny to walk out. Your identity defines your destiny. This epoch that has come has been preceded by others that have prepared us for this time. Don’t ever think you have your head in Heaven but are of no earthly good – because the earth is waiting for the man from heaven. Jesus lived on the earth and was relevant to the earth.

The antecedent: God called Abraham and will call forth an nation to produce a seed = a man who will restore earth to the standards of heaven: this has happened. NOW there must be a holy nation carrying the

seed; because this nation, the seed will come forth as He is. The fullness of the stature that belongs to Christ will be the result.

SESSION TWO:

An Aside: *Sam's comments as to his greeting of other fathers with a kiss: You cannot expect young people to model a culture that you have not introduced and maintained. Courtesies are not superficial – they should be how we reflect the honour due to each other. God is going to restore a way of relating to each other which characterises a recognition of the king in the other. The greatest asset in a king's domain is his people. The king places value in the citizens. The king is not a king if he has no citizenry. Solomon's servants were most impressive to the Queen of Sheba. Same with us. All good manners serve to recognise the dignity and grace of the person of who is being presented before you. This will change your view of each other: no one will be seen as your possession. The way we will treat each other will be reflective of the honour you have for the father. God is presently attending to this matter. The king measures his wealth by the quality of his servants. A person of importance in some cultures accord the standing of a king to ordinary people, because they are valuable to the king.*

God's house has existed in anti-type. This model is limited to a picture and shadow. The 'day' will disclose the nature of all things - when the 'light' comes. When the real comes, the shadow is subsumed in the greater reality. The shadow serves to present the 'real'. The law was the shadow; Christ was the substance. In Hebrews 8 – the priesthood of Levi was a copy of things in heaven – but there was a day when this gave way to the reality – when Christ was offered as a sacrifice – the veil was rent – the reality and the shadow were occurring at the same time. The spiritual and the natural together. The veil was rent to give way to the real. When that happens, the economy changes. If we find ourselves in a changed season a new economy has come. If you insist on maintaining the old order, you cannot be maintained by heaven. You will have to sustain yourself by your own sweat. Migrate into the new season for your own sake! (On your tombstone: "The pleasure of the Lord prospered in his hands"). We labour to please Him and to form Christ in men.

The Arrangement of His House: We will see the disclosure of the new nation IN A DAY, called TODAY. Abraham's house is the antecedent:

Joshua 7: Israel had come out of Egypt. They marched around Jericho and were instructed not to touch the first-fruit. They attacked Ai, and were defeated - a serious setback psychologically. There was sin in the camp. Joshua discovered the sin by calling all the tribes together. The lot fell on Judah.

The intent was to show that the transgression of one was the transgression of all (similar to Ananias and Saphira) It was meant to produce the fear of the Lord. One may bring tragedy upon all. In this new season, we will see some high profile rebukes in the thing that God is building. God wants us to transition out of the culture of lawlessness. God will restore to His house 'the fear of the Lord'. The intent is to show that we are joints all in the same Body.

God let the tragedy in Israel happen – this was to highlight the power of one man and its consequence. Also by the righteousness of one, many will be redeemed. Because we have become so factious - we think only everything happens to us. One man can taint the culture for many. Great fear fell upon the whole church after the death of Ananias and Saphira - and no one wanted to join them. God will arrest the culture of filth. In finding the sin, he disclosed the order. The order will serve to identify where the problems are in people's lives. In church, there is no governmental form that locates you personally. Every person is accountable and there is some measure of accountability that will touch every person.

The lot fell on Judah, a tribe among twelve tribes making up a nation. What happened in one man in one tribe would affect the whole nation. In the macro-picture we are seen as one; in the micro-picture, you can locate the problem. God is bringing firm and catastrophic discipline to arrest the lawlessness of the present church. The twelve tribes had the same culture. Judah was comprised of many clans; each clan had many households, and each household comprised of many families.

Joshua 7:16-18

- 16 So Joshua arose early in the morning and brought Israel ***near by tribes***, and the tribe of Judah was taken.
- 17 He brought the ***family of Judah*** near, and he took ***the family of the Zerahites***; and he brought the family of the Zerahites near ***man by man***, and ***Zabdi was taken***.
- 18 He brought ***his household near*** man by man; and ***Achan, son of Carmi***, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, from the tribe of Judah, was taken.

Achan was attracted to the garment from Babylon, wedged of gold weighing 50 shekels and 200 shekels of silver. He, his wife, his children and his livestock were all destroyed. God wanted Israel to become acquainted with the results of a FATHER'S FAILURE. The consequences of a reckless father are far-reaching. In the natural house - there is a father and his children. A grandfather is not called to apply discipline to grandchildren, but the father. The immediate father has the responsibility to get up in the middle of the night. The grandfather simply gets to see the grandchildren. There is in a family, the most basic unit, the father who has responsibility for that family. That father has a father. The grandchildren are being connected to people in multiple nations all over the world. The grandchild becomes beneficiary of the grandfather's contacts. The state of the father and the father of the father is available to the child.

The father disciplines the child – and for example, discerns that the child has a destiny beyond our capacity to fund. If we have an orphan spirit, we see our sons competitively or within our inability to fund them. The glory of a father is best seen by the ascension of his son. We have a multi-generational house. And the arrangement of the house is not institutional by ORGANIC (living).

When there are many families in a household with a father, then you have resources to draw upon for the deficiencies of specific families. This operates at the level of a city. The fathers of households within a city are called ELDERS – when they come together – their normal life is about the well-being of those under their care. This father is not busy with daily counseling, but with resolving disputes between families within the household. The matter is solved to preserve the household. The father who rules like this, rules righteously. If it is not resolved, the value of the house is diminished. This father has an overview of the matter because he has a different governmental frame.

Three Reviews Possible:

1. **INTERNALLY:** Between individuals in a family. Confront your brother – if he repents – you have gained your brother. You have a common father and your brother directly contributes to the well-being to the house of which he is a part. The world places value in the thing we dispute about. We need the culture of the value of a brother. This is much more than form – this is the substance. What one does, attenuates to the blessing of all, or to the distress of all. When we sinned, Jesus came to rescue us who are His brothers. At the end of the age, He will be among us and the sing praises of the father.

If the matter is not resolved in the family, take two or three from the same family and address the matter.

2. **THE FATHER – between two families in a household** – to preserve value. Multiple families form a single household. Corinthians: "I am of Apollos"; "I am of Peter" yet Paul was their father, who had the right to discipline them. The arrangement of the house is to rule; first to rule your soul, and then for the benefit of those subject to your rule. Fathers of households should be looking for those who are rising to be fathers of families themselves.
3. **FATHERS of households become the elders of the city** – to look out to see how each of their household will benefit from each other. This is the Presbytery. People do not see the set-man as a father. The set-man is the father over a household. Abraham could commit his sons of 325 to war to rescue LOT – as though he were as valuable as them.

Problems arose in Jerusalem that could not be helped adequately by the resources. Apostles are fathers not just of cities as elders; the work of an elder is local – so is his rule. But there is a trans-local order where resources are brought in. How do large resources move? The apostolic father has a broader range of fathering. One can have a clan and a tribe. Clans address national issues. Clans reflect common culture in a broader area.

Thamo is a father of a clan in this nation – he is that leading voice in this nation. All over the nation, there is clan that relates to him. At the ASOM, 15 different nations were present (as there were 15 nations represented on the day of Pentecost) – he is also the father of a TRIBE. Other fathers like Thamo stand alongside others – as part of an orchestra. When you are the head of a tribe they were described as the twelve patriarchs. Jesus went from ‘one man’ to, ‘one man and twelve’. The intent is to resource everyone by this format.

Resurrection

I was caught up with the spirit of revelation today - with the truth on REST. Tonight I will frame how I am affected by these things. The sound of the Niagara falls, from a distance, is a single roar of the sound of water. When you get closer to the falls, you can hear different smaller falls within the main fall. The voice of God is compared to the sound of many waters.

The principle of rest is endemic to the rest of God. He adds layers upon to the truths He has already given to us. These truths are unshakeable. When He wants to transfer these to us He makes unilateral oaths and covenants with Himself. God gives promises to men, but the covenant is with Himself - upon the fact that man relies on the truth and promises. God is not into exchange: "this for that".

One of the immutable truths upon which the earth rests – (and when we understand these truths we too can rest) is that God knew that man would sin and his understanding of God would be darkened; but God would redeem man and would restore His original intent. When man is rescued, God does not concern Himself as what to do with man – but He returns him to his prior existing state that reflects the very nature of God Himself.

THE PRINCIPLE OF THE RESURRECTION:

The principle of the resurrection operates routinely in life generally. Example of a seed – e.g. a seed of corn is planted into the earth. The contact with the earth destroys that which is contained within the seed. The ground destroys the encasement of unbelief that attends our faith and all of who we are. When the seed dies, potentially, a field of corn comes up. On this principle, humans eat three meals a day.

Why did God establish the seed principle? God could have made perpetual trees with perpetual fruit – but He did not. The earth was meant to replicate the principle inherent within the nature of God.

We need faith to access this. The notion of faith was high-jacked and monetized. The earth is His footstool. Life comes after death. Death is the removal of that which contains the potential within the seed. So long as the casing is not destroyed, the potential within the seed is aborted. Thus 'death' is crucial to release the potential. This is a metaphor for man himself.

God deposited Himself into a casing made of earth. The reason that God requires that we die, is that this is the very process by which we release that which God contained in us.

When the seed dies and grows, it is never a single seed, but a forest, which is qualitatively different from a seed.

What did God put in the spirit of man? His Spirit is an endowment of the person of God Himself. The spirit of man came from God. His spirit was meant to be compatible with God (In like manner the woman was taken from out of man's side : "Bone of my bone") "That which is born of spirit is spirit" – John 3 . There has to be a substantial connection between the progenitor and the offspring. Man is spirit. The father of his spirit is God. So then, in man, is divine competence to understand divine mysteries. The enemy persuaded man that he is a living soul. The knowledge of the soul forms a casing around the spirit. Being like God is not about being able to create universes. It is being a carrier of the divine nature. The salient characteristic of God is His goodness.

The inheritance of the sons of God is that we are able to administrate the goodness of God. The principles of His rest are the certainties of His goodness.

What is it that God puts in you when He put His spirit in you? It is the ability to connect Himself to you. This is an environment in which you no longer resist God. He plugs in the embedded circuitry and He comes alive in a specific manifestation of Himself that He designed in your circuitry.

Your destiny in God was pre-determined. All sons of God are born to be 'given'. The child is born to become the son that is 'given' as the corporate son – meant to display all the facets of God. Your spirit is uniquely encoded with a mission that God envisions Himself to perform. That is why Jesus said "Apart from me, you can do nothing". We are "heirs of God". We saw that only as 'from whom we receive the inheritance', and not what the inheritance itself was.

The Spirit that is Jesus was an endowment that came out of the person of God. He named it "The Spirit of Christ"- being the full intention of the God-head – to gather the Body of Christ together. We, which are joined to the Lord, are given the fullness of God.

Our idea of the trinity limits our understanding of God. The term 'trinity' does not appear in the Scripture. It appeared at the Council of Nicea in 325. The living God is Spirit and He is one Spirit. The Spirit of God lives in us. Is there anything about God as Spirit that is missing in you? No! All of how He is can be contained in a bodily form. Yet He is also seated on the Throne. This is possible because He is a Spirit.

E.g. If you live on a flat plane having only length and width = two dimensional; what is missing is height and depth. If you are 'going up' you do not mean 'ascension' since you do not have a concept of height or elevation. 'Going up' to you means going 'north'. But in a three dimensional environment, 'I am going up' = could mean a change of elevation. So then, how would a two-dimensional man describe a man climbing a stair case? He could not.

How did they describe Jesus walking on water. They called him 'a spirit'. When three-dimensional man see four-dimensions – he does not have the language to describe it.

Faith arises out of the exercise of the Spirit mind – not out of the soul's mind. Faith is a dimension that is greater the capacity of the soul.

Both the soul and spirit has a mind, and will and heart. Instead of emotions – consider the word 'heart' = there is no biblical reference to the word 'emotion'. The heart contains the wellspring of perceptions. Out of the heart the emotions come. The preeminent emotion that defines God is LOVE. God consistently acts out of His heart.

Out of the well of the human heart arises the capacity to love as God loves. God never created an angel to love. They are sent to serve - this is their design parameters. None of the angels possess the capacity to love, but they can serve. The only one who has the capacity to love is the one who has the potential to be like God – and to love as God Himself – this is us. Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you".

The soul must blindly follow his spirit. The eyes of the soul were not meant to be opened. The first emotion arising in the soul of man is the emotion of fear. God never put a spirit of fear in a man. It was activated by the enemy of God because the enemy of God lived in fear. Satan cannot REST. He 'goes about' as a roaring lion. As long as you are living out of your soul, you will 'go about' restless and never come into rest.

This is why we must die and be resurrected to the newness of life. Is fear so controlling that you can never be free of it? No? Because love is greater than fear. Perfect love casts out all fear.

Jesus consistently reflected His father. He is the WAY to the father. "I am in the father and the father is in me".

Why was Jesus baptized? John was a Levitical priest - he had to inspect the sacrifice - put his hands on it to impute sins -and he had to wash the sacrifice before it could be offered.

Servanthood and rest are inseparable. We offer ourselves to Him and He inhabits us to accomplish His intent.

The order of the sons of God has always been on the earth. Adam was meant to rule, but within the context of man wanting a father. The father ruled for the benefit of the tribe or the family. There was an entire line of humans known as the sons of God. Even when the line was submerged, it cropped out periodically - e.g. when David ate the showbread - the authority of the law over David was negated.

There were 12 high priests. One of them was Melchisedek = King of righteousness (relates to priesthood) and King of Peace. Melchisedek is Shem. Abraham and Shem were contemporaries. The next high priest was Isaac; he had two sons (Jacob and Esau). Esau forfeited his birthright in the Melchisedek order, and when he sought to enter the rest, God excluded him. The anger of God is stirred by those who show contempt. God swore that a generation will not enter His rest.

What is required of us is to believe and enter into rest.

Thamo:

Deity is the correct word for 'trinity'. The essence of the matter is that God is more than we can fully comprehend. HE is ONE. We have a 'Unitarian God', but it is in His oneness that we can only comprehend all of Him. Hence we have the "mystery of Christ". God is far bigger than the names by which we define Him by. [cf. perhaps a more accurate framework through which to view God: "The Creator, The Word, The Spirit"]

Melchisedek had to have been a man. He had to be a man to represent man.

What did Adam Lose?

+ Concluding Statements

'Grace under fire' - Things will get more intense – the enemy will not retreat quietly. I have received a prophecy that I would be a changer of mindsets – this is the true war. When the order that was lost is restored, then we are upright again in the earth. Many of the things we are saying are only profound to the hearer, but to God, it is simply realigning things.

What about some of the practicalities of the things we have been saying?

What did God say to Adam in the garden? RULE, have dominion.

RULE = dominos domini = root word for 'dictator'. These grate upon our souls. You cannot rule and the rule result in peace, if you rule as an orphan. The rule of the orphan is about the provision of the orphan. Who would object to God dominating the planet? Some prefer democracy. Rule is the restoration of the channels through which the authority and goodness of God enriches and ennobles us. Adam was the vicarious appearance of God in the earth ('vicar' is from vicarious) – it implies the appearing of another. You are the phantom by which the other appears vicariously. The 'real' is the one who appears vicariously through you.

This generation has embraced post-modernism – tends to be the expression of their hope than it is the offer of a solution. It offers suggestions more absurd than the things they're hoping to displace.

To the postmodern youth, God, as presented through the Roman Catholic Church, is a God who offends and abuses children; God as an Anglican is a God confused of sexuality; God as a Charismatic is a God that is greedy; God as a Pentecostal is a God that is removed from mankind, who is waiting to go to heaven.

Issues that arose at the fall have now metastasized. The man lost his father - and now he does not see anything generationally. An orphan is a one generational wonder. Mindset change has to come about. Part of our rule as fathers would be to restore the heavenly perspective of father and sons and the father will come into this rest like God the father.

At the fall, man lost his relationship with his wife as one flesh. Before the fall, he said of his wife, "Bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh" - when you see something come out from you, you will never treat it as less than you. That is why Paul would say, "Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the church"

Man also lost the relationship with the other members of his family. This spirit manifested itself in murder within one generation. He lost the sense of family and murder became an option. Murder arises out of competition. If you hate your brother, you have murdered him. This is because of contention, because someone is in the way of your ambition (In USA it is common to say "Kill the competition"). The spirit of the orphan manifests itself in terms of competition. When do you not compete with one another? When you are of the same family.

Adam lost the following:

- The right to order the earth
- He lost his wife, and his family

Thus he lost everything. If salvation is to leave this mess on the earth and go to heaven - this is a completely wrong view of God's plan. Who wins? If we are driven out in a rout of defeat, who wins? This was never the gospel. This is the 'other gospel'.

We have crossed the Jordan. Let us not assume that having cross over, we have possessed it.

We ought to SEEK and FIND the Kingdom of God. When you find it, it defines you as king. Finding the kingdom is not going to heaven.

Kingdom = Bassilica = a foundation or basis of power and rule - a constitution of power.

When you find the kingdom, you find that you have been clothed with power. You have been made a king. What distinguishes a king from a rich man? The purpose of becoming a king is not to be rich. As a king you have a substantive power of authority and are able to commission. A king may simply requisition what is required for his rule. The Father is the source of your economy. Whatever the sons need, the Father will speak it into being. When you found the kingdom, you have found the basis for your authority.

Many resist RULE because their experience with RULE has scarred them. If your framework of authority is abuse, you will resist it. This is why many cannot receive apostles, and so receive 'rule'. Unrighteous rule always comes first - to exfoliate you - God was stirring up the things within you that will keep you from entering into your rest - and so you can see yourself as you really are.

As it is with the trial of your life. God will let you run off the rails until you return to sanity - then He restores you. When God deals with you, do not see that as an imprisonment. If you reject authority that God has sent to rescue you, you will never rule. Because you despise the thing intended to rescue you. The gateway to rule is to see Christ coming in the flesh through those who are sent to you.

There are Three Forms of Rule: *Ephesians 5:21 and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.*

People read this verse as mutual submission. This view is nothing than democracy. As it relates to God, He is the Father of our spirits; therefore as sons of God, there is neither male nor female. As it regards man, when He comes in the form of man, there is no issue of equality. Our service to God does not imply an equality of service. There are no rights in your service vis-a-vis the one you serve. Paul described himself as the off-scouring (keeping the off-scouring clean - outside toilet). Jesus adopted this same position when He washed the feet of His disciples. A race of kings have nothing to prove. Equality does not belong in the vocabulary in the mind of a servant.

If the plumbing in my house does not work, that is my responsibility. The condition of the house of God is your responsibility, because you are the greatest servant. Apostles are the off-scouring of the earth – yet having responsibility for the house.

We do not submit to one another in the sense of submission, but the one submitted to, has the greater responsibility. E.g.husband and wife. Wife submits to husband so that she becomes reflective of him and God. Those who do not submit do not receive the blessing. The condition of those under your rule will indicate the nature of your rule.

Oneness in the woman and the man: The woman came out of the man. “Children obey your parents in the Lord”. How is the orphan returned to God as his father? It is seen in the way the father relates to his own children – and then to the sons. A father disciplines a child so that the soul is returned to the rule of the spirit. You cannot get back to the reality simply because you have the revelation.

“Slaves obey your masters” and “Masters, rule as though you have a master who is in heaven”.

Micah 4:1-3 (see also Isaiah 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.*
- 3 *And He will judge between many peoples
And render decisions for mighty, distant nations.
Then they will hammer their swords into plowshares
And their spears into pruning hooks;
Nation will not lift up sword against nation,
And never again will they train for war.*

Verse 8 – the former dominion shall be restored to you. Kingship will come to the daughter of Jerusalem

The end of the times will be like a woman in travail in birth. When you see calamities, see it not as the end of world, but the collapsing of evil and inaccurate systems, and kingship will be restored to the sons.

Preparing Sons for the Day of Harvest

We will focus on the Shunemite woman and the life of her son. We have sons in our house but we are not as present in the life of our sons as we should be. If you are not present in the life of your son in the day of his harvest, they will become sick in their heads and die. The father of the son was conspicuous by his absence. We must function with integrity as fathers in the house. Otherwise we get a distorted representation of this principle. It will produce a purity in your household that will establish purpose. Be excellent in your approach to handling fathers and sons.

2 Kings 4:18-22

- 18 *When the child was grown, the day came that he went out to his father **to the reapers***
 19 *He said to **his father**, "**My head, my head.**" And he said **to his servant**, "Carry him to **his mother.**"*
 20 *When he had taken him and brought him to his mother, he sat on her lap until noon, and then died.*
 21 *She went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the door behind him and went out.*
 22 *Then **she called to her husband** and said, "Please send me one of the servants and one of the donkeys, that I may run to the man of God and return.*

This was a miraculous child, who probably sat on Elisha's lap whenever he came to visit – i.e. he was exposed to the anointing. If you as father are missing in the life of your sons, it will have a detrimental effect upon them in the time of their harvest.

The son was in the harvest field. He had to be a certain age. He gets a headache. The father abdicates his responsibilities to his servant. There are some things that servants can do for your sons, but there are some things that you as a father are only designed to do. Take responsibility for the deeper things. You must not lose your sons in the day of their harvest. Otherwise they will become sick in their heads and be unable to carry the harvest for the house.

Some sons have an orphan spirit and build barriers and do not allow for your close interaction. Apply your fathering grace to these sons and bring them into a place of full accountability.

In our story, the father defers the burden to the mother. When we pursue sons without a desire to be present, we will produce sons who will miss their harvest. They will have a father in the house, but will not have a father in their lives.

The demoniac of Gadara was a result of a father called GAD, who brought his people into a false rest on the wrong side of the Jordan. This is the result of fathers who do not complete the course – e.g. some fathers are afraid to approach their sons on certain issues. The demoniac said, "Jesus, have you come to torment me". Torment me = process me. He worshipped Jesus from a distance, but did not allow Jesus to place His hand on him. Fathers should build Christ in their sons.

Sons get sick in their heads and manifest rebellion, power, mammon, etc. and when they hit their dominion they will leave you, because they did not allow you to torment them. The idea of 'torment is linked to 'touch stone'. There are areas in a son's life that need the father's torment. E.g. a touch stone – when

rubbed against gold, the quality of the gold is revealed. Your sons will come out pure gold. Until there is friction between you and your sons, you will never know what you have got.

The demoniac had dominion (they had to put chains on him) - Some leave the house and have seeming breakthrough = false dominion that never lasts.

What have you got in your house?

The boy dies; the mother placed him in Elisha's room. She engaged a process of resurrection. We must act proactively so that we do not need a resurrection. She grabbed the heels of her father. Teach your sons how to engage your walk as a spiritual father and they will enjoy your momentum.

You need to teach your sons how to engage you as a father. To produce true sons you have to engage them forcefully. Teach them how to keep in step with you.

Isaac's mother was so concerned that her son would not marry someone beneath himself.

The ways of your father will accelerate your lifestyle to another level. Your sons are depending on you.

Gehazi is sent to take Elisha's rod and to place it on the boy's face. Rod = representative of tribe. Sons must love the household as well – they are loyal to the corporate house. The moment your sons see themselves separately from their household they are in trouble.

Elisha laid on the boy. His temperature was transferred to the boy. Mouth to mouth; eyes to eyes; hand to hands. You will keep a right mind if you are committed to operate in your father's frequency. Your sons operate off your frequency and come into their measure. See eye to eye with your spiritual father. Be in agreement with him. Do not tip toe around sons that are lacking in agreement with you. You have got to wrestle with them.

Immortality

My burden is to bring pictures to your mind. I will paint different pictures concerning immortality. We are not a departing generation but one of arrival. The quality and the power with which we execute any process, is determined by our perception of the finish. If you cannot see the finish, your process is not qualitative.

We are the ultimate generation in the earth today. The principle of the remnant is always connected to temple building. The decree of King Cyrus released Israel to build the house of God. God released us - to build the house of God - this is not an act but a progressive unfolding process. Our house will become the dwelling place of God. The desire of an end time company must be connected to the desire in the heart of God. We must move into divine alignment. Two elements define God's throne: Righteousness and Justice - and these become the plumb line of God to see whether what we have built carries God.

Since we are an ultimate generation, there is also an ultimate warfare. What is the ultimate destination? We will only be happy when God arrives on the scene - God must come into our generation. Enoch walked with God and God took him. We need to uncover the process of the ancients. We must become the builder of ancient ruins. We need to track back to where things went wrong and fix the problem. We need to get to the remotest values in the heart of father-God. This is a quest of the heart to find itself in God. God is looking for a man after His own heart. David was such a man. Saul did not obey the Lord. Get back to obedience. Obedience is to bring yourself under the covering mantle of a Word. Then you are under the immunity of heaven. We must come into a place of compliancy.

The ultimate generation will fight an ultimate warfare. We have come out of Babylonian confusion – denominational confusion. Immortality is our inheritance as sons. Hebrew 12 – God is called the father of our spirits. Put off your old self – set your affections on things above. The clothing of the spirit is that unrenewed soul that has brought forth flesh - carnality. Romans 12:2 – offer your body a living sacrifice – and be transformed by the renewing of your mind. The unrenewed mind gives the enemy the upper hand. The enemy has blinded the mind lest we can see. Sight has got to do with the mind. Do not be conformed into the mold of the world or this age - move out from the controlling order of the earth. Daniel, abducted at 14, lands up in Babylon, and determined not to defile himself with the king's meat (principles of fallen religion) and wine (philosophy and worldview).

There was a strategy to defile Daniel. He was given a new name – a new nature. If you establish someone's name, you can establish an authority over him and cause him to function in a certain way. In Babylon the children were named after gods – to impose an authority over that child so named. Matt 28 – we are baptized into the name of the Father, Son, Holy Spirit – into the nature – the impartation of a nature. The 'name' is in us and we are in that 'name'. God always looked for a place where we could record that name – and we are that place.

Also Ashbenaz had to train Daniel and the Hebrew boys. There had to be an indoctrination. Daniel came to an inward stance of not defiling himself. There is a generation that will no longer bow to a fallen prince. We are the gate of God – the entrance point of God is a righteous and just people. When this is a reality, God will relocate Himself fully with men. Enoch saw the second coming because of the perfection of his sight,

God saw him and took him. This is the technology for the release from this earth when mortality puts on immortality. We must exist in our minds all the principles of the fallen systems of the earth – then nothing in the earth can touch us. God wants to bring us into a place of a higher reality. Paul said “the things that seen are temporal; and the unseen things are eternal”. An apostolic mindset is; what is unseen is more real than what is actually seen.

We are not trying to get too God, we operate from within God. We live in the finish now and this informs our lifestyle. John 4: we must finish – this is our reality. The finish is not something in the future – it is already done. It is an objective fact that needs to be brought into our experiential subjective reality.

We need release from this earth dimension. When Adam sinned he became a living soul – the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit. We need to put on the man from heaven because we have come from heaven.

Jesus is two things: he is the Last Adam and the Second Man

1 Cor 15:33- 49

- 33 *Do not be deceived: “Bad company corrupts good morals.”*
- 34 *Become **sober-minded** as you ought, and **stop sinning**; for some have no knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame.*
- 35 *But someone will say, “How are the dead raised? And with what kind of body do they come?”*
- 36 *You fool! That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies;*
- 37 *and that which you sow, you do not sow the body which is to be, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of something else.*
- 38 *But God gives it a body just as He wished, and to each of the seeds a body of its own.*
- 39 *All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one flesh of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another flesh of birds, and another of fish.*
- 40 *There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one, and the glory of the earthly is another.*
- 41 *There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.*
- 42 *So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body;*
- 43 *it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;*
- 44 *it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.*
- 45 *So also it is written, “The **first man, Adam**, became a **living soul**.” The **last Adam** became a **life-giving spirit**.*
- 46 *However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual.*
- 47 *The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man is from heaven.*
- 48 *As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly.*
- 49 *Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.*

The soul of a man is our present burden. You can be unequally yoked in terms of your body, soul and spirit – all three not working together. God is putting pressure on our souls to be conformed to the likeness of what HE did when you were born again. Our soul is lagging behind. Most are living in the command centre of the soul instead of the command centre of the spirit man – and the more you are cut off from hearing God.

Self and an unrenewed mind are connected. Our warfare is not against spiritual wickedness. The ultimate warfare of the age is who can win the mind. Because the devil knows when the mind and spirit join forces, he is in trouble. The prince of the air has power over you in as far as principles are at work in your mind. Build the man – build his mind and then your displace principalities. Build a new mentality.

Jesus said, “The fields are white unto harvest – Do not say four months to harvest”. The disciples were locked into the cycles of the earth. God is saying, “Lift the earth reality into the dimension of the eternal from which I operate”.

Our priesthood is in the order of Melchisedek –“the power of an indestructible life” – Heb 7. The incorruptible is within us already. In Thessalonians, it says, God will destroy the man of sin by the brightness of His coming and by the word of His mouth. The brightness of the Christ within you must burst from out from you. When He appears, we shall be like Him. When Christ who is your life appears, you will appear with Him. This is when our souls will be yoked equally with our spirits. Christ must first appear in us – then this will activate His actual return to earth because there is a perfect man in the earth that matches the Christ. The fullness of the measure of stature of Christ has to be accomplished. They that are enjoined to the Lord are of the same spirit with Him. We have access to one Father by one Spirit, and baptized by one Spirit into the Body of Christ.

Your genealogy has been lifted up in Christ. Your life is hidden with Christ in God. You are in Christ and He is in us. In Him we live and move and have our being. Let the inward Christ break out from within you. We are attempting to build your faith for this to happen – it is not in the distant future. There must be a generation that has no fear of death.

We are from heaven and not from the earth. We were made in the likeness of the heavenly man. God called you before the foundation of the world. We are superior in ranking than the devil. God chose you in Christ before time began. We come from heaven as great ambassadors. We must invade the earth with the reality of heaven. A new man as a life-giving spirit is who we are.

Our flesh veils the real us. (cf. Mount of Transfiguration). God is beginning to unveil us. We are ambassadors of Christ – we set up His embassy in the foreign nations – we enjoy immunity. We are carrying within us the trademarks of His government. Now the new law of God is inscribed upon your heart and your mind. Wherever you are, you are the government of God. You are carrying the principle of His throne wherever you are.

We are bringing forth the standards of righteousness and justice. Adam is the old model; Christ is the new model.

We come from another world to enrich this world. That is why the earth is groaning for us, the sons of God, for us to be revealed. The devil cannot match you – because you live in Christ. Whatever principle is not yet renewed in your mind, this gives the enemy access.

Romans 5:12

- 12 *Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned—*
- 13 *for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law.*
- 14 *Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.*

Adam was a pattern of the one to come.

The representation principle - gives access to the government of the earth. We have immunity. We must become a representation of God. In a representative principle, if a core comes into a position, God will reckon it as the whole church coming in that position. Principle of first fruit – the waving of the sheaf – pictures a future harvest to come. Christ is the first fruit from the dead. We are ripening in that same order of Christ – he was a first of the order that was resurrected from the grave – a reminder that there is coming a company ripening in the earth that will step into immortality.

The sheaf (Christ) is standing erect in the throne of God (as a reminder to God). Similarly we as a first fruit company must not fight our brothers – because we represent them as a first fruit company. We are the sheaf that represents them.

2 Tim 1:8-11

- 8 *Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God,*
- 9 *who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,*
- 10 *but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who **abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,***
- 11 *for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher.*

There is a gospel that the enemy wants to veil to us: to bring to light life and immortality.

Moses is instructed to make two silver trumpets = witness (two trumpets making one sound) and redemption. Isaiah 58: - lift up your horn as a trumpet. Two trumpets = the apostolic-prophetic voices – bringing the final message like the sound of many voices. There is a final trumpet that will bring testimony and witness and agreement – the redemption of our bodies. The sound of the 7th month – feast of joy, rest, appearing, his Glory, the Open Book. One of these sounds must be the sound of immortality and rest.

A Return to the Ancient Paths

Jacob Zuma - grew up fatherless - sheep in wolves clothing - God is going to raise up fathers that will speak into the structure of his life. In our parliament we do not have fathers but we have orphans – so one fights for his right. Joseph will be raised up to father Pharaoh. We must not look at these individuals through the eyes of the flesh – lest we fight what God wants to do. The prophetic destiny is at stake. Witches have spoken to take the prophetic registry of this nation. God is raising things up in Africa - there are deposits of gold and silver that have not yet been unearthed. Those who left the country will come back to South Africa.

We are contemporaries with the patriarchs. There was a breach in the pathway.

Jeremiah 6:16 Thus says the Lord, “Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths, Where the good way is, and walk in it; And you will find rest for your souls. But they said, ‘We will not walk in it.’

God does not build with anyone unless He first cuts covenant. The transfer of these values must be transferred to subsequent generations. Deut 8:2 – “Remember from where the Lord has taken you out from and do not forget ...” = do not allow the principles to deteriorate.

We need to bring the church back to the eternal environment. We are in time, moving out of time to the point of departure. Malachi 4 – the prophet Elijah will turn the hearts of fathers ...

Turn = shub = go back to the point of departure

What must be turned? – not minds but hearts.

The point of departure is the most ancient pathway – ancient realities. This is not a point in time but a point in eternity.

There is no rest until you find the most accurate path. The Elijah anointing is where the heart is becoming the recipient of a fathering grace and the other is the giver of a fathering grace. It is not so much the heart of a man, but the heart of the heavenly father that must be conveyed to men.

Truth = alethea = the verifiable substance in the midst of a manifestation. In Colossians it says of some some, “They did not develop a love for the truth”. If you do not develop a love for the truth you will love the shadow and not the reality.

What is the remotest understanding of fathering and sonship? We must go back into the heart of God the father. What is the most ancient principles in the father grace so that we can transmit this to the ones we father.

Two sets of principles define the nature of God. Communicable attributes (love, mercy, gracious, long suffering) – these He wants to communicate to all humans. Then there are attributes that define God as God that cannot be communicated to man – these establish God as God (omniscient, omnipotent,

immutable, unchanging) – these establish Him in His glory. Parts of His glory will be communicated – and some parts are not communicated. We need God for our existence – He is life.

A spiritual father is one who in his journey into the godhead – gets back into the heart of God. He then brings these principles into life – we become natured like him – this gives him the right to steward others. The steward must accurately reflect the owner. Fathering is above gender (no more male nor female). God is the father of our spirits. The Spirit is not gender biased; neither is it racist (neither Jew nor Greek). Abraham’s seed was not a nationalistic seed.

Fathering is allowing God the father to lay on your heart and allow the Spirit to reveal all the communicable attributes of God on your heart – this gives you the right to become a steward over His heritage.

Paul said to Timothy, “Imitate my ways” – not Paul ways – but the ways of Christ within Paul must be imitated. God must place His heart into our hearts so we as fathers can represent His fathering to men. The manipulation and domination of men is illegal in the kingdom. When we possess nothing – it brings liberation to your soul. A father is just first amongst equals. ‘First’ is for functionality. We are serving God’s heritage.

A wrong controlling order is in the house of God:

Isaiah 28:14-15

14 *Therefore, hear the word of the Lord, O scoffers,
Who rule this people who are in Jerusalem,*

15 *Because you have said, “We have made **a covenant with death,**
And with Sheol we have made a pact.
The **overwhelming scourge will not reach us** when it passes by,
For we have made **falsehood our refuge and we have concealed ourselves with deception.**”*

This depicts a false order in God’s house – lies is their refuge – they brought their people into an agreement with Shoel. They are imparting the death principle by their teaching.

Verse 15: describes a prophetic description of the wrong configuration of leadership in the house of God. God builds generationally (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob), revelatory (Matt 16), relational – the best way for relationships to be worked out is in the context of family. You cannot define ‘father’ alone. The fathering grace is to configure to the house relational. The family gets its nature not from the mother but from the father. The eight chapters of Prov = the wisdom of the father to the son. Wisdom vs. folly = two women speaking to call men’s attention unto themselves. The greatest connecting point to the apostolic is wisdom. Whenever you say ‘father’, you say ‘wisdom’. “Train up a child in the way he should go” = prophetic destiny as revealed to the father.

Verse 15: they say “the scourge will not touch us” – a deception – There is an engulfing of God’s scourge coming. These men opt to set their house in agreement with the principle of death. The engulfing scourge will touch every false order in the church.

What is God’s response to this wrong order of leadership?

Isaiah 28:16-18

16 *Therefore thus says the Lord God,
“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone,*

A costly cornerstone for the foundation, firmly placed.

He who believes in it will not be disturbed.

17 *“I will make justice the measuring line
And righteousness the level;
Then hail will sweep away the refuge of lies
And the waters will overflow the secret place.*

18 *“Your covenant with death will be canceled,
And your pact with Sheol will not stand;
When the overwhelming scourge passes through,
Then you become its trampling place.*

The only response to wrong leadership is to lay foundations. This refers to the establishment of apostolic foundations.

Eph 2:19 *So then ye are no more strangers and sojourners, but ye are fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God,*

Eph 2:20 *being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief corner stone;*

A cornerstone was placed between two walls associated with it. Cornerstone brought perpendicularity to all the walls. Christ is that cornerstone. We can lay foundations when we engage prophetic and apostolic things. Paul said “I have laid foundations and another built on it” – not another of a different type but one of the same quality. You have to be connected to valid apostolic grace no matter what your unique five-fold grace is. In your relationship, there is not just the transfer of knowledge (affects your mind) but the impartation of knowledge (erect the standard of Christ in your being). If you cannot receive a man in the current casing (e.g. a black man to a white man) you will not receive the impartation. Apostolic culture brings immunity and a measure of protection that the wrong people do not get connected to it.

To counteract false covenants with death, God lays apostolic foundations with Christ as the cornerstone – there needs to be a Christo-centric emphasis. God told Pharaoh to let Israel, His corporate son, go. Manipulative pastors hold people in bondage – and God is saying ‘let my firstborn son go’. Control is akin to witchcraft – and the greatest witches are manipulative leaders.

What was the process of the ancients? They started the process. We must finish. It is one process, not two. Melchisedek is king of righteousness and peace. Jesus said, I am the root and offspring of David. As the root, Jesus is his Lord; as to the offspring, He is David’s greatest son – sitting now as king – sitting over the affairs of the nations. He intercedes = not just prayer Intercession – from ‘session’. A CEO sitting in a session meeting with others to discuss matters of rule within the nations. “With his eyes, a king winnows out evil”. We also are king-priest – with the right to pass laws in our jurisdiction.

The process of the ancients.

Hebrews 11:8

8 *By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.*

9 *By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise;*

10 *for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.*

Abraham looked for a city with foundations- this foundation is a Stone – on this rock God is building His church. When you build accurately, a mocking spirit will come against you. Gates of hell will oppose you.

A city = the heavenly Jerusalem

Heb 12:22-24

- 22 *But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels,*
 23 *to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who have enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,*
 24 *and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.*

The perfection of God's government was in Zion = two streams – the priestly and kingly – the governmental and the sacred in one. As the house is built, the kingdom is advanced. If the house is built wrong, the kingdom suffers.

The heavenly Jerusalem. Anything without foundations is not the house of God. Anything with foundations will have a builder and maker.

Builder = teknetes = a designer; the rules of artistry that is derived from the designer by which something must be constructed. Certain rules bring the design of the house into what you are constructing. Otherwise you will have a heap of stones – an activity-driven church not building anything. Houses need to be deregulated. There is no hurry – because I am building my church. When you construct the house right, THE SONS BUILD THE HOUSE.

Psalm 102:16 16 *For the Lord has built up Zion; He has appeared in His glory.*

'Banah' = to construct on generations; from which we get the word 'BEN' = builder of the family name = the one that brings social continuance to the father and builds the house.

Session 23

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Treasures of the Kingdom

There is urgency in the Spirit. Create an environment within your heart that will match the heart of God. God is showing approval and favour on Zion. There are certain requirements for us to attain.

In the Scriptures, God has given us vats of provision. This is the appointed time - God wants to unfold the "how to". There are certain practical things we need to do. We must exit out of chronology into another time zone - the 'eth' (a Hebrews word for 'time') of God. When people do not understand the urgency of the time, they begin to act wrongly.

We can no longer throw the pearls of God to swine. We must craft a certain environment within, so that we do not lose the truths that we receive.

Pro 23:23 *Buy the truth, and sell it not; Yea, wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.*

"Buy the truth and do not sell it" = to pay a price
God communicated to the crowds only in parables.

Matt13:11 *Jesus answered them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted.*

Parables are the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom. The 11th month is the month of rest. The Feast of Tabernacles – the trumpet is blown in the day of rest (Sabbath). God comes out of Sabbath when he shows mercy and favour to Zion. God wants to jump into the battle on our behalf. Something must happen in our belief system (like at Perizim). We want God to become a participant of our process. Certain conditions are attached to each kairos' of God. (Banish the predictability of Church services). Church must affect your daily experience.

Psalm 78:1-4

- 1 *Listen, O my people, to my instruction; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.*
- 2 *I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old,*
- 3 *Which we have heard and known, And **our fathers have told us.***
- 4 ***We will not conceal them from their children,** But tell to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, And His strength and His wondrous works that He has done*

That which is hidden will be opened by the father and make these things the inheritance of our children. God swore an oath within Himself concerning His intentions toward us.

Matthew 13:44 *"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.*

Treasure of the kingdom is hidden and then it is found and then hidden again by the one who finds it. Then he sells everything.

1. **The truth is hidden for the Church and not from the church.** Wisdom cannot be found until you have the 'fear of the Lord'. The truth comes to us in certain kairoses. These truths come as God begins to dictate a certain kairos in the earth. We must position ourselves under the kairos of God. If you are positioned in a different kairos, you will not find the field. In the field, the kairos, there are certain events. The kairos will come to you through grace carriers. You will never get the kairos until you connect to the grace carrier. Matt 6:33 – You must seek for the kingdom. The principles of the kingdom needs to activated to assert the kairos you are in. The kingdom is within you – but you make it visible by practicing the principles thereof.
2. **The truth of the kingdom is FOUND.** This happens when you prioritize the kingdom. Not everyone will find it. Some will hear kingdom truth, and only hear it as parables – always hearing but never understanding. When the truth comes out of kairos, it must be hidden in chronology within your heart. You find it through connection to grace carriers – you will not find the truth any other way. After you have hidden it in your heart – it must stay there until it **overwhelms your mindset**. What you have found must gestate in the womb of your spirit. David said “I have hidden your Word within my heart that I might not sin”.

How is the truth hidden? It is hidden in human vessels. Then you buy the field of the heart of a man of God. You must seek out this truth. When this comes to you, you begin to let this grace stand erect as a standard within your heart - and so you do not sin against God because your entire mindset is changed. Now there is the yoking of your mind with your spirit. This truth now explodes externally onto your lifestyle.

Do not allow the thorns of your life to choke the seed of the truth you have found. Allow the truth to become reality to you first before you declare it. It begins in your marriage, relationships, etc. Your mindset is being controlled by that truth.

3. **You will sell everything that you have.** You need to embrace this – this becomes your life. What you have received must not just fall on dead soil. We have a responsibility to incarnate this truth first before we declare it. You have found the truth, but now the truth must find you and search you.

You sell popularity, human knowledge, human acceptance by men, every inaccuracy in your life, your own wisdom, every inaccurately doctrine etc. to embrace the truth. You have to sell out on the systems of this earth. Survey your life and see what are the things that cause you not to buy the field entirely. All the principles of Adam still standing in my heart need to brutally uprooted.

4. **You need to BUY the TRUTH.** You embrace it so much that you incarnate it and you actually BECOME THAT TRUTH. You no longer hold to certain concepts, but you are the MESSAGE. The truth and you has become one.

Psalm 102 is a penitential psalm – psalm expressing deep sorrow – the psalmist is coming into deep repentance. There was an appeal that God would cleanse him.

Verse 12-22 – he rehearses the goodness of God.

Psalms 102:12- 22

- 12 *But You, O Lord, abide forever,
And Your name to all generations.*
- 13 *You will arise and have compassion on Zion;*
For it is time to be gracious to her,
*For the **appointed time has come.***
- 14 *Surely Your servants find pleasure in her stones
And feel pity for her dust.*
- 15 *So the nations will fear the name of the Lord And all the kings of the earth Your glory.*
- 16 *For the Lord has **built up Zion;***
*He has **appeared in His glory.***
- 17 *He has regarded the prayer of the destitute
And has not despised their prayer.*
- 18 *This will be written for the generation to come,
That people yet to be created may praise the Lord.*
- 19 *For He looked down from His holy height;
From heaven the Lord gazed upon the earth,*
- 20 *To hear the groaning of the prisoner,
To set free those who were doomed to death,*
- 21 *That men may tell of the name of the Lord in Zion
And His praise in Jerusalem,*
- 22 *When the peoples are gathered together,
And the kingdoms, to serve the Lord.*

Time = et = set time – but also refers to a meeting time; also refers to a womb prepared by God. Refers to the kairos and the conditions in our hearts.

V 14: God is showing favour to the stones in Zion. We are those stones. God is showing pity to the dust of Zion. Dust exists under your feet - even the peripheral things will be favoured by God. Then nations will show fear because of the rising of God from within HIS people. We will be the mount of God in the earth that the nations will say “Let us go to the house of God”. You will never get to this place until you have bought the entire field. The nations must begin to see in us the light of God – and they will say “teach us your ways”. The sons of God are in a state of groaning. We will not go out to the nations, but the nations will come to us.

Isaiah 28:14-20

- 4 *Therefore, hear the word of the Lord, O scoffers,
Who rule this people who are in Jerusalem,*
- 15 *Because you have said, “We have made a covenant with death,
And with Sheol we have made a pact.
The overwhelming scourge will not reach us when it passes by,
For we have made falsehood our refuge and we have concealed ourselves with deception.”*
- 16 *Therefore thus says the Lord God,
“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested bstone,
A costly cornerstone for the foundation, firmly placed.
He who believes in it will not be disturbed.*
- 17 *“I will make justice the measuring line*

*And righteousness the level;
Then hail will sweep away the refuge of lies
And the waters will overflow the secret place.*

18 *"Your covenant with death will be canceled,
And your pact with Sheol will not stand;
When the overwhelming scourge passes through,
Then you become its trampling place.*

19 *"As often as it passes through, it will seize you;
For morning after morning it will pass through, anytime during the day or night,
And it will be sheer terror to understand what it means."*

20 ***The bed is too short on which to stretch out,
And the blanket is too small to wrap oneself in.***

v.20: 'Bed' is indicative of Covenant.

'The bed is too short' = our feet are sticking out. The blanket that the enemy has thrown over us cannot cover us anymore. The earth reality is becoming insufficient. We are beginning to stick out. We are getting bigger than the systems of the earth. We are reaching out into the eternal domain. We are to beckon immortality. To the enemy, he shouts, "This is terror unto me".

Pentecost - Migrating to the Temple

The Old Testament law was our pedagogue to bring us to Christ.

Three Feasts: Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles

The **Feast of Pentecost** of Associated with:

- ↗ Rest
- ↗ Rain
- ↗ Special Offering'
- ↗ The number 50
- ↗ Unity

Pentecost = the 50th day = symbol of liberty

The Jubilee is the 50th year celebration.

Lev 25:8-10

- 8 *'You are also to count off seven sabbaths of years for yourself, seven times seven years, so that you have the time of the seven sabbaths of years, namely, forty-nine years.*
- 9 *'You shall then sound a ram's horn abroad on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the day of atonement you shall sound a horn all through your land.*
- 10 *'You shall thus consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim a release through the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, and each of you shall return to his own property, and each of you shall return to his family.*

Liberty was proclaimed throughout the land:

- a. There was the liberation of all slaves.
- b. Property reverted to its original owner.
- c. No sowing or reaping – only what grew spontaneously.
- d. End of economic oppression.

Three References to Pentecost:

1. **Old Testament Pentecost** Celebrated 50 days after the exit out of Egypt Ex 19:16-20 – 3000 people were slain.
Liberty from Egyptian slavery
2. **Feast of Pentecost** Celebrated 50 days after the feasts of the waving of the feasts of first fruits.
3. **New Testament Pentecost** 50 days after the resurrection - associated with salvation of 3000 people.
The Holy Spirit was sent on the day of Pentecost.

Holy Spirit is the spirit of liberty - 2 Cor 3:17.

The Feast of Pentecost:**Lev 23:15-21**

- 15 *'You shall also count for yourselves from the day after the sabbath, from the day when you brought in the sheaf of the wave offering; there shall be seven complete sabbaths.*
- 16 *'You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh sabbath; then you shall present a new grain offering to the Lord.*
- 17 *'You shall bring in from your dwelling places two loaves of bread for a wave offering, made of two-tenths of an ephah; they shall be of a fine flour, baked with leaven as first fruits to the Lord.*
- 18 *'Along with the bread you shall present seven one year old male lambs without defect, and a bull of the herd and two rams; they are to be a burnt offering to the Lord, with their grain offering and their drink offerings, an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to the Lord.*
- 19 *'You shall also offer one male goat for a sin offering and two male lambs one year old for a sacrifice of peace offerings.*
- 20 *'The priest shall then wave them with the bread of the first fruits for a wave offering with two lambs before the Lord; they are to be holy to the Lord for the priest.*
- 21 *'On this same day you shall make a proclamation as well; you are to have a holy convocation. You shall do no laborious work. It is to be a perpetual statute in all your dwelling places throughout your generations.*

Pentecost is associated with liberty and the jubilee year.

This is just the shadow. Today there should be a people with principles of liberty in their lives. Liberty from Jezebel, Absalom, Korah, Religious Spirit, Documental validation, Needs-driven church, Preoccupation with the past, Membership, Inflexibility, Mixtures, Titularity, Legalism, etc. The Pentecostal experience is still immature in many believers.

Pentecost was also about Offerings:

6 offerings. 6 number of the flesh (Jesus was 6 hours on the cross) the flesh must be killed; you can never come to 7 until you have killed 6 - the principle of self-denial and death.

Pentecost also a Time of Rain

= Spirit, Blessings, Righteousness.

Pentecost was a Sabbatical Experience = REST.**Pentecost was a Time of Gathering – A PICTURE OF THE CHURCH IN THE CITY**

If you study every Pentecostal experience, there was always a gathering of all the tribes.

- In the Old Testament they gathered at Sinai.
- In the Feast of Pentecost, they gathered at the temple.
- In the New Testament, all nations were represented.

Pentecost was never celebrated in the synagogue. If you are speaking in tongues, and you are not gathering with the church in the city, you have not had the fullness of the Pentecostal experience. They were visibly gathered together (no such a thing as an invisible). The reality cannot be less than the shadow.

Pentecost was not celebrated in the synagogue, a tent, Solomon's quarry, or in a paneled house, but in the temple. The Holy Spirit is a spirit of unity (1 Cor. 12:13). Pentecost was a picture of the church in the city. **The next level is a migration from the local church to the city church.** The glory did not fill the synagogue or a household of faith - **the glory filled the temple.**

Feasts of the Pentecost = two loaves were waved = symbolic of Jews and Gentiles = a thrust toward unity.

A CASE STUDY OF JEROBOAM:

1 Kings 15:33-34

33 *In the third year of Asa king of Judah, Baasha the son of Ahijah became king over all Israel at Tirzah, and reigned twenty-four years.*

34 *He did evil in the sight of the Lord, **and walked in the way of Jeroboam** and in his sin which he made Israel sin.*

1 Ki 22:52 *And he did that which was **evil in the sight of Jehovah**, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and **in the way of Jeroboam** the son of Nebat, wherein **he made Israel to sin**.*

2 Ki 3:1-3 *Now **Jehoram** the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria in the eighteenth year of **Jehoshaphat king of Judah**, and reigned twelve years.
And he did that which **was evil in the sight of Jehovah**, but not like his father, and like his mother; for he put away the pillar of Baal that his father had made.
Nevertheless **he cleaved unto the sins of Jeroboam** the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin; he departed not there from.*

2Ki 10:29 *Howbeit from the **sins of Jeroboam** the son of Nebat, wherewith **he made Israel to sin**, Jehu departed not from after them, to wit, the golden calves that were in Beth-el, and that were in Dan.*

2 Ki 13:1-2 *In the three and twentieth year of Joash the son of Ahaziah, king of Judah, Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned seventeen years.
And he **did that which was evil** in the sight of Jehovah, and **followed the sins of Jeroboam** the son of Nebat, wherewith **he made Israel to sin**; he departed not therefrom.*

Successive generations of God for decades walked in a pathway of sin carved by Jeroboam. Jehu also – he walked in Elijah's anointing. Elisha's servants anointed him and fled from the scene. Jehu executed judgment on Jezebel. In 2 Kings 10:18 Jehu called forth the worshippers of Baal and destroys them. But JEHU did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam.

1Ki 11:26 *And **Jeroboam** the son of Nebat, an Ephraimite of Zeredah, **a servant of Solomon**, whose mother's name was Zeruah, **a widow**, he also lifted up his hand against the king.*

A servant of Solomon. From the house of a widow (he was fatherless).

1 Kings 11: 30-40

30 *Then Ahijah took hold of the new cloak which was on him and tore it into twelve pieces.*

31 *He said to Jeroboam, "Take for yourself ten pieces; for thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Behold, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon and give you ten tribes*

- 32 *(but he will have one tribe, for the sake of My servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen from all the tribes of Israel),*
- 33 *because they have forsaken Me, and have worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of Moab, and Milcom the god of the sons of Ammon; and they have not walked in My ways, doing what is right in My sight and observing My statutes and My ordinances, as his father David did.*
- 34 *‘Nevertheless I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand, but I will make him ruler all the days of his life, for the sake of My servant David whom I chose, who observed My commandments and My statutes;*
- 35 *but I will take the kingdom from his son’s hand and give it to you, even ten tribes.*
- 36 *‘But to his son I will give one tribe, that My servant David may have a lamp always before Me in Jerusalem, the city where I have chosen for Myself to put My name.*
- 37 *‘I will take you, and you shall reign over whatever you desire, and you shall be king over Israel.*
- 38 *‘Then it will be, that if you listen to all that I command you and walk in My ways, and do what is right in My sight by observing My statutes and My commandments, as My servant David did, then I will be with you and build you an enduring house as I built for David, and I will give Israel to you.*
- 39 *‘Thus I will afflict the descendants of David for this, but not always.’ ”*
- 40 *Solomon sought therefore to put Jeroboam to death; but Jeroboam arose and fled to Egypt to Shishak king of Egypt, and he was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.*

After Solomon died Jeroboam began to rule. Rehoboam, Solomon son imposed greater taxes on the people. People followed Jeroboam (10 tribes) and formed the northern state of Israel with Samaria as the capital. The kingdom is split with the Temple in the southern kingdom in Jerusalem in Judah.

Followers of Jeroboam had to celebrate the feast in the Temple in Jerusalem. Jeroboam began to craft certain things.

1 King 12:26-33

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

Jeroboam deceived the people and constructed calves, one in Bethel and the other in Dan – and attributed them as delivering Israel from Egypt. He made it ‘convenient’ for them. He then made high places in all the hills - a kind of local ‘incense’. Then he made a temple to resemble the Temple in Jerusalem. He succeeded in disconnecting the people from the Temple. He made priests of the lowest of the people that were not the tribe of Levi (people that were retrenched or unemployed). This was the fastest growing movement – he knew how to entertain the felt needs of the people. He violated the priesthood.

He felt that the 7th month for Tabernacles was inconvenient. He celebrated it in the 8th month. **He created a local mentality.** The phenomenon of local church is also attributed to Jeroboam. Many have made local church a new idol.

His deception succeeded for many decades and is still in existence in the earth. Jeroboam operates on localization. The local house is the house of a set man. Is there another house? Local church was not your ultimate destination. Because of concentration on local church, we have fragmentation of the tribes in the city. The local church is not the temple.

Paul said to the Corinthians, “You are the temple of God”. This is referring to the body corporate, and not a local church, the church in the city.

Temple = ‘naos’ =

- ✓ Christ physical body
- ✓ The personal body of the believer 1 Cor 6:19
- ✓ The Body Corporate in the City of Corinth 1 Cor 3:16
- ✓ The Global Body ; Eph 2:19
- ✓ The Lord God Almighty and the Lamb Rev 21;22

Independence is the scourge of modern times. Local churches are unaccountable. Some uninformed people want to build a physical temple in Israel. There is also a shift away from networks – because they sectarian – they have become denominational.

The temple has to become visible. The leaders of local churches represent all the members of that church. When set-men come together, there is the manifestation of the temple. This is part of what Pentecost is all about. This is the next level. The gathering of set-men on a regular basis!

The way of Jeroboam wants to see disconnection from the temple. It exalts local church above church in the city. This is the burden of 21 century apostleship. It will take mature apostleship to administrate this. The gathering must not take place as an event, but be established as a culture. There is a delay in the construction of the temple. There was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam – there is warfare over this issue.

The temple is not built by outside grace – but the establishment of local graces within the city.

Jeroboam started his calf worship in Bethel and Dan – he built high places. Nothing bad happened for 22 years. No-one objected to this – except just one young man from outside of the city (from Judah) – he came to Bethel – he cursed the altar. The altar split. Jeroboam’s hand is withered and then healed. He invites the prophet for tea. The old prophet in the city deceives the young prophet. Lion kills the young prophet. Jeroboam concludes that the young prophet attacked God and he was judged. Things could be going very well, but Jeroboam was wrong – although everything was going right.

After the young prophet died Jeroboam became one of the priests of the high places. One day his son gets sick. His wife disguises herself but is recognized by prophet Ahijah.

Sons are meant to build the temple. The quarry is the local church where the stones are shaped to fit into the temple. We have made the quarry the temple.

1 Kings 14

Prophecy:

1. Your male seed will die; the local church may bear your name, but the temple will bear **HIS** name.

2. Your house will be invaded by dogs = religious spirits; Dogs carry rabies – hydrophobia – hatred for water, a picture of the Word of God. People love bones – they have an affinity for the past. Dogs return to its vomit = regurgitated food.
While people build local houses, the temple lies waste. Look for where are pastors are gathering regularly. Where set-men in the city do not gather, you have drought in that city.
3. The birds of the air will come into your house - demonic infestation.

There must be a migration from the Tabernacle of David to the Temple of Solomon.

Session 18

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Migrating to the Temple

Part 2

The way of Jeroboam was antagonistic to the building of the Temple – the household of faith is exalted above the Temple of God in the city.

Three consequences:

1. Sons would die
2. Invasion of dogs
3. Demonic infestation

Judges 17 – Household of Micah – he also localized the household

Judges 17:1-5

- 1 *Now there was a man of the hill country of Ephraim whose name was Micah.*
- 2 *He said to his mother, "The eleven hundred pieces of silver which were taken from you, about which you uttered a curse in my hearing, behold, the silver is with me; I took it." And his mother said, "Blessed be my son by the Lord."*
- 3 *He then returned the eleven hundred pieces of silver to his mother, and his mother said, "I wholly dedicate the silver from my hand to the Lord for my son to make a graven image and a molten image; now therefore, I will return them to you."*
- 4 *So when he returned the silver to his mother, his mother took two hundred pieces of silver and gave them to the silversmith who made them into a graven image and a molten image, and they were in the house of Micah.*
- 5 *And the man Micah had a shrine and he made an ephod and household idols and consecrated one of his sons, that he might become his priest.*

He copied the ark; and yet all the time the ark was in Shiloh; he wanted to disconnect from Shiloh.

AHAZ also – removes the king's outer-entrance – passage way from the king's house to the Temple – he disconnects from the temple.

UZZIAH went into the temple – and crossed his measure – he contracted leprosy and was banished from the temple.

In EGYPT there was no Temple; Egypt kills the seed – it is against the migration of God's people

BABYLON also had no Temple; Babylon comes to destroy the Temple; also the articles in the temple were removed = a removal of Apostolic Culture. Babylon is responsible for the castration of the believers; in

Babylon your language changes; it will give you the music of the world; it changes your name (nature); Babylon wants to deface you.

Lamentations 4

- 1 *How dark the gold has become, How the pure gold has changed! The sacred stones are poured out
At the corner of every street.*
- 2 *The precious sons of Zion, Weighed against fine gold, How they are regarded as earthen jars, The work of a
potter's hands! Even jackals offer the breast, They nurse their young; But the daughter of my people has
become cruel Like ostriches in the wilderness. The tongue of the infant cleaves To the roof of its mouth because
of thirst; The little ones ask for bread, But no one breaks it for them.*
- 5 *Those who ate delicacies Are desolate in the streets; Those reared in purple Embrace ash pits. Better are those
slain with the sword Than those slain with hunger; For they pine away, being stricken For lack of the fruits of
the field.*
- 10 *The hands of compassionate women Boiled their own children; They became food for them Because of the
destruction of the daughter of my people.*
- 12 *The kings of the earth did not believe, Nor did any of the inhabitants of the world, That the adversary and the
enemy Could benter the gates of Jerusalem.*

How the gold has become dim it has lost its luster = a picture of the believer who was once radiant and victorious, but now defeated without testimony.

Stones scattered everywhere = saints which do not belong to a fixed place – without order.

The potter is shaping the people according to human design.

v.3 Jackal an animal of cunning nurtures its young, but in many churches there is an absence of mentoring

v.12 A decadent leadership following the invasion of Babylon

Lamentations 5: 1-16

- 1 *Remember, O Lord, what has befallen us; Look, and see our reproach!*
- 2 *Our inheritance has been turned over to strangers, Our houses to aliens.*
- 3 *We have become orphans without a father, Our mothers are like widows.*
- 4 *We have to pay for our drinking water, Our wood comes to us at a price.*
- 5 *Our pursuers are at our necks; We are worn out, there is no rest for us. We have submitted to Egypt and
Assyria to get enough bread. Slaves rule over us; There is no one to deliver us from their hand.*
- 9 *We get our bread at the risk of our lives, Because of the sword in the wilderness.*
- 10 *Our skin has become as hot as an oven, Because of the burning heat of famine.*
- 11 *They ravished the women in Zion, The virgins in the cities of Judah.*
- 12 *Princes were hung by their hands; Elders were not respected.*
- 13 *Young men worked at the grinding mill, And youths stumbled under loads of wood.*
- 14 *Elders are gone from the gate, Young men from their music.*
- 16 *Elders are gone from the gate, Young men from their music.*

v. 4 = Commercialization of the Word of God

v. 5 = we labour and have no rest.

v. 6 = men more committed to their secular bosses than to the servants of God

v. 7 = victims of traditions

v. 8 = absence of the apostolic

- v. 9 = sword in the wilderness
- v. 10 = believer have a fever
- v. 11 = the church is plundered
- v. 13 = the feminization of males = emasculation
- v. 14 = depression – a major diseases by 2010
- v. 16 = loss of dominion; loss of respect for leadership

ACTS 11:28- 12:4

- 28 *One of them named Agabus stood up and began to indicate by the Spirit that there would certainly be a great famine all over the world. And this took place in the reign of Claudius.*
- 29 *And in the proportion that any of the disciples had means, each of them determined to send a contribution for the relief of the brethren living in Judea.*
- 30 *And this they did, sending it in charge of Barnabas and Saul to the celders.*
- 1 *Now about that time Herod the king laid hands on some who belonged to the church in order to mistreat them.*
- 2 *And he had James the brother of John put to death with a sword*
- 3 *When he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. Now it was during the days of Unleavened Bread.*
- 4 *When he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out before the people.*

James is killed; he was one of the inner circle of disciples; next Herod proceeds to kill Peter. An angel was dispatched to deliver Peter.

Acts 12:10 *When they had passed the first and second guard, they came to the iron gate that leads into the city, which opened for them by itself; and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel departed from him.*

Herod is slaying by the angel of the Lord, and the Word of the Lord multiplied.

WHY? Constant prayer was offered by **the church** for him. It does not say 'churches'. This prayer activates angelic activity, caused prison doors to open and caused the Word to grow. This prayer was the prayer of the Body of Christ in the city. This is the 4th pillar of the apostolic. The prayer of a household has not been significant in changing nations.

Recall at Rhoda's house when they prayed for Peter – they were praying faithless prayers. BUT on this account is different. The fourth pillar is the Body corporate prayer.

Act 2:1 *And when the day of Pentecost was now come, they were all together in one place.*

Act 2:46 *And day by day, continuing stedfastly with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread at home, they took their food with gladness and singleness of heart,*

Act 4:31 *And when they had prayed, the place was shaken wherein they were gathered together; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spake the word of God with boldness.*

Act 4:32 *And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and soul: and not one of them said that aught of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.*

Phil 2:1-2 *Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,
2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.*

There is a demand for this one man company – see Gideon’s one man company. Also in Ezra 3 – the people gathered together as one man; Nehemiah 8:1 – they were together as one man. We need to gather together as one man.

Jesus did not pray for separate churches. John 17 – He use the words ‘they’ and ‘them’ more than 30 times. There must be an association of fellowship in a city. (association; character; theology; stature).

This is the one-man company. God does not see separate churches. There is one body. This will deliver us from making your local church your idol.

1Cor 1:1 *To **the church** of God which is at Corinth.*

1Th 1:1 *Paul, and Silvanus, and Timothy, **unto the church** of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.*

Eph 1:1 *Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, **to the saints that are at Ephesus**, and the faithful in Christ Jesus:*

Col 1:1 *Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, and Timothy our brother,*

Col 1:2 *To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ that are **at Colossae**: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.*

How is it practical to bring everyone together. That is why we must understand the representative principle. When the first-fruit is presented, in God’s eyes, it is the whole. It is the first fruit company that must be seen as the first-fruit in the city. This is seen in Elijah on Mount Carmel – there were 7000 others but they were not in fellowship with him. By positioning the twelve stones – he was carrying the twelve tribes representatively.

There is a company that represents the rest!

Acts 15:1-2

1 *And certain men came down from Judaea and taught the brethren, saying, Except ye be circumcised after the custom of Moses, ye cannot be saved.*
2 *And when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and questioning with them, the brethren appointed that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.*

Act 15:4 *And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church and the apostles and the elders, and they rehearsed all things that God had done with them.*

Acts 15:6 *And the apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider of this matter.*

The elders and apostles were a representative sample =- this was the temple or the city church.

Building the Temple:

Migration from David's Tabernacle to Solomon's Temple. The Solomonic era has to be manifested in this season.

2 Chron 2:1 *Now Solomon decided to build a house for the name of the Lord and a royal palace for himself.*

Verse 1: Royal house = local church; temple = city church.

The purpose of the temple was for God to manifest His dwelling among the people. God fills the temple with Glory. The glory of the latter house will be greater than the former.

The nation suffers because the conduct of pastors. Pastors want to build paneled houses – local houses. The Temple is built for the name of the Lord but your local house bears your name.

21st century church requires wise master-builders. Be committed to the process of unity in your city.

Requirements for City Church Builders

1. Governmental Grace
2. Revelatory Grace
3. Assembling Grace – (they do not come on the basis of an event) – but be able to assemble pastors as culture in your city.
4. Commission Grace
5. Enabling Grace

DEMANDS FOR BUILDING

1. This is not a ecumenical movement. Solomon's temple had to have a foundation laid – 30 cubits. The city church has to have the recognition of resident apostles and prophets.
2. Discern the charge of the Lord 1 Chron 22:6

Ezra: The Spirit stirred the hearts of the people. Do not join with those who have not been stirred. If he has not got the burden – he will cause problems in the Temple.

- 9 *Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about; for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days:*
- 10 *he shall build a house for my name; and he shall be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever.*
- 11 *Now, my son, Jehovah be with thee; and prosper thou, and build the house of Jehovah thy God, as he hath spoken concerning thee.*
- 12 *Only Jehovah give thee discretion and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel; that so thou mayest keep the law of Jehovah thy God.*
- 13 *Then shalt thou prosper, if thou observe to do the statutes and the ordinances which Jehovah charged Moses with concerning Israel: be strong, and of good courage; fear not, neither be dismayed.*
- 14 *Now, behold, in my affliction I have prepared for the house of Jehovah a hundred thousand talents of gold, and a thousand thousand talents of silver, and of brass and iron without weight; for it is in abundance: timber also and stone have I prepared; and thou mayest add thereto.*
- 15 *Moreover there are workmen with thee in abundance, hewers and workers of stone and timber, and all men that are skilful in every manner of work:*
- 16 *of the gold, the silver, and the brass, and the iron, there is no number. Arise and be doing, and Jehovah be with thee.*
- 17 *David also commanded all the princes of Israel to help Solomon his son, saying,*
- 18 *Is not Jehovah your God with you? and hath he not given you rest on every side? for he hath delivered the inhabitants of the land into my hand; and the land is subdued before Jehovah, and before his people.*
- 19 *Now set your heart and your soul to seek after Jehovah your God; arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of Jehovah God, to bring the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of Jehovah.*

3. Demands a man of peace to build the Kingdom; David was about war.
4. 1 Chron 22:9- Solomon – son of REST
5. V. 10 Based on the Fathering (father-son model) – the father-son dynamic must culminate in the building of the temple
6. Requires a people of prosperity to build
7. V.12 Wisdom
8. Obedience v.13'
9. Courage
10. Skillful
11. V 16 Manifest presence of God
12. Servants 22:17
13. Those who are seekers of the Lord
14. Know the God of your father
15. Loyal heart and a willing mind.

Benefits:

1. It will meet the demand for provision, protection and building.
Provision: If my people called by my name When prayer is made in this place (not a geographical location – but where you get different streams coming together on the basis of the stirrings of God. God will answer your prayers. We are now praying from our paneled house – God calls them “THIS PEOPLE” and not “MY PEOPLE”
2. Glory came also.

3. Purpose gets Defined: the water flows from the foundation of the temple.

When the queen of Sheba visited, she came to Solomon's house and not the Temple; when she saw the ascent of Solomon – the steps he built to lead him up to the temple – there was no breath left within her. Are there steps in your local church that lead to the Temple?

Thamo: There is going to be a shift of the burden from the local church to the church in the city. If we get the city church right, the national church will emerge. Some will rise from fathering the city to fathering the nation.
Solomon was a man of rest – so was Noah. We need to create a pathway to show people that our journey is from a house to a corporate temple.

Session 19

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The Kingdom in 2010

Hebrews 11:13-16

- 13 *All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth*
- 14 *For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own.*
- 15 *And indeed if they had been thinking of that country from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return.*
- 16 *But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them.*

There is a necessity, before implementing all the things God is saying, for three major ingredients as key drivers to be present:

1. **We must be dissatisfied with what is happening** – about the present state of the church.
Why does God give us dreams and visions? It creates an appetite and a sense of inadequacy in the present situation because you have seen something better. Likewise in Hebrews 11 – they saw promises afar off – and they confessed they were strangers and pilgrims to the systems prevailing around them. They were now connected to a greater destiny. They were seeing something better. **They were possessed by conviction worthy to die for if necessary.** They had clear pictures of what the ideal is going to be. And so fear left them and servanthood became a joy for them to produce what they had seen. The majority of preachers do not know where the church is going in terms of the church mandate. The moment you stop seeing what the mandate is, it is so easy to build anything.
Aaron built a calf and regarded it as the God who brought them out of Egypt because he took his eye off the 'end'.
2. **Reject the present inaccurate order or mindset.**
3. **Search and build the heavenly order in the earth.**

Heb. 11:4 *For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own.*

In Hebrews 11 it says, they declared plainly that they seek a better country – to such an extent that they were no longer mindful or regretful of what they were losing. They sought, not for heaven, but the kingdom of heaven coming into the earth.

What was Abraham thinking and seeing when he left Ur of the Chaldees? There was no famine there. We can assume that not all of Abraham's experiences are recorded, and perhaps God showed him something that caused him to obey. Abraham saw something better than Ur of the Chaldees. He saw something greater than food, housing, etc – and all the comforts that would have kept him there. He inconvenienced himself - he made himself homeless and dwelt in tents. He had seen a better kingdom and better 'country'. The reason why the kingdom of God is meandering and going in circles, is that we have people who have **not seen where we are going**. If you cannot see the destination, you will not adjust.

1 Cor 15:24-28 – Then comes the **END** when he shall be delivered up to God the father.

1 Corith. 15:24-28

- 24 ***then comes the end**, when **He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father**, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.*
- 25 *For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.*
- 26 *The **last enemy that will be abolished is death**.*
- 27 *For He has put all things in subjection under His feet. But when He says, "All things are put in subjection," it is evident that He is excepted who put all things in subjection to Him.*
- 28 *When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, **so that God may be all in all**.*

Note in verse 24: The Son hands over the kingdom to His father. If what you are building cannot be delivered up to God, it is an idol. Build now, with the END in mind. Keep your eye on the 'end'. If you cannot see the 'end', you will never transition, for e.g. from 'local church' toward the 'city church'.

Also, what you are building must be 'kingdom'. If God is producing His kingdom in the earth, you must reject every inadequate framework or mindset that you are part of.

Consider John, the Baptist, moving out his own house and dwelt in the wilderness. He was outwardly expressing his dissatisfaction from the forms of religion where he grew up.

We often speak of 3rd Day. One day with the Lord is as a thousand years. We are presently in our 3rd millennial age – the third set of a thousand year period. We are in a third day position. This prophetic season includes, amongst other things, the resurrection from the dead. There is a violence from God being released on the third day at Golgotha – earthquake to release Jesus from the grave – symbolically of us as well. We must expect violent earthquakes (spiritually) to release the Body of Christ from captivity and death. The Body of Christ rose early in the morning on the third day. Similarly, early in this millennium (2010), there will be a rising up – a resurrection.

In Esther's day, she fasted for two days, and on the third day (ESTHER 5:1) – SHE PUT away her sackcloth and exchanged it for royal garments – likewise for the church today. Esther was a queen, yet behaving like an outcast because of policy governing protocol of access to the king. No queen could simply approach the king unless invited. But on the third day, she awakens her queenly authority – she stood in her royal place and the kingdom was advanced in her land. So too must we arise, put on royal governmental authority and

with daring and courageous obedience set processes in motion for the deliverance of a vast company of people in our sphere.

It is not enough for us to know the purposes of God in our lives. We need to be ushered into the purposes of God. It is not enough to produce the city church. There is something about this tenth year of this millennium.

Israel had a prophecy that after 400 years of Egyptian slavery, they will come out of Egypt. (Gen 15:13). They came out after 430 years. (Exodus 12:40). The fulfillment of the prophecy was delayed by 30 years. God waited 30 years for them to mature first. God works in God's way. Jesus went into ministry at the age of thirty. After the announcement of the birth of Christ, God said nothing for 29 years. In saying, "You are my beloved son in whom I am well pleased, God is implying the following: 'You are my beloved son, with whom I am not embarrassed about'". David reigned when he was 30 years. Joseph became governor when he was 30 years. At 30, the priests were dedicated into ministry.

This year 2010 will be a significant year in kingdom advancement: Consider the prophetic implications of 'ten' below:

2010 = A YEAR OF REDEMPTION INTO DESTINY

In Gen 24 (read the account), Jacob's servant is sent to Rebekah to marry him. Rebekah is a type of the church. See what happens before she breaks into her destiny.

Gen 24:10,22,55

- 10 *Then the servant took **ten camels** from the camels of his master, and set out with a variety of good things of his master's in his hand; and he arose and went to Mesopotamia, to the city of Nahor.*
- 22 *When the camels had finished drinking, the man took a gold ring weighing a half-shekel and two bracelets for her wrists weighing **ten shekels** in gold,*
- 55 *But her brother and her mother said, "Let the girl stay with us a few days, **say ten**; afterward she may go.*

Jacob is saying, "I have come to redeem you into your destiny". She requested to stay for ten more days.

In this tenth year, there will be an increase of momentum – to redeem you into your kingdom mandate and destiny. Ruth was desolate – Naomi also had no destiny. Boaz redeemed Ruth. Boaz goes to the gates of the city and **gathers ten elders** of the city because he was about redemption into kingdom destiny. The elders witness the redemption at the gates. Ten is also the number of witness; 2010 is a year of a witness in the city for redemption.

The necessity to act quickly: There are certain things you cannot do at your own time. Israel in Egypt just had one night to make a decision to go with Moses. It is your time to migrate. How do you deal with Pharaoh alone when the grace is gone! When the firstborns were dying in Egypt, perhaps some Israelites thought of administrating the funerals = this equates to being guided by a program and constitution – responding in the natural to natural things when there is heavenly requirement to migrate from that position.

When David was anointed by Samuel, the elders of the city trembled. However, after the horn of oil had been poured, proclaiming him as king of Israel, Samuel went back to his house. The new King David was still looking after the sheep. It took something else to release him into a kingly destiny – the agitation of the sheep. It took Jesse, his father, to understand spiritual mysteries surrounding David's destiny - and so he

sent David to the battle field with TEN cheeses to his brothers – this single command to David changed his life forever and launched him into his journey into kingship.

1 Sam 17:18 *“Bring also these **ten cuts of cheese** to the commander of their thousand, and look into the welfare of your brothers, and bring back news of them.*

Note the command to David. “Carry these ten cheeses” - ten is the number of redeeming you from where you are called **INTO** your calling. As David arrived at the war zone, his kingly anointing is ignited and he breaks into his real calling – from that day he never went back to the noisy sheep again – and Saul notes him.

In 2010, even the cowards in the apostolic, if they can hear God, there will come a release and a momentum that will be supernatural. Doors will open on a vast level.

Do not be intoxicated with the World Cup in 2010 – it is a potential distraction to destiny.

When Israel was in Egypt – it took **ten judgments/plagues** and the **tenth one brought them out**. He also gave them **ten commandments** as a sign that they are His people - and He changed their identity.

When Christ ascended to heaven, he left behind the disciples. After the crucifixion, they were in a quandary. It took **ten days to Pentecost**, after the ascension, to change things. As the tenth day came – Pentecost was ushered in – and this redeemed these confused disciples into a vibrant church to move forward. 2010 will be a year of **rising from the grave**. This is the hour when your kingdom mandate and our corporate purpose will be accelerated. Get ready to acquire passports to the nations. There will an unprecedented flow of finances.

Prophecy from Eddie ‘O Neil: The Lord has planned quantum leaps far above what you could ever have thought of. But the thing that is holding you back – is a mindset. You think it is difficult from your perspective – but God has a different perspective. Manifest outwardly, the power released in you by the Spirit of Christ within you. Appropriate the power of resurrected life and come into kingdom authority. A kingly voice and a governmental voice has been released

The Reformation of a Father

See Genesis 11 and 12. God is working with fathers in this season. There is a formation that needs to be done. We will focus on Abraham's journey. Why did God start with Abraham? Eight verses are dedicated to Abraham in Hebrews 11 as a hero of faith. He came from Ur of the Chaldees. Abraham was not a Jew. His father was an idol worshipper. His father Tera – decided to go to Canaan. When he was 75 years, God called him. The things God did with Tera was setting up Abraham's destiny. Tera went as far as Haran – and God called Abram.

Abram = exalted father. God wanted to reform the idea of a father – and will eventually make an adjustment to his name. God's plan is not only 'father', but also 'family'. God is after a nation after His identity. The promises of God for the church were always there before His plan for Israel. The church is not an after-thought after Israel.

Gen. 12:1-8

- 1 *Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you;*
- 2 *And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing;*
- 3 *And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."*
- 4 *So Abram went forth as the Lord had spoken to him; and Lot went with him. Now Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.*
- 5 *Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his nephew, and all their possessions which they had accumulated, and the persons which they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan; thus they came to the land of Canaan.*
- 6 *Abram passed through the land as far as the site of Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. Now the Canaanite was then in the land.*
- 7 *The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the Lord who had appeared to him.*
- 8 *Then he proceeded from there to the mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord*

Gen 13:15-18

- 15 *for all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your descendants forever.*

- 16 *"I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth, so that if anyone can number the dust of the earth, then your descendants can also be numbered.*
- 17 *"Arise, walk about the land through its length and breadth; for I will give it to you."*
- 18 *Then Abram moved his tent and came and dwelt by the oaks of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and there he built an altar to the Lord.*

Abram was inaccurately named initially.

He was inaccurately positioned in Haran – His father was 150 years when he left him. He was still alive when Isaac was born. It was difficult for him to leave. Many are waiting for the organization to die.

Paul exhorts us to follow in the footsteps of our father Abraham. He obeys God by leaving his native country – he embarks on a journey of **faith** but it ends in **obedience**.

He takes Abraham 40 years from Haran to Moriah ("God is my teacher"). He did not reveal His complete nature to him. Not once did He reveal Himself as I AM, but as I WILL. With this he leaves Haran. He pitches his tent at Bethel and called on the name of the Lord.

Abraham moves to Mamre in Hebron = a place of covenant; a place of deep cutting.

Abraham was married – but called her 'my sister' – you cannot produce a son with your sister.

Sarai = my princess. Only after another revelation of who God is, could his perception of who his wife was change.

'Deep sleep' (twice in the bible – Abraham and Adam) = complete surrender and death. He called her 'Sarah' - as 'the mother of all' until he died within.

God called the church His son as well as His bride. God is the father of all and loves all equally, whether male or female. We are called to father the nations (and not simply be bound up by the title "exalted father"). We are already married to Christ. When Adam saw Eve, he said "Bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh". If you only view Christ as your brother, you will never produce offspring. At the cross of Christ is where we got married.

Hebron is the place of deep revelation of who God really is. Before this, he had to face an enemy. With 318 men he divided them into three groups and defeated FIVE kings. Abraham came back with sudden harvest. A man can lose his head when sudden wealth comes. Now Abraham had to deal with the god of mammon. But Melchisedek meets him first (before King of Berar –'son of evil' meets him). You cannot break the spirit of poverty in Africa because poverty is a spirit.

Melchizedek presents him with the revelation of God as ELELYON = God the possessor of heaven and earth' – Here the whole of idea of stewardship and management of divine assets is entrenched.

Abraham serves him with bread and wine.

Yoked to Christ = you are married to him – the redeemer is your husband.

Abraham tithes to Melchisedek; Immediately Sodom's king steps in: "Give me the souls, you take the money".

Gen. 15:1 *After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not fear, Abram, **I am** a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great."*

Now the revelation comes to Abrahams of God as "I AM" - "I Am a shield...". The references of "I AM" is an ever present reality – in the newness of the DAY of the Lord.

In Gen. 17 God changed Abram's name to Abraham. God put the I Am in his name. And he also changes Saria to Sarah (mother of all nations).

Gen. 22:1 *Now it came about after these things, that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."*

Here AM I = he is actually using the name of God to describe himself.

Genesis 22:7 -8

7 *Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." And he said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"*

8 *Abraham said, "God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.*

Here for the first time, Isaac calls Abrahams MY FATHER and Abrahams calls him MY SON.

11 *But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."*

Again here he is responding, "Here I am" = he is living in constant expectation of hearing God. If he lived in the revelation of three days ago, he would have killed his son.

Session 13

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Before the Final Unveiling

The bad news is that it may take another thousand years to complete our mandate; the good news is that it does not have to. Each speaker is saying the same thing from different vantage points. Similarly in the Book of Revelation, chapters are not following sequentially. John is taking snap shots of different points of view.

Look out for road signs along our journey, like ... The inter-penetration of God and man;
The alignment of the Alpha and Omega;
The second travail.

We may be labeled and criticized as exclusive. Teachings like the 'remnant' have made us misunderstood. In the context of the corporate, where men can be accountable to one another – words of this nature will keep coming, but it will have balance and relevance. We must retain a teachable spirit.

Jesus is waiting.

The whole aspect of being prophetic has changed since Jesus was born when the Word became flesh. The entire predictive element within prophecy will change, if not fall away, especially concerning the second coming of Jesus.

Rev. 1:1 *The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John*
2 *who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.*

Note the word, "bond-servant". The book of revelation will only make sense to the remnant. A bond servant voluntarily submits himself to his Master. This book is primarily a revelation of Jesus Christ. Note the 'testimony of Jesus Christ'.

Rev 1:9-15

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
 14 *His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire.*
 15 *His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the*
sound of many waters.

This is a reference to the corporate man. Revelation is not primarily a book of prophecy but a book of revelation about the person. John is the only author that directly seeks to define the antichrist. Also in his gospel he is the one who conveys that Christ has come in the flesh. And in 1 John 2 – he says the spirit of anti-Christ opposes the fact that Christ has come in the flesh.

After the affirmation that Jesus was the son of God, He is immediately challenged by the enemy as to his sonship – his identity.

If Satan cannot oppose something, he will over-publicize it.

Rev. 19:7-10

7 *“Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has*
made herself ready.”
 8 *It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the*
saints.
 9 *Then he said to me, “Write, ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’ ” And he*
said to me, “These are true words of God.”
 10 *Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and*
your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of
prophecy.

The foxes have holes, the birds have nests, but the Son of God has nowhere to lay his head. Jesus, the head, is going to rest on that which is like Him.

The Old Testament prophets never spoke about a second coming (although there is) – they only spoke of one Messianic age. If a sign points the way, do not park off at the sign. There will be signs before His second coming. The greatest sign is His appearing in us.

John 12:20-26

20 *Now there were some Greeks among those who were going up to worship at the feast;*
 21 *these then came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and began to ask him, saying, “Sir, we wish to*
see Jesus.”
 22 *Philip *came and *told Andrew; Andrew and Philip *came and *told Jesus.*
 23 *And Jesus *answered them, saying, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.*
 24 *“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies,*
it bears much fruit.
 25 *“He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal.*
 26 *“If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and wherever I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves*
Me, the Father will honor him.

When the seed dies and it sprouts, it produces itself many times over. He is reproduced in us. The corporate man will be like HIM. It will be Jesus in the man.

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

Where is the Holy Spirit in the verse above. Holy Spirit is mentioned in John 14,15 and 16. The Holy Spirit has been relegated to limited function in the Charismatic season.

Rev. 22:17 *“The Spirit and the bride say come”*

John 16 – “The Spirit will take of mine and declare or disclose things to you” = this is the primary function of the Spirit. His function is to unite us and bring us to the bride.

Parable in Matthew 25 of the ten virgins on their way to a wedding feast . They were attending a wedding. The number 12 features a lot in the book of Revelation. The missing two is the bride who is already inside the wedding chamber.

There is a government of priests being put together by God after the order of Melchisedek.

Hebrews 7:3; 5 ; 16

3 *Without father, without mother, awithout genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, he remains a priest perpetually.*

5 *And this is clearer still, if another priest arises according to the likeness of Melchizedek,*
16 *who has become such not on the basis of a law of physical requirement, but according to the power of an indestructible life.*

We will know what it is to be released from sin. We have been born again of imperishable seed (not perishable).

John 1: 1,11-14

1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

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.*

Note verse 13 – it is linked to the Melchisedek priesthood. Many still battle with sin-consciousness. Do not speak to cater for where your people are. Simply speak by revelation and declare the truth.

Book of Revelation is a revelation of Jesus, the Alpha and the Omega. We have disconnected the ‘Alpha and Omega’. It is in the hands of true believers to shepherd history.

Diagram: For the most part of 2000 years, the focus has been on redemption. At salvation, when you receive Christ you are still a teknon (children). We have to quickly lead people into full mature sonship. The Son in the sons (Heb 1:13)

Paul's second travail for Christians:

Gal 4:19 *My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you*

Isaiah 66:7 *"Before she travailed, she brought forth; Before her pain came, she gave birth to a boy.*

Hebrews 2:9-11

- 9 *But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.*
- 10 *For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings.*
- 11 *For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one Father; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren.*

Romans 8: There is travail in creation and nature. The final conclusion of rest is with us.

Revelation 12:1-3

- 1 *A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars;*
- 2 *and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth.*
- 3 *Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems.*
- 4 *And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth the might devour her child.*
- 5 *And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.*

Satan's only access to the believer is the access you give him. The child here is Christ – but a reference to us as the patterned son. Learn to travail in prayer – become prayer. THE challenge now is to bring the positional reality into a practical reality.

PIERRE'S POEM : ASOM MARCH 2010

This school was number seven and ten
 And the family was to gather again
 A whole year has passed since the previous one
 This long break has certainly been no fun

From many a nation the people did come
 As far as Alaska with a T-shirt from Guam
 They rocked up in numbers from all over the world
 With skins black to white and hair straight to curled

In the city of choice the first thing we noticed
 Was a household committed, upgraded and focused
 And if you were told this, you still won't believe it
 The beast has now entered and lies on the pulpit

The tone of the school was set on the Sunday
 When Shaun had the plane take off from the runway
 He said, in the Spirit, there's the sound of a moaning
 We have to create a corporate groaning

God had a strong word for the local house
 There's just no more time to play cat and mouse
 They have to become a firstfruit company
 'Cause locked up in them is others's destiny

Then Monday arrived and we gathered together
 With little of aircons and very hot weather
 But no matter how much the temperature rises
 This school would be one of divine surprises

Thamo kicked off with a short explanation
 Of what he received as the school's foundation
 The original mandate was strongly demanding
 To open scriptures, eyes and understanding

Then he moved on to servanthood
 An order in God designed for our good
 We struggle to handle the thought of a slave
 Because of how history has made us behave

The attitude that is needed here
 Is having your Master's mark in your ear
 And even though men may think themselves smart
 We heard that our God is a servant at heart

There is a standard that we still have to meet
 We have to come back to the washing of feet
 It must be brought forth in the saints afresh
 But not as a thing that is done in the flesh

Thamo then showed us a wonderful beacon
 Whatever your ranking, you're only a deacon
 No matter what God to your service entrusts
 You're only one labouring in the dust

We have to provide a womb in the earth
 To God's purpose and intents we have to give birth
 To hear these words we will have to be fervent
 "Well done, you good and faithful servant"

While everyone's trying to make a name
 Man was not built to handle fame
 We're only to steward God's earthly goods
 If not we may end up like Tiger Woods

Our lives here on earth may have many facets
 Amongst which is managing kingdom assets
 There is only One who can carry the crown
 If you want to go up you have to go down

The creature should never seek exaltation
 But only exact representation
 A phantom, a form, an illusion, a shell
 To act as an agent and to do it well

You never were meant to seek your own vision
 But to deputize with military precision
 And while we have not come forth from a monkey
 We now have been told we are only a donkey

So what if the donkey thought he was the one
 Not seeing he only had to carry the Son
 Priding himself in the robes and the branches
 And failing to see how the kingdom advances

Sam spoke of a single generational wonder

Who only sees NOW and cannot look yonder
There's nothing beyond his own span of life
It's the spirit of the orphan running rife

While the viceroy is always sustained by the throne
The orphan endeavours to do it alone
He cannot accept God's goodness, but rather
With works he replaces the love of the Father

He seeks to supply, because of rejection
His own provision and protection
Descending from honour to mere survival
He now sees his brother as a rival

He can't think beyond his own generation
'Cause the first on his mind is the separation
Between him and his father - now enmity
For the son has lost his identity

For some soup he has sold his inheritance
And now he is ruled by circumstance
A lack of restraint is the manifestation
Of a life that has lost its impartation

The fall has brought man to a life of defiance
And taught him the culture of self-reliance
A father now has to teach him restraint
For his soul must be transformed into a saint

Then we were blessed by a real visitation
And saw God still has a plan with this nation
We witnessed His grace, His power and might
When He suddenly came to His temple that night

The apostles were called to administer grace
A kairos from heaven for the human race
Africa's history was put in reverse
When the men of God broke the Malachi curse

Sagie went to the Mother City for rest
He thought he would find it on the mother's breast
But this rest of the soul is hard to find
'Cause we have to break free from the carnal mind

Complimentary drinks in the reception
This is the snare of the devil's deception
God's house has got multiple levels and floors
But many won't go past the lobby doors

Like an octopus with its tentacles
Making us look through his spectacles
Coming through logic with scheming and lies
Trying to cover our spiritual eyes

So man begins to hide and sweat
Therefore two cloths on the pulpit and yet
The quest for the rest of the soul is so massive
That you never will grow by staying passive

The world wants to make your soul very big
That's why you should never fight with a pig
And simply receive the meat from the raven
Without any questions on how it's behavior'

Because there are two destinations for seed
The flesh and the spirit – you better take heed
God is not mocked, man will reap what he sows
So don't be surprised at your harvest that grows

When "kitchen warfare" severely does rage
The "cake fight" will meet you on the stage
These days, to the young, you only can sing
Of the nine million bicycles in Beijing

We went on to learn of so many seeds
To sow takes your mind away from your needs
And something so basic it's actually funny
The seed to reap money is simply: money

Sagie then gave us a simple tool
To know why you'll never find a wise fool
This one should surely open your eyes
You never will own what you despise

He also talked about Pentecost
And principles that have been lost
It speaks to us about liberty
And how we became God's property

Isn't it just a shame and a pity
That we have neglected the church in the city
We've walked in the error of Jeroboam
We need our eyes washed in the pool of Siloam

The king had the spirit of localization
And so made it easy for the nation
From two golden calves that pleased their wills
To making high places on all the hills

With everything quiet and all going well
No trouble in sight and no warning bell
Twenty-two years and no-one objected
Just a young prophet but he was rejected

The thing that gave rise to all of the chaos
Was seeing the local church as the neos
A temple in Israel is not our worry
But to relocate the work from the quarry

We heard about the Babylon invasion
And Micah's household localization
The only builders whom God has preferred
Are those whose spirits have been stirred

The basis for gathering must not be an event
But apostolic grace that is resident
And if you don't do it based on this gift
Only you and the virus will soon be left

Shaun talked about a great generation
The ultimate one in this grace dispensation
Not aided by all the technological fixtures
The prophet's method is painting pictures

This generation will never diminish
Because it is driven by the finish
Their hearts with God's heart does resonate
What He loves, they love, and what He hates, they hate

Our eyes have been blocked from a frequency
That the Bible has called immortality
The battle is aimed at taking your mind
And Babylon names you after its kind

The issue's about God's relocation
He won't settle for less than habitation
To administrate our role in this epoch
We have to examine our brother Enoch

So just as the waving of the sheaf
There's a remnant that carries this belief
That they are the ones who'll be raised from the dead
The body on earth of Christ who's the head

This season's not meant for tea and crumpets
It's time to respond to the two silver trumpets
These are apostolic and prophetic voices
Which really don't leave us with any choices

Shaun also spoke on the ancient paths
And the legacy left by the patriarchs
So if it's anointing that you are chasing
Don't make the mistake to look at the casing

Thamo then told us about God's rest
Showing that this was His final and best
For the children of God, this day does remain
We must not be trapped by the spirit of Cain

Don't be deceived by the morning light
A new day begins at the hour of midnight
The eunuch spirit is what we should carry
To serve his master is more than to marry

A eunuch has given up all his desires
Without own ambitions he no more perspires
Having abandoned the right to live
He can't be an owner, but only give

The Sabbath rest was the last thing created
That's why the Scriptures have clearly stated
All things can function on His behalf
So forget the RIP epitaph

You do not need any special grace
Just put the principles in place
This is the way that your faith is shown
While God is at rest upon His throne

So we learned from Hebrews chapter four
Beyond your horizon there's always more
Your boundary's set by your own perception
Of kairos, determined by your elevation

If you want to discern the day of the Lord
You have to be able to hear His word
From the sent one He chose to pierce your heart
A begetting moment is where it should start

The ark was a copy of heavenly things
A picture of rest that Noah brings
It had to be a perfect man
To enter the boat ere the flood began

If this message your theology is smashing
Remember Siloam is continual washing
You have to seek grain with tenacity
And with hunger create capacity

Kobus then told us of two little boys
The pessimist breaking all the new toys
The optimist, though buried in poo
Would probably find the pony too

So before we heard of old Noah sailing
He spoke about the final unveiling
And if you should wonder what on earth is a Jeek
It's a crossing between a Jew and a Greek

Sam also spoke on resurrection
And how a seed contains perfection
So if you should ask what a man is worth
It's a spirit from God in a casing of earth

When God put His Spirit inside of you
Just what do you think He was trying to do
He wanted a way to reconnect
But only if man would not object

We heard of a 2D and 3D man
And even the ghost of the 4D clan
Man's view of his Father was disturbed by the fall
Even "mooi man" and "eish" cannot help him at all

Then it was time for the baker called Howie
Our own apostolic David Bowie
According to Thamo's wise discretion
He gave to the small ass the smallest session

He spoke about the damage done
By an absent father to the life of a son
He took the story from the Shunemite
And admonished fathers to set things right

If fathers had been absent in their sons' lives
And the day of their harvest finally arrives
With a shock you'll discover they are sick in the head
Because of the way you neglected to lead

While true sons will gladly obey your orders
 There will be some who have built their borders
 They need to be taught accountability
 By a father who takes up his responsibility

The father needs to torment such a son
 This simply means that some process is done
 In the day of their harvest you want them to reign
 It's no false dominion of breaking the chains

So teach your sons to engage your walk
 This DIY thing is not just talk
 When Jesus was born a voice was released
 Then for twenty nine years all prophecies ceased
 God rested and did not want to be harassed
 At the Jordan he said well-pleased, not embarrassed

God passed the date with thirty years
 While Israel suffered and cried many tears
 So before they left Egypt with a shout
 They had to mature enough to come out

Sam taught on the order of the father's house
 And what we should see as Israel's use
 Without any heir the will is worthless
 For the plan is always a slave to the purpose

Although this was holy cow slaughtering time
 And frictionation for embiggering the aim
 There has to be a better way
 To what we know as church today

For many of us this still is our home
 No matter how far we sometimes might roam
 We know things have often been in the balance
 But thank you for overcoming each challenge

We know you've had sunshine, we know you've had rain
 We share in your joy and we carry your pain
 We laugh in your laughter, we cry in your sorrow
 For connected to this house is our tomorrow

You may be a church called River of Life
 But somehow you're also a stunning midwife
 Helping to bring us into God's season
 So know that you're here for a purpose and reason

And pass on to them your revelation
 By the ministry of frictionation

Alexander spoke on twenty ten
 And what God wants to happen then
 If we fail to keep our mandate in sight
 Well never get this building right

The reason for the meandering
 Is that leaders don't see anything
 When Esther stood in her royal place
 There was a supernatural release of grace

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1 Lit *them*

a Gen 1:14–18; Deut 4:19; Ps 19:1–6; 136:7–9

1 Lit *statutes*

b Is 51:15

c Jer 10:16; 32:18; 50:34

a Ps 89:36, 37; 148:6; Is 54:9, 10; Jer 33:20–26

1 Lit *these statutes*

b Amos 9:8, 9

2 Lit *all the days*

b Ezek 45:19

c Is 62:2

d Is 48:19; 55:13

a Ex 20:8–11; 31:17

b Heb 4:4, 10

1 Lit *to make*

a 2 Cor 6:1; Gal 5:4; Heb 12:15

a Rom 10:17; Gal 3:2; 1 Thess 2:13

1 Lit *of hearing*

2 Two early mss read *they were...faith with those who heard*

a Ps 95:11; Heb 3:11

b Matt 25:34

a Heb 2:6

c Ex 20:11; 31:17

a Ps 95:11; Heb 3:11

a Heb 3:18; 4:11

1 In *in*

a Heb 3:7f

b Ps 95:7f

a Josh 22:4

1 Gr *Jesus*

a Rev 14:13

b Gen 2:2; Heb 4:4

a 2 Pet 2:6

b Heb 3:18; 4:6

a Jer 23:29; Eph 5:26; Heb 6:5; 1 Pet 1:23

b Acts 7:38
 c 1 Thess 2:13
 d Eph 6:17
 e 1 Thess 5:23
 f John 12:48; 1 Cor 14:24f
 a 2 Chr 16:9; Ps 33:13–15
 b Job 26:6
 a Heb 2:17
 b Eph 4:10; Heb 6:20; 8:1; 9:24

d Heb 3:1
 a Heb 2:17
 b Heb 2:18
 c 2 Cor 5:21; Heb 7:26
 a Heb 7:19
 b Heb 3:6
 a Heb 10:24f
 b Eph 4:22
 1 Or *the Council of the Areopagus*
 a Acts 17:15
 b Acts 25:19
 a 2 Thess 2:4
 b John 4:22
 a Is 42:5; Acts 14:15
 b Deut 10:14; Ps 115:16; Matt 11:25
 c 1 Kin 8:27; Acts 7:48
 a Job 22:2; Ps 50:10–12
 a Mal 2:10
 b Deut 32:8; Job 12:23
 a Deut 4:7; Jer 23:23f; Acts 14:17
 a Job 12:10; Dan 5:23
 1 Lit *are*
 a Is 40:18ff; Rom 1:23
 a Acts 14:16; Rom 3:25
 b Acts 17:23
 c Luke 24:47; Acts 26:20; Titus 2:11f
 a Matt 10:15
 b Ps 9:8; 96:13; 98:9; John 5:22, 27; Acts 10:42
 1 Lit *the inhabited earth*
 2 Lit *by or in*
 d Luke 22:22
 3 Or *when He raised*
 e Acts 2:24
 b Deut 32:8; Job 12:23
 a Matt 19:4; Mark 10:6
 b Gen 1:28
 1 Lit *Adam*
 1 Lit *begot*, and so throughout the ch
 1 Lit *comfort us in*
 a Gen 3:17–19; 4:11
 a Gen 7:6
 1 Lit *overflowing*
 b Is 54:10; 63:7

c Is 49:10, 13
 d Is 54:5
 1 Some mss read *the waters of Noah this is to me*
 a Gen 9:11
 2 Lit *cross over*
 b Is 12:1; Ezek 39:29
 a Ps 102:26; Is 51:6
 b 2 Sam 23:5; Ps 89:34; Is 55:3; 59:21; 61:8
 c Is 54:8
 a Is 51:21
 b Is 51:18, 19
 c Is 14:32; 28:16; 44:28
 1 Or *lapis lazuli*
 d Job 28:16; Rev 21:19
 1 I.e. bright red
 2 Or *carbuncles*
 3 Lit *border, boundary*
 a John 6:45
 1 Or *disciples*
 b Is 48:18; 66:12
 a Is 1:26, 27; 9:7; 62:1
 b Is 9:4; 14:4
 c Is 54:4
 d Is 33:18
 a Is 41:11–16
 a Is 17:12–14; 29:8
 b Is 50:8, 9
 1 Lit *rises against*
 c Is 45:24; 46:13
 a Mark 13:32; Acts 1:7
 1 Lit *just as...were the days*
 a Matt 16:27; 24:3, 30, 39
 b Gen 6:5; 7:6–23; Luke 17:26f
 a Matt 22:30
 b Gen 7:7
 1 Lit *know*
 a Matt 16:27; 24:3, 30, 37
 1 Lit *is*
 a Luke 17:35
 1 I.e. handmill
 b Ex 11:5; Deut 24:6; Is 47:2
 2 Lit *is*
 a Matt 24:43, 44; 25:10, 13; Luke 12:39f; 21:36
 1 Lit *know this*
 a Matt 24:42, 44; 25:10, 13; Luke 12:39f; 21:36
 b Matt 14:25; Mark 6:48; 13:35; Luke 12:38
 2 Lit *dug through*
 a Matt 24:42, 43; 25:10, 13; Luke 12:39f; 21:36
 b Matt 24:27
 b Matt 25:21, 23; Luke 16:10
 c Matt 7:24; 10:16; 25:2ff
 1 Or *lord*
 d Matt 25:21, 23

1 Or *lord*
 a Matt 25:21, 23
 1 Or *lord*
 2 Lit *lingers*
 1 Or *lord*
 1 Or *severely scourge him*
 2 Lit *appoint his portion*
 a Matt 8:12

a Acts 3:2, 10
 a Matt 11:25–27; *Luke 10:21, 22*
 1 Or *occasion*
 b Luke 22:42; 23:34; John 11:41; 12:27, 28
 c Ps 8:2; 1 Cor 1:26ff
 a Matt 8:20; 12:32, 40
 a Matt 12:9–14; *Mark 3:1–6; Luke 6:6–11*
 1 Lit *Him*
 a Matt 12:2; Luke 13:14; 14:3; John 5:10; 7:23; 9:16
 a Luke 14:5
 1 Lit *will be from you*
 2 Lit *will have*
 c Luke 1:46f; Heb 4:12
 e 1 Thess 2:19
 a Is 14:14; Ezek 28:2, 12–17
 a Job 21:6
 b Ps 42:5, 6, 11; 43:5; 44:25
 1 Some ancient versions read *You are fearfully wonderful*
 a Ps 40:5
 a Ps 42:5; 43:5
 1 Or *sunk down*
 2 Or *Wait for*
 3 Or *saving acts of*
 1 Lit *of your soul's desire*
 a Ps 42:1, 2; 63:1
 b Ps 42:2
 a Ps 42:5, 11
 1 Or *sunk down*
 2 Or *Wait for*
 4 Or *saving acts of*
 a Matt 11:29; Rom 15:3
 1 Or *among*
 b Phil 1:1
 a Ps 139:1f; Luke 16:15; Acts 1:24; Rev 2:23
 b Rom 8:6
 c Rom 8:34
 a 1 Pet 2:21
 1 I.e. *suffered death*
 b Eph 6:13
 a Rom 6:2; Col 3:3
 b 1 Pet 1:14
 c Mark 3:35
 a Luke 2:34; John 9:39; 1 Pet 2:7f

b 2 Cor 3:5f
 a John 11:33
 b Matt 26:21f; Mark 14:18ff; Luke 22:21ff; John 13:18, 22, 26
 1 Or *hand Me over*
 a Ps 35:9; Hab 3:18
 b 1 Tim 1:1; 2:3; Titus 1:3; 2:10; 3:4; Jude 25
 a Matt 6:24; Rom 6:16
 a Rom 8:6
 1 Or *are going to*
 b Col 3:5
 a Rom 8:13
 1 Lit *put to death the members which are upon the earth*
 b Col 2:11
 2 Lit *fornication*
 3 Lit *is*
 1 I.e. by what he is in the flesh
 a Jer 31:25; John 7:37
 1 Or *who work to exhaustion*
 a John 13:15; Eph 4:20; Phil 2:5; 1 Pet 2:21; 1 John 2:6
 b Jer 6:16
 a 1 John 5:3
 1 Or *comfortable, or pleasant*
 b 1 Cor 15:42
 c Rom 8:11; James 3:18
 a Rom 5:8; Eph 2:4; 2 Thess 2:16; 1 John 4:10; Rev 1:5
 b Rom 8:32; 1 John 4:9
 1 Or *unique, only one of His kind*
 c John 1:18; 3:18; 1 John 4:9
 d John 3:36; 6:40; 11:25f
 a Rom 6:16, 19; 7:5; Col 3:5
 1 Lit *your members to sin*
 2 Or *weapons*
 a Rom 3:5
 b Rom 6:13
 1 Lit *to lawlessness*
 2 Lit *to sanctification*
 a 1 Cor 1:10; 2 Cor 10:1–4; Eph 4:1; 1 Pet 2:11
 b Rom 6:13, 16, 19; 1 Cor 6:20; Heb 13:15; 1 Pet 2:5
 1 Or *well-pleasing*
 2 Or *rational*
 a Acts 20:28; 1 Cor 7:23; 1 Pet 1:18f; 2 Pet 2:1; Rev 5:9
 b Rom 12:1; Phil 1:20
 a Luke 11:40
 b John 12:24
 1 Lit *some of the rest*
 a Is 32:15; Joel 2:28; John 7:39
 a John 10:38; 17:11, 23
 1 Gr tense indicates *continually believe*
 c John 3:17; 17:3, 8, 18, 23, 25
 a 1 Chr 16:42
 b 1 Chr 16:34; 2 Chr 7:3; Ezra 3:11; Ps 100:5; Jer 33:11
 a Heb 2:6
 b Gen 2:2

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- c Ex 20:11; 31:17
 a Ps 95:11; Heb 3:11
 a Heb 3:18; 4:11
 a Prov 24:30–34
 a Prov 11:24f; 22:9; Gal 6:7, 9
 1 Lit *with blessings*
 a Deut 15:10; 1 Chr 29:17; Rom 12:8; 2 Cor 8:12
 b Ex 25:2
 a Eph 3:20
- b Matt 11:27; 28:18; Eph 1:22; Heb 2:8
 1 Lit *our earthly house of the tent*
 a Job 4:19; 1 Cor 15:47; 2 Cor 4:7
 c Mark 14:58; Acts 7:48; Heb 9:11, 24
 a Col 1:23, 25
 b 1 Cor 3:5
 c Acts 9:15; Rom 12:3; Eph 3:2
 d Eph 1:19; 3:20
 1 Or *holy ones*
 b Acts 9:15; Eph 3:1f
 c Rom 2:4; Eph 1:7; 3:16
 1 Two earlyl mss read *make all know*
 a Rom 11:25; 16:25; Eph 3:3, 4; 6:19; Col 1:26f; 4:3
 b Col 3:3
 c Rev 4:11
 a Rom 11:33; 1 Cor 2:7
 b Eph 1:23; 1 Pet 1:12
 c Eph 1:21; 6:12; Col 2:10, 15
 d Eph 1:3
 a Eph 1:11
 1 Lit *purpose of the ages*
 2 Or *formed*
 b Gal 5:24; Eph 3:1
 1 Lit *access in confidence*
 a 2 Cor 3:4; Heb 4:16; 10:19, 35; 1 John 2:28; 3:21
 b Eph 2:18
 2 Lit *of Him*
 1 Or *that I may not lose*
 a 2 Cor 4:1
 b Eph 3:1
 2 Lit *which are*
 1 Lit *matter*
 a Matt 18:17
 2 Or *holy ones*
 a Rom 6:16
 b Dan 7:18, 22, 27; Matt 19:28
 1 V 1, note 2
 c 1 Cor 1:20
 2 Or try *the trivial cases?*
 a Rom 6:16
 1 Lit *the inhabited earth*
 a Matt 24:14; Heb 6:5
 a Heb 4:4

b Ps 8:4
 a Ps 8:5, 6
 1 Or ...*him a little lower than...*
 2 Two early mss do not contain *And...hands*
 b 1 Cor 15:25
 a Heb 2:7
 1 Or *a little lower*
 c Phil 2:9; Heb 1:9
 d John 3:16
 e Matt 16:28; John 8:52
 f Heb 7:25
 a Luke 24:26
 b Rom 11:36
 c Heb 5:9; 7:28
 1 Or *leader*
 d Acts 3:15; 5:31
 a Heb 9:23
 b Col 2:17; Heb 10:1
 1 Lit *has been*
 c Matt 2:12; Heb 11:7; 12:25
 2 Or *sacred tent*
 d Ex 25:40
 b Eph 1:20; 2:6; 3:10; 6:12
 b Matt 25:34
 c Eph 5:27; Col 1:22
 1 Or *Him, in love*
 1 Lit *having predestined*
 a Acts 13:48; Rom 8:29f
 b Rom 8:14ff
 c Phil 2:13; Col 1:19
 2 Lit *good pleasure*
 a Eph 1:12, 14
 b Matt 3:17
 a Col 1:14
 1 Lit *whom*
 b Rom 3:24; 1 Cor 1:30; Eph 1:14
 c Acts 20:28; Rom 3:25
 d Acts 2:38
 e Rom 2:4; Eph 1:18; 2:7; 3:8, 16
 1 Lit *made abundant toward*
 2 Or *us, in all wisdom and insight*
 1 Lit *making known*
 a Rom 11:25; Eph 3:3
 b 1 Cor 1:21; Gal 1:15
 2 Lit *good pleasure*
 c Rom 8:28; Eph 1:11
 1 Lit *of*
 a Mark 1:15
 2 Lit *upon*
 a Gen 15:5; 26:4; Jer 33:22; Heb 11:12
 1 Or *descendants*
 b Gen 32:12
 c Gen 24:60

2 Lit *his*

a Phil 2:10

1 Lit *its tribes*

1 Lit *being subject*

a Gal 5:13; Phil 2:3; 1 Pet 5:5

2 Or *reverence*

b 2 Cor 5:11

a Is 2:2–4; Dan 2:28; 10:14; Hos 3:5

1 Lit *on*

c Ps 22:27; 86:9; Jer 3:17

a Zech 2:11; 14:16

b Is 2:3; Jer 31:6

c Ps 25:8, 9, 12; Is 54:13

d Is 42:1–4; Zech 14:8, 9

a Is 2:4; 11:3–5

1 Lit *at a distance*

b Joel 3:10

2 Lit *learn*

1 Lit *knees*

a 2 Kin 4:32

b 2 Kin 4:7

c Rom 5:14, 19, 21; 1 Cor 15:22

1 Or *until law*

a Rom 4:15

a Hos 6:7

1 Or *foreshadowing*

b 1 Cor 15:45

a Mark 8:38; Rom 1:16; 2 Tim 1:12, 16

b 1 Cor 1:6

c Eph 3:1; 2 Tim 1:16

d 2 Tim 2:3, 9; 4:5

e 2 Tim 1:10; 2:8

a Rom 11:14

b Rom 8:28ff

c Rom 11:29

d Eph 2:9

e 2 Tim 1:1

f Rom 16:25; Eph 1:4; Titus 1:2

a Rom 16:26

b 2 Thess 2:8; 2 Tim 4:1, 8; Titus 2:11

c 2 Tim 1:1

d 1 Cor 15:26; Heb 2:14f

a 1 Tim 2:7

a Is 1:10; 28:22

b Is 29:20

a Is 28:18

1 I.e. the nether world

2 So some ancient versions; Heb *seer*

b Is 8:8; 28:2; 30:28; Dan 11:22

3 Or *flood*

c Is 9:15; 30:9; 44:20; 59:3, 4; Ezek 13:22

d Is 29:15

1 Heb *YHWH*, usually rendered *LORD*

a Rom 9:33; 10:11; 1 Pet 2:6

b Ps 118:22; Is 8:14, 15; Matt 21:42; Mark 12:10; Luke 20:17; Acts 4:11; Eph 2:20

2 Lit *well-laid*

3 Lit *in a hurry*

a 2 Kin 21:13; Is 5:16; 30:18; 61:8; Amos 7:7–9

b Is 28:2

a Is 28:15

1 Lit *covered over*

c Is 28:3; Dan 8:13

a Gen 12:1–4; Acts 7:2–4

1 Lit *to go out*

b Gen 12:7

a Acts 7:5

b Gen 12:8; 13:3, 18; 18:1, 9

c Heb 6:17

a Heb 12:22; 13:14

b Rev 21:14ff

c Heb 11:16

a Rev 14:1

b Eph 2:19; Phil 3:20; Heb 11:10; Rev 21:2

c Heb 3:12

d Gal 4:26; Heb 11:16

e Rev 5:11

1 Or *angels in festive gathering, and to the church*

a Ex 4:22; Heb 2:12

b Luke 10:20

c Gen 18:25; Ps 50:6; 94:2

d Heb 11:40; Rev 6:9, 11

a 1 Tim 2:5; Heb 8:6; 9:15

b Heb 9:19; 10:22; 1 Pet 1:2

c Gen 4:10; Heb 11:4

a Matt 19:11; 20:23; John 6:65; 1 Cor 2:10; Col 1:27; 1 John 2:20, 27

a Is 51:4

1 Or *law, teaching*

a Ps 49:4; Matt 13:35

b Prov 1:6

a Ps 44:1

a Ex 12:26; Deut 6:7; 11:19; Job 15:18; Ps 145:4; Is 38:19; Joel 1:3

b Ex 13:8, 14; Ps 22:30

c Job 37:16; Ps 26:7; 71:17

b Matt 13:46

1 Or *sit enthroned*

a Ps 9:7; 10:16; Lam 5:19

2 Lit *memorial*

b Ex 3:15; Ps 135:13

a Ps 12:5; 44:26

b Is 60:10; Zech 1:12

c Ps 119:126

d Ps 75:2; Dan 8:19

1 Or *have found*

1 Or *And*

2 Or *Gentiles, heathen*

a 1 Kin 8:43; Ps 67:7

b Ps 138:4

a Ps 147:2

b Is 60:1, 2

a Neh 1:6; Ps 22:24

1 Or *naked*

a Deut 31:19; Rom 15:4; 1 Cor 10:11

b Ps 22:30; 48:13

2 Or *And*

c Ps 22:31; 78:6f

3 Or *will*

4 Heb *YAH*

a Deut 26:15; Ps 14:2; 53:2

b Ps 33:13

1 Lit *toward*

a Ps 79:11

b Ps 146:7

1 Lit *the sons of death*

a Ps 22:22

a Ps 22:27; 86:9; Is 49:22, 23; 60:3; Zech 8:20–23

a Is 1:10; 28:22

b Is 29:20

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1 I.e. the nether world

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a Lev 23:27

a Jer 34:8, 15, 17

1 Or *liberty*

2 Or *when*

b Lev 25:13, 28, 54

a Num 28:26–31; Deut 16:9–12

a Num 28:26

1 I.e. Approx one bu

a Lev 2:12; 7:13

a Lev 4:23; Num 28:30

a Lev 23:2, 4

b Lev 23:7

a 1 Kin 15:26

a 1 Sam 15:27, 28

a 1 Kin 11:11, 12

a 1 Kin 11:13; 12:21

b 1 Kin 11:13; 14:21
 a 1 Sam 7:3; 1 Kin 11:5–8
 b Num 21:29; Jer 48:7, 13
 1 Or *prince*
 a 1 Kin 11:12; 12:16, 17
 a 1 Kin 11:13
 b 1 Kin 15:4; 2 Kin 8:19; Ps 132:17
 1 Lit *your soul desires*
 a Deut 31:8; Josh 1:5
 b 2 Sam 7:11, 27
 1 Lit *seed*
 a 1 Kin 14:25; 2 Chr 12:2–9
 a Deut 12:5–7, 14
 1 Lit *took counsel*
 a 2 Kin 10:29; 17:16; Hos 8:4–7
 b Hos 10:5
 c Ex 32:4, 8
 a Hos 10:5
 b Gen 28:19
 c Judg 18:26–31
 a 1 Kin 13:34; 2 Kin 17:21
 a 1 Kin 13:32
 b 1 Kin 13:33; 2 Kin 17:32; 2 Chr 11:15; 13:9
 1 Or *extremities of*
 1 Lit *made*
 a Lev 23:33, 34; Num 29:12; 1 Kin 8:2, 5
 2 Or *offered upon*
 b Amos 7:10–13
 1 Or *offered upon*
 2 Lit *made*
 a Num 15:39
 3 Lit *from*
 b 1 Kin 13:1
 4 Or *sacrifices*
 1 Lit *and also spoke it in my ears*
 a Ex 20:4, 23; 34:17
 1 Lit *it*
 1 Lit *it*
 2 Lit *it was*
 1 Lit *house of gods*
 b Judg 8:27; 18:14
 2 Heb *teraphim*
 c Gen 31:19
 3 Lit *filled the hand of*
 d Num 3:10
 a Ezek 7:19–22
 1 Lit *head*
 a Is 30:14; Jer 19:1, 11
 a Is 13:22; 34:13
 b Is 49:15; Ezek 5:10
 c Job 39:14–17
 a Ps 22:15
 b Jer 14:3

c Lam 2:12
 a Jer 6:2; Amos 6:3–7
 1 Lit *established in crimson*
 1 Lit *pierced*
 2 Lit *flow away*
 3 Lit *my fields*
 b Deut 28:53–55
 a Deut 29:24
 b Jer 21:13
 a Ps 44:13–16
 a Is 1:7; Hos 8:7, 8
 b Zeph 1:13
 a Ex 22:24; Jer 15:8; 18:21
 1 Lit *We drink our water for silver*
 a Is 3:1
 1 Lit *We have been pursued upon*
 a Neh 9:36, 37
 1 Lit *given the hand to*
 a Hos 9:3; 12:1
 2 Lit *to be satisfied with*
 b Ps 7:2; Zech 11:6
 1 Lit *with our soul*
 a Jer 40:9–12
 a Job 30:30; Lam 4:8
 1 Or *the ravages of hunger*
 a Is 13:16; Zech 14:2
 1 Lit *The faces of elders*
 1 Lit *carry*
 a Judg 16:21
 b Jer 7:18
 1 Lit *have ceased*
 a Is 24:8; Jer 7:34
 1 Lit *have ceased*
 a Is 24:8; Jer 7:34
 a Acts 21:10
 1 Or *through*
 b Matt 24:14
 2 Lit *inhabited earth*
 3 Lit *which*
 c Acts 18:2
 a John 2:2; Acts 1:15; 6:1f; 9:19, 25, 26, 38; 11:26; 13:52; 14:20, 22, 28
 1 Lit *service*
 b Acts 11:1
 1 Lit *by the hand of*
 b Acts 4:36
 c Acts 14:23; 15:2, 4, 6, 22f; 16:4; 20:17; 21:18; 1 Tim 5:17, 19; Titus 1:5; James 5:14; 1 Pet 5:1; 2 John 1; 3 John 1
 1 I.e. Herod Agrippa I
 a Matt 4:21; 20:23
 b Mark 10:39
 a Acts 24:27; 25:9
 1 Lit *they were the days*
 b Ex 12:15; 23:15; Acts 20:6

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- 1 Lit *quaternions*; a quaternion was composed of four soldiers
 a John 19:23
 b Ex 12:1–27; Mark 14:1; Acts 12:3
 a Acts 5:19; 16:26
 a 2 Cor 13:14
 1 Lit *inward parts*
 a John 3:29
 1 Lit *that you be*
 a Gen 15:7; Acts 7:3; Heb 11:8
 1 Lit *Go for yourself*
 a Gen 17:4–6; 18:18; 46:3; Deut 26:5
 b Gen 22:17
 1 Lit *be a blessing*
 c Zech 8:13
 a Gen 24:35; 27:29; Num 24:9
 1 Or *reviles*
 2 Or *bind under a curse*
 a Gen 11:27, 31
 a Gen 13:6
 b Gen 14:14; Lev 22:11
 1 Lit *souls*
 2 Lit *went forth to go to*
 c Gen 11:31; Heb 11:8
 a Gen 35:4; Deut 11:30
 1 Or *terebinth*
 a Gen 17:1; 18:1
 b Gen 13:15; 15:18; Deut 34:4; Ps 105:9–12; Acts 7:5; Gal 3:16
 1 Lit *seed*
 c Gen 13:4, 18; 22:9
 a Josh 8:9, 12
 b Gen 4:26; 21:33
 a Gen 12:7
 b Gen 13:17; 15:7; 17:8; 2 Chr 20:7; Acts 7:5
 1 Lit *seed*
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 a Gen 16:10; 28:14; Num 23:10
 a Num 13:17–24
 b Gen 13:15
 1 Or *terebinths*
 a Gen 14:13
 b Gen 8:20; 12:7, 8
 a Gen 15:4; 46:2; 1 Sam 15:10
 b Gen 21:17; 26:24; Is 41:10
 c Deut 33:29
 d Num 18:20; Ps 58:11
 a Ex 29:38–42; John 1:29, 36; Rev 13:8
 1 Lit *see*
 a Gen 16:7–11; 21:17, 18
 a John 17:8; Rev 5:7
 b Rev 22:6
 1 Or *signified*
 d Rev 17:1; 19:9f; 21:9; 22:16
 a Rev 1:9; 6:9; 12:17; 20:4

b 1 Cor 1:6; Rev 12:17

a Rev 1:1

b Acts 1:15

c Matt 20:23; Acts 14:22; 2 Cor 1:7; Phil 4:14

d 2 Tim 2:12; Rev 1:6

1 Or *steadfastness*

e 2 Thess 3:5; Rev 3:10

f Rev 1:2

1 Or *in spirit*

a Matt 22:43; Rev 4:2; 17:3; 21:10

b Acts 20:7

c Rev 4:1

a Rev 1:2, 19

1 Or *scroll*

b Rev 1:4, 20

c Rev 2:1

d Rev 2:8

e Rev 2:12

f Acts 16:14; Rev 2:18, 24

g Rev 3:1, 4

h Rev 3:7

i Col 2:1; Rev 3:14

a Ex 25:37; 37:23; Zech 4:2; Rev 1:20; 2:1

a Rev 2:1

b Ezek 1:26; Dan 7:13; 10:16; Rev 14:14

1 Or *the Son of Man*

c Dan 10:5

d Rev 15:6

a Dan 7:9

b Dan 7:9; 10:6; Rev 2:18; 19:12

a Ezek 1:7; Dan 10:6; Rev 2:18

b Ezek 1:24; 43:2; Rev 14:2; 19:6

a Rev 17:1; 19:10

c Matt 22:2f; Luke 14:15

a John 7:35

b John 12:1

a John 1:44

b Matt 11:21

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a John 1:44

a Matt 26:45; Mark 14:35, 41; John 13:1; 17:1

b John 7:39; 12:16; 13:32

a Rom 14:9; 1 Cor 15:36

a Matt 10:39; 16:25; Mark 8:35; Luke 9:24; 17:33

1 Lit *soul*

b Luke 14:26

1 Or *is serving*

a John 14:3; 17:24; 2 Cor 5:8; Phil 1:23; 1 Thess 4:17

b 1 Sam 2:30; Ps 91:15; Luke 12:37

a Heb 7:6

b Matt 4:3; Heb 7:1, 28

1 Lit *fleshly commandment*; i.e. to be a descendant of Levi

a Heb 9:10

a Gen 1:1; Col 1:17; 1 John 1:1

b John 1:14; Rev 19:13

c John 17:5; 1 John 1:2

d Phil 2:6

1 Or *own things, possessions, domain*

a John 11:52; Gal 3:26

b John 1:7; 3:18; 1 John 3:23; 5:13

1 Or *begotten*

2 Lit *bloods*

a Rev 19:13

b Rom 1:3; Gal 4:4; Phil 2:7f; 1 Tim 3:16; Heb 2:14; 1 John 1:1f; 4:2; 2 John 7

1 Or *tabernacled*; i.e. lived temporarily

d Luke 9:32; John 2:11; 17:22, 24; 2 Pet 1:16f; 1 John 1:1

2 Or *unique, only one of His kind*

e John 1:17; Rom 5:21; 6:14

f John 8:32; 14:6; 18:37

b 1 Cor 4:15

c Eph 4:13

a Is 37:3; 54:1

b Rev 12:5

d Matt 2:16