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Intro to the Apostolic School of Ministry

Introduction:

Basic framework for the ASOM: A post resurrected framework for teaching is modelled by Jesus on the road to Emmaus in Luke 24.

Luke 24:13-53

- 13 And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem.
- 14 And they were talking with each other about all these things which had taken place.
- 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself approached and *began* travelling with them.
- 16 But their eyes were prevented from **recognizing** Him.
- 17 And He said to them, "What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?" And they stood still, looking sad.
- 18 One of *them*, named Cleopas, answered and said to Him, "Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?"
- 19 And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to Him, "The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people,
- 20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to the sentence of death, and crucified Him.
- 21 "But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened.
- 22 "But also some women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning,
- 23 and did not find His body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive.
- 24 "Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women also had said; but Him they did not see."
- 25 And He said to them, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!
- 26 "Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?"
- 27 Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, **He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.**
- 28 And they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He were going farther.
- 29 But they urged Him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is *getting* toward evening, and the day is now nearly over." So He went in to stay with them.
- 30 When He had reclined *at the table* with them, He took the bread and blessed *it*, and breaking *it*, He *began* giving *it* to them.
- 31 Then their **eyes were opened and they recognized Him**; and He vanished from their sight.
- 32 They said to one another, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?"
- 33 And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them,
- 34 saying, "The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon."
- 35 They *began* to relate their experiences on the road and how He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.
- 36 While they were telling these things, He Himself stood in their midst and *said* to them, "Peace be to you."
- 37 But they were startled and frightened and thought that they were seeing a spirit.
- 38 And He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?"
- 39 "See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."
- 40 And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.
- 41 While they still could not believe *it* because of their joy and amazement, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?"
- 42 They gave Him a piece of a broiled fish;
- 43 and He took it and ate *it* before them.
- 44 Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

45 Then **He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures**,
 46 and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day,
 47 and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from
 Jerusalem.
 48 "You are witnesses of these things.
 49 "And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are
 clothed with power from on high."
 50 And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them.
 51 While He was blessing them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven.
 52 And they, after worshiping Him, returned to Jerusalem with great joy,
 53 and were continually in the temple praising God.

Jesus did three things to manifest himself. Our central focus is on Jesus Christ. If you see Christ, you will see everything.

Post resurrection methodology of exegeting Jesus: **Lk 24: 31, 44-45**. Jesus did three things; He

1. Opened the Scriptures (v.27)
2. Opened their Eyes (v.31) :
3. Opened their Understanding (v.45)

When he was a stranger they gave him bread; when He was a spirit they gave him Fish. As a stranger He exegeted the law and the prophets; as a spirit he exegeted the law, the prophets and the Psalms. Also previously He **opened their eyes**; now He **opens their minds**.

Here has been a shift from the Pentecostal-charismatic paradigm to the apostolic. Previously we looked for empirical evidence – physical and emotional experiences to validate certain things. An example of the Pentecostal in the Old Covenant was Moses at Sinai (Exodus 20) – surrounded by powerful manifestations of God – but the ultimate was to produce the law. Many times in manifestations, we miss the VOICE of the Lord. Feast of Passover was not the ultimate – the Feast of Tabernacles could not be celebrated in the wilderness. God's presence was there with His people in the wilderness but he was displeased with them. He patiently waited for them to die – but still fed them in the process.

Jesus could have used enough physical evidence to prove who He was but He did not. He first enquires on their state of mind, and then proceeds to reveal Himself to them. Before He was a physical man, He was spirit – He was the eternal logos. He had given up his natural body and taken on a **glorified body full of the Word**.

He **first proceeds by opening the Scriptures**. You have nothing to prove if you have become nothing. When you know who you are, you do not have an identity crisis. You are a **SON OF GOD!** When you know this, you are absolutely secure. Jesus opens two dimensions of the scriptures. There was no Old Testament present. He opened the LAW and the PROPHETS. Later he opened the PSALMS – the psalms are produced through experiential reality where your spirit encounters the spirit of God. Your PSALMS are produced in your valleys, in your trials, etc.

He could only reveal the two dimensions of the word because of the state of their hearts which he describes as "foolish" men and "slow of heart". '**Foolish**' = **you do not have a spiritual IQ – no spiritual intelligence**.

16 But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him

Recognizing = epignosis = epi = from above; = used by Paul the most; Knowledge that comes from God like a light that illumines your darkened world; it comes to scan the accuracy of your life; it searches you to discern the accuracy of your life ; it then removes anything illegal so that you can stand erect in God.

Whatever God builds, He builds by His Word. This message is deep and comprehensive. Many cannot understand it because they perceived it through a previous insufficient paradigm.

Slow = “to miss the kairos of God. Kairos comes into your chronos through crisis.”

Acts 2:42: And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers.

They devoted themselves to **apostles doctrine, breaking of bread, fellowship and prayers**. This was the priority of the early church. How vastly different are things today. Many elevate singing above the Word. The most significant aspect of the ministry of the church is the doctrine that our people receive. Many are more critical on the quality of our singing, than on our preaching.

‘First Love’ is to love the Word. True love is difficult to define. Many define love from the vantage point of the diseased soul – as an emotional response. Man **IS** spirit, soul and body. (not just spirit, he possesses a soul and lives in a body). When God created man, he was created to engage two realms – the eternal (spiritual) and the natural realm. To engage the heavens – man does this with his spirit. God wanted man to function as **HIS son to be able to engage the eternal and the temporal**. God was invisible and no-one could see HIM. The spirit must resource the soul so that the soul could resource the body. With the spirit man is able to access the resources of the heavens – and he affects his soul with this – and then informs his body to accurately reflect the glory of God – he becomes praise and chooses to praise.

Became = ginomai = refers to the process of time that makes a decision. Seth through the process of time adopted the character of his father Adam. After 130 years Adam begat him – it took time. Adam made a choice – to live by the spirit or to be independent of the spirit. He chose to live by his soul, and his body operated in ‘flesh’. He did not have ‘zoe’ life. So death entered. So then he was governed by lust.

So we have defined love by the fallen soul. God never came to Adam in a physical form. He always came in the cool of the garden through the sound of a voice. He came to clothe Adam with the glory of HIMSELF. He was made in the image and likeness of God, but he did not know everything about God. The sons must be reflective of their fathers.

1 Jn 1:1 What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life.

Firstly, Jesus brings a VOICE into the minds of these individuals. You never see the Word, until you hear it. Faith comes by hearing, not reading. The lampstand is a metaphor for apostle’s doctrine – and also the tree of life – a tree of wisdom. You have to hear the lamp stand. Apostolic doctrine is not the presentation of homilies. Isaiah’s lips had to be cleansed. This season is restoring us back to the WORD. Entertainers will be

snuffed out by us because we have the smell of HIS word within us. Heb 9 – speaks of the four pieces of furniture – showbread = prosthesis = something inserted to enhance mobility = to show something that comes from the eternal installed in you so that you can operate supernaturally.

The Primacy of the Word

Continued from previous session:

The ultimate objective of our humanity is to reveal that which was in the heart of God before time began – to reveal in a creative order called **'sonship'**. The purpose of scripture is to reveal from out of the scriptures, the CHRIST (not a Jew called Jesus Christ). The ultimate objective of the 'kerux' – the preacher – is to bring forth the image and likeness of God back to the earth. 'Christ in you' is the hope of glory – to produce anything else is a work of the flesh. Many can share information which is impressive and enthralling – but **true revelation must pierce your heart**. Anything else is a counterfeit. Jesus used the Word to do just this. He brought the rhema from out of the logos.

First LOVE = Love for the Word

The church at Ephesus had lost their first love. First love is not an emotion. Agape love is indescribable. True love from God does not give you what you need – but He gives to you Himself in love. There were seven churches in the province of Asia- each with different mission statements. God measured each church by the assignment He gave them. Ephesus is listed first in the order of things – the 'first thing is not pre-eminent but it plays a role that the others do not play. Judah was the first born although he was fourth born to Leah. Judah is a governmental apostolic anointing. Ephesus is placed first. Ephesus was a gateway city. You landed here to enter the rest of the province. Here the governor lived – it is the seat of governance and economy.

Rev. 1:9-13

- 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.
- 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.
- 16 In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.
- 17 When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last,
- 18 and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.
- 19 "Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things.
- 20 "As for the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

John was in the spirit – he was the same whether he lived in the valley or the mountain. Note that John 'HEARD' – the primacy of hearing the Word of God. Obedience is to listen to a word and that word

becomes your covering. If you cannot hear, you cannot obey. You have to make your word your hiding place. You cannot receive the word without receiving the one who brings the word to you. John HEARS, and then is instructed to write what he SEES. You have to hear first before you see. He turns to SEE the voice and he sees the seven lampstands.

Seven golden lamp stands are the seven churches – the seven expression mandates of God within each church – John saw the picture of doctrine. There were seven expressions – no one church had the entire take on the whole picture.

He sees the son of man – the humanity of Jesus – spiritual fathering. Out of his mouth comes a two-edged sword. He is the epitome of the Word. We will start to see the Word made flesh in all of its glory even through our humanity.

Revelation 2:1-7

- 1 "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this:
- 2 'I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them *to be* false;
- 3 and you have perseverance and have endured for My name's sake, and have not grown weary.
- 4 'But I have *this* against you, **that you have left your first love.**
- 5 'Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and **will remove your lampstand** out of its place--**unless you repent.**
- 6 'Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.
- 7 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God

God will never reveal Himself to you, unless He wants you to become the picture of Him. The church at Ephesus knows the mandate on each of the other churches – it sees the seven golden lamp stands. This church is therefore an apostolic church. It is the most wholesome and complete representation of an authentic church in the earth. This church sees everything that will help them know how the church should function in the earth.

Ephesus means 'desirable'. God's challenge against them is that they have left their first love. What is first love? Ephesus left 'first things'. Their first deeds are recorded in Acts 19. They placed the highest value on the **Word of God**.

Acts 19:1-20

- 1 It happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus, and found some disciples.
- 2 He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said to him, "No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."
- 3 And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" And they said, "Into John's baptism."
- 4 Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus."
- 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking with tongues and prophesying.
- 7 There were in all **about twelve men.**
- 8 And he entered the synagogue and continued speaking out boldly **for three months, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God.**

9 But when some were becoming hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the people, he withdrew from them and took away the disciples, **reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.**

10 This took place **for two years,** so that all **who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord,** both Jews and Greeks.

11 God was performing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul,

12 so that handkerchiefs or aprons were even carried from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out.

13 But also some of the Jewish exorcists, who went from place to place, attempted to name over those who had the evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, "I adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preaches."

17 This became known to all, both Jews and Greeks, who lived in Ephesus; and fear fell upon them all and the name of the Lord Jesus was being magnified.

18 Many also of those who had believed kept coming, confessing and disclosing their practices.

19 And many of those who practiced magic brought their books together and began burning them in the sight of everyone; and they counted up the price of them and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

20 So the **word of the Lord was growing mightily and prevailing.**

Paul spends three months with them in the synagogue – In Acts 20 he says he spent three years with them simply teaching the Word of God daily. Paul shifts from a synagogue to a school. Paul brought 12 men into a more accurate way. He spent two years and three months pounding out the Word of God. But in time they probably moved away from being preoccupied with the Word. Get back to a Word-centred doctrine.

After this, great miracles and the supernatural was taking place. Every book was burnt = inaccurate ideologies.

Act 20:28-32

28 "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

29 "I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;

30 and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.

31 "Therefore be on the alert, remembering **that night and day for a period of three years** I did not cease to admonish each one with tears.

32 "And now **I commend you** to God and to the **word of His grace,** which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

When needs arise, you do not serve tables – you simply devote yourself to the Word and to prayer. Keep your focus on the Word. Stay connected to the vine – the father and the son (donkey and the colt) – so that revelation would come. When you do not place the importance on the Word, you have abandoned your first love. Your fundamental purpose is to spend time with the Word, because only the Word can satisfy people. The Word must become your first love – first in time, rank and place. Jesus opened the Scriptures! Heaven and earth will pass away – not the WORD. You are called to shepherd the souls of men by feeding them the Word. Peter was challenged by Jesus to feed the church as an expression of his love. Our mandate is to FEED. Man shall not live by bread alone, but by feeding off the WORD. Fellowship is not socializing – but to partake of the grace resident in the word through a carrier. Maintain and increase your hunger for the Word. Children should also hear the same word we do.

You can never love God without keeping the Word. In the WORD is glory manifested (see John 1:1ff). All the parables were interpreted in houses.

Matt 13:1- 23

1 That day Jesus went out of the house and was sitting by the sea.

- 2 And large crowds gathered to Him, so He got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd was standing on the beach.
- 3 And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying, "Behold, the sower went out to sow;
4 and as he sowed, some *seeds* fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate them up.
5 "Others fell on the rocky places, where they did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil.
6 "But when the sun had risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.
7 "Others fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them out.
8 "And others fell on the good soil and *yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.
9 **"He who has ears, let him hear."**
- 10 And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"
11 Jesus answered them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted.
12 "For whoever has, to him *more* shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him.
13 "Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.
14 "In their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, 'YOU WILL KEEP ON HEARING, BUT WILL NOT UNDERSTAND; YOU WILL KEEP ON SEEING, BUT WILL NOT PERCEIVE;
15 FOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DULL, WITH THEIR EARS THEY SCARCELY HEAR, AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES, OTHERWISE THEY WOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES, HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART AND RETURN, AND I WOULD HEAL THEM.'
16 "But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear.
17 "For truly I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see *it*, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear *it*.
18 "Hear then the parable of the sower.
19 "When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil *one* comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road.
20 "The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;
21 yet he has no *firm* root in himself, but is *only* temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away.
22 "And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.
23 "And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty."

The sower is the preacher; the seed is the word; the types of ground are the hearers; the measure of hearing produces different results – measures of God produced in you. Faith comes through the VOICE of the one from whom you hear. God's wind or spirit comes through that voice. Grace is imparted in this way through the Word. The critical aspects of this season, is the preacher. 'How shall they hear without a preacher – who is SENT?'

The ultimate result is to produce the SON in you.

Matthew 13:24 -30

- 24 Jesus presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field.
25 "But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went away.
26 "But when the wheat sprouted and bore grain, then the tares became evident also.
27 "The slaves of the landowner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?'

- 28 "And he said to them, 'An enemy has done this!' The slaves said to him, 'Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?'
- 29 "But he said, 'No; for while you are **gathering** up the tares, you may uproot the wheat with them.
- 30 'Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, 'First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn.'''

Wheat = good apostolic doctrine; **tares** = false doctrine.

Jesus only explained the parable in a HOUSE – only in a house – revelation is produced.

Matthew 13:36-43

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

In the first parable the seed is the Word; in the second parable, the seed is the SON = the Word has become flesh. When you come into sonship, He will give you keys to access all things. You do not own anything. You simply are a steward of all things. The Word cannot stay only in the mind. Sonship is an incarnational culture – this is manifestation of the revelation. **The WORD has to become SON.**

The tares are the SONS of the evil one. (Sons of the free woman, and sons of the bond woman). Doctrine must become lifestyle. The ultimate is to produce sons who have incarnated the Word which they hear.

Angels separate the true sons from the false sons. These are apostles that bring a word that will separate. They will extract all things that are lawless from out of His kingdom. That which is lawless is loveless. This is living without the principles that are given by the Word and the Kingdom. Then the righteous shall shine forth in the kingdom of their father. These sons look like the SUN – they enlighten their whole environment. This portion is quoting Malachi 4: 1ff

Mal 4:1-6

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

that I will not come and smite the land with a curse."

Root = father; branch = son. The word becomes **SON**, which then becomes **SUN** and tramples down everything that is illegal. Our mandate is to produce son in the image and likeness of God. Joseph was the father of Jesus. Joseph is hidden – he makes himself visible through his son.

Exact Representation

Part 1

Genesis 1: 26-28

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

Dominion is given to the IMAGE of God.

Matthew 3:13-17

- 13 Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John, to be baptized by him.
- 14 But John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?"
- 15 But Jesus answering said to him, "Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he *permitted Him.
- 16 After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him,
- 17 and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "**This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.**"

Matthew 4:1-24

- 1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
- 2 And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry.
- 3 And the tempter came and said to Him, "**If You are the Son of God**, command that these stones become bread."
- 4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'"
- 5 Then the devil *took Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple,
- 6 and *said to Him, "**If You are the Son of God**, throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU'; and 'ON their HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'"
- 7 Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'"
- 8 Again, the devil *took Him to a very high mountain and *showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory;
- 9 and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me."
- 10 Then Jesus *said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'"
- 11 Then the devil *left Him; and behold, angels came and began to minister to Him.
- 12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been taken into custody, He withdrew into Galilee;
- 13 and leaving Nazareth, He came and settled in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali.
- 14 This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet:

- 15 "THE LAND OF ZEBULUN AND THE LAND OF NAPHTALI, BY THE WAY OF THE SEA, BEYOND
THE JORDAN, GALILEE OF THE GENTILES--
- 16 "THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SITTING IN DARKNESS SAW A GREAT LIGHT, AND THOSE WHO WERE
SITTING IN THE LAND AND SHADOW OF DEATH, UPON THEM A LIGHT DAWNED."
- 17 ***From that time Jesus began to preach and say***, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
- 18 Now as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter,
and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.
- 19 And He *said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."
- 20 ***Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.***
- 21 Going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in
the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He called them.
- 22 Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.
- 23 Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and ***proclaiming the gospel of
the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people.***
- 24 The news about Him spread throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all who were ill, those
suffering with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, paralytics; ***and He healed them.***
- 25 Large crowds followed Him from Galilee and the Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and from
beyond the Jordan.

Signs of Dominion

1. The localization of God's presence over your life (Matt 3:6)
2. The Clarity of God's voice in your life
3. To be completely led by the Spirit of God
4. The proceeding Word (It is written)
5. Departure of oppressive elements (Matt 4:11 ; the devil left him)
6. Ministry of angels (angels ministered to him)
7. Manifestation of great light
8. Message of Repentance 4:17
9. People followed him. 4:18
10. An intensity of commitment in those following you (they left their nest immediately)
11. Healing of epileptics, demon-possessed, etc
12. The ability to teach difficult things (5:1)

Dominion is given to the IMAGE:

Jesus accurately represented the father without being the father – no violation of the trinity principle.

Joh 14:7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know
him, and have seen him.

Mat 10:40 He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

Joh 5:19 Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **the Son can
do nothing of Himself**, unless *it is* something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the
Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

John 12:49-50

49 "For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a
commandment as to what to say and what to speak.

50 "I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me."

Jesus is the image of God, He exactly represents the Father.

Col 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

2 Co 4:4 in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the **glory of Christ**, who is **the image of God**.

Image = icon. Image and likeness are the same =

Heb 1:3 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,

Jesus is the precise reproduction of His father. Jesus and the father are able to do the same thing. In terms of what they do – they can do the same things; similar worship; similar titles, etc; same substance, same nature; same essence (essential attributes).

Christ is the visible representation of the invisible God. The intent of God is that exact representation must be seen in believers. Believers must represent Christ on the earth. What is the level of exact representation? It is in respect to His moral attributes, not in His essential qualities.

1Pe 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps

Psa 85:13 Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps.

Joh 13:15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

1Jo 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

Exact Representation Terminology

1. Perfection

'a perfect man'

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a **perfect man**, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Col 1:28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man **perfect in Christ Jesus**

Jam 1:4 But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be **perfect** and entire, wanting nothing.

This is excellence; coming to self-control; fruitfulness; established, teachable, integrity, overcomer, non-conformist to status quo.

2. **End**

1Pe 1:9 Receiving **the end of your** faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls.

3. **Manifestation of Sons**

Rom 8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the **manifestation of the sons** of God.

1Jo 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

4. **Fullness**

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of **the fullness of Christ**

5. **Conformed to the Image**

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* **conformed to the image** of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Error = to be conformed to his essential attributes. Those who teach and say God became man so that man may become God. What are limitations of that conformity?

6. **From Glory to Glory**

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image **from glory to glory**, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Image means **visible representation** and not **EXACT duplicate**. Exact duplication will subtly instill polytheism. God created 'man' – and not another god.

7. **Christ formed in you**

Gal 4:19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

8. **Bear the image of the heavenly man**

1Co 15:49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

9. **New man**

Col 3:10 And have put on the **new man**, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him

10. **New Creation**

2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is a* **new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

How do we come to exact representation?

- a. **Imputation of His righteousness**. The practical demand is that we put off the old man.

- Eph 4:15** But speaking the truth in love, may **grow up into him** in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ
- b. **Through apostolic travail** – being connected with grace. Paul had the same heart or mind as Timothy.

What are the features of Exact Representation?

1. Intelligent Likeness

The capacity to distinguish between right and wrong and too do that which is right.

David did what was right in God's eyes;

1Ki 15:4 Nevertheless for David's sake did the LORD his God give him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem:

Jesus did the right things;

Heb 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* profession.

2Co 5:21 For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Act 4:20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

2Co 4:2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

2Co 2:17 For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.

2. Moral Likeness : (faithfulness, wisdom, holiness, truth and love)

E.g. Jesus

Phi 2:15 That ye may be **blameless and harmless**, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

1Pe 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps.

3. Authoritative Likeness: (Ability to rule and govern just like Him)

Advocates and mediators on the earth. We have the power to forgive like Him. We can heal like Him without the assistance of medical assistance. If healing was truly our forte – then the health crisis would not be a problem in South Africa. It is as if God put a moratorium on healing and demon exorcism. We have to go back to the scriptures. Do not preach out of experience. People stopped loving the WORD of GOD. People have settled for entertainment.

Jesus demonstrated power over gravity – and had a superior system of travel – so should we. Fall in love with the WORD all over again. Without the WORD you will not develop into any of the characteristics of God.

The disciples had authoritative likeness. They saw the boldness of Peter and John. Paul also: he pronounces a curse and it works immediately

Acts 13:8-12

- 8 But Elymas the magician (for so his name is translated) was opposing them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.
- 9 But Saul, who was also known as Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, fixed his gaze on him,
- 10 and said, "You who are full of all deceit and fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease to make crooked the straight ways of the Lord?"
- 11 "Now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and not see the sun for a time." ***And immediately a mist and a darkness fell upon him,*** and he went about seeking those who would lead him by the hand.
- 12 Then the proconsul believed when he saw what had happened, being amazed at the teaching of the Lord.

Elijah said there will be no rain, except at MY WORD. When many operate at this level, they will think that they are God. We have no authoritative likeness because we have no intelligent and moral likeness. The proconsul believes after the demonstration of authoritative likeness, they call Paul's teaching the teaching of the Lord. We should be raising the dead.

We cannot be trusted with power and authority because His moral and intelligent likeness has not been sufficiently developed in us.

Psalm 82:6 (ye are gods):

Psa 82:6 I said, "You are gods, And all of you are sons of the Most High.
Psa 82:7 "Nevertheless you will die like men And fall like *any* one of the princes."

Joh 10:34 Jesus answered them, "Has it not been written in your Law, 'I SAID, YOU ARE GODS'?"

Joh 10:35 "If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken),

Jesus applies this, but says you shall die like men – they were not real gods, but representatives.

We are partakers of His divine nature – partakers of His moral attributes.

4. **Glorious Likeness**

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image **from glory to glory**, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

This is the character attributes, kingly aspects, reputation of God but not the essential attributes of God. The bridegroom and the bride are separate entities.

5. **Spiritual Likeness**

We think like Him; the natural man does not receive the things of the spirit.

1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

The capacity **to love** the sent one.

Joh 8:42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

To hear the voice of the sent one.

Joh 10:27 My sheep **hear my voice**, and I know them, and they follow me:

To believe the sent one.

Joh 12:36 While ye have light, **believe in the light**, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.

In the New Testament, the people thought the apostles were God.

Acts 5:1-5

- 1 But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property,
- 2 and kept back *some* of the price for himself, with his wife's full knowledge, and bringing a portion of it, he laid it at the apostles' feet.
- 3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back *some* of the price of the land?
- 4 "While it remained *unsold*, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to **men but to God.**"

Image and Likeness

South Africa is the most advanced nation in the earth as far as the kingdom of God is concerned. As far as God is concerned He is DONE – we are just catching up with what has already been finished.

Ecc 3:14 I know that everything God does will remain forever; there is nothing to add to it and there is nothing to take from it, for God has so worked that men should fear Him.

Ecc 3:15 ***That which is has been already and that which will be has already been, for God seeks what has passed by.***

Everything God does is a continual process. It takes a people to download what He has already done. Everything He does is corporate and not individual. Everything that God does is eternal and perpetual because He does not stop. If ever you want the most of God, be humble for when it rains the water accumulates most in the valleys. Fear God and maintain humility.

Something has been done – and it is NOW – and God seeks that which is passed. Success is an unfortunate place in ministry. The higher you go, the less God you find; the lower you go the more of the abundance of God you will find. Serve God, and do not be ambitious for ministry. We all need a God-experience. Once God starts to change you not religiously but experientially then there is something that becomes a hunger to know Him more. There has to come a place where the only thing that matters is our walk. Do not be ambitious to achieve something in God; **be ambitious to achieve God**. When we are ambitious to achieve God then God finds a conduit. The problem is we have limited ourselves and thereby He is restricted from His outflow.

God is not out to do anything – He has already done everything. Before the earth was made, we were already completed in Him. God first ends something, and then starts it. Your future is where you have already been. God requires that which is passed. In Christ Jesus we have been renewed, restored, reconciled and we were brought back prior to the fall, prior to the tree of good and evil, we were brought back to that which is the life of God. So all that occurred after the fall, the serpent, the tree of good and evil has nothing to do with us. When you have received Christ – you have received a completed work. As far as we have received, Jesus is done for He is seated at the right hand of the Father. As far as God is concerned there are no more Adams' – Jesus was the LAST one.

There has to be an awakening within us into that which has already been accomplished. Therefore we begin to press into God into those things which are truly ours because most of us live in conditions that don't belong to us. Do not relate to God based on the fall on man. As a man thinks so is he, you change a man's mind then you change a man's life. We are connected via the soul which is between the body and spirit. We are soul beings, so as the eagle seeks for air and the fish for water, the only place man can truly live is in Him. In Him we live, move and have our being, everything else is out of order. As a fish needs water, if it flaps out of the water – it will be doing the **right thing but in the wrong environment and it will die**. You put man anywhere out of God and he will die. Our environment is in Christ.

Do not study to preach – study to be changed, you have to become desperate for Him. As you begin to study you will find that there is nothing that will satisfy the intellect and enlarge the soul of man as the

detailed subject of the Deity. There is something that God has desired that we come to experience. All the discord in the world is because of the separation between God and man, in the mind of man. For us living by grace is attaining a confidence of a **one-ness with Him**. In Christ we have regained a knowledge that was lost. Therefore we have to listen to what Paul was saying:

2Co 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

Reprobate- rejected/ failed after testing

People come short within themselves, so they conclude that it is not true because they can't seem to attain. The only reason people cannot attain is because they believe things about themselves.

When you got saved you came into what was already yours. Every single problem you have ever had is linked to the fact you have been separated from God in your own mind.

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

Eph 2:15 by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, *which is* the Law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so that in Himself He might **make the two into one new man**, *thus* establishing peace,

Dividing wall was a barrier = the block, the silence, the fence. In the Old Testament the approach toward God was always from the Outer Court, Holy Place and Most Holy Place. Positionally IN Christ Jesus we have been brought into the Most Holy Place, we are connected with God. So long as our approach is always trying to reach God – it insinuates that you are not with God. This is saying that God is somewhere else and therefore my attempt is to try and reach God. The more we empower the idea that we are trying to reach God, the more it enforces the gap between us and God. **We are already IN Christ**. Christ died FOR man and FOR ALL men. We have to approach everything from the perspective that it is finished. There is no more blood to shed and no more sin to destroy, the sin has been destroyed, the devil has been defeated and Jesus holds the keys of death and hell. We must **press in and attain that which is already finished**. The wall that was between us He has broken down. Learn Christ from the perspective of the finished work and be renewed in the spirit of your mind and put on the new man created after God in true righteousness.

We have had the concept God wants to help us, fix us and improve us. **He wants to kill you** and remove you so **that GOD may be all in all**. As long as there is the need for God to help you, then it is about you. Once you get rid of you, there is no problem anymore- you're the problem. Being in Christ, we become the Christ of God. We learn Christ out of the Scripture – but the Scripture came out of a culture. For instance we have learned that Christ is “last name” of Jesus Christ, but Christ is the nature of God, the union of God, the body of God, the anointed life of God, the mediation between man and God, mercy seat, a person of the fullness of God revealed, the marriage place where men and God join again. In the Arabic language when I think of Jesus Christ, I think of a whole body of people. Jesus is the head of the “in Christed”, this is a plural word. This is why Christ is in “you”, not singularly but plurality. When one does not attain to that which is true it causes the other to lack. This truth exists in its plurality – not as individuals.

Three measures are given to believers:

1. Bios life
2. Psyche life
3. Zoe - Life of God.

Most men live out of their mind (psyche), their world is how they think. You see with your mind, your eyes are but the window bringing in the light. For those of us in the Christ dimension there is the life of God- zoe. This is another dimension of living. You can have two people living in the same place, but **living in two different dimensions of life** – according to **their thinking**. It is difficult to be among common humanity that live in a particular dimension of life, according to their thinking. So the only way is to exemplify that which is of a higher life so that which is of a lesser life might attain unto that which is higher. It is impossible to come down from a higher dimension of life once it is attained. It is for the lower dimension to come up into the “superhuman” living dimension which is called “Christ”.

Three levels of mind:

1. Conscious Mind - sees things as it is.
2. Sub-Conscious Mind - if the conscious dwells on it long enough, it becomes imprinted in the sub-conscious ; truth is Jesus had destroyed sin – it does not exist ; the lamb was slain from the foundation of the world. He was crucified only because it was already done.
3. Super-Conscious

Stress in the mind causes pain in the body. But for us in Christ – we have the **mind of Christ**. The mind of Christ is a mind of vision. That which you believe in will manifest. Moses saw Him who is invisible.

For man has two levels of his mind viz. Conscious and sub-conscious. For those of us in Christ we have “super-conscious”. The conscious mind sees conditions and has no faith. There is activity in the mind that can cause such trauma that it can manifest in the body. For those of us in Christ Jesus we have the mind of God=super consciousness. The mind of Christ is that of vision and faith. We must bring into visibility the invisible God. We must begin to see things from the eyes of spirit and this will bring a dimension of life that men have not seen. Man has made so much advancement with his psyche mind – how much more would it be with His spiritual mind – imagine the possibilities. When you think of the majesty of our God and everything created, it all points upward. All of the earth is the grand design of God, with all vast resources available to us for maximum exploitation. No invention of man can compare with the genius of God’s creation. If God is living within a people, then what must be the potential of that people.

We must conclude that everything is centred in Christ Jesus and through him, God must be experienced. When God made Adam, he had no knowledge of death or the tree of knowledge and evil. The tree and the snake are all allegorical. It is all describing something generations after the event. Moses sees by wisdom and writes what God had showed him. It was a tree of knowledge. Eve fell because she wanted to be like God, she did not understand that she was already like God. He who is spirit has taken on a form and is the image of God. Jesus was the true visible expression of the invisible God. Anything without form is difficult to prove. Electricity exists because we see its manifestations of light, heat, power etc. So who is God if He remains unknown and without form.

Isa 43:10 "You are **My witnesses**," declares the LORD, "And **My servant** whom I have chosen, So that you may know and believe Me And understand that I am He. **Before Me there was no God formed**, And there will be none after Me.

Formed = squeezed into shape – into a mould – into a shape = to produce an effect that could be experienced or localized. He who is spirit took on a formation.

Joh 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.

This scripture is saying that the world will not believe until this reality is true. As a church we have digressed from the beginnings, if you consider where the church was in the book of Acts. Many churches have people looking for spiritual maintenance. We have to have a change for our generation-our young people. **In every cycle when God is about to manifest a son, babies are killed.** We need the influence of the church, the church has no say in parliament, the television etc. because the church is an "orphan body" and a refugee camp.

Jesus identified the church as a rock that is Christ and upon this rock will He build the ecclesia. Church = ecclesia = a people that do not fit = they called out of everything. It was a rebellious word. "I will build me a gang and the gates of hell will not prevail against it". A new species of people, a higher order of life, a different mind, not common men but those who understand their life in God, this is the church. This is a body of people that understand who they are in Christ and thereby are empowered to be that which God has always longed for. ***"That they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me."***

Thy Kingdom come as it is in Heaven, that the economy of this world be a replica of what is going on in heaven. As delegates, diplomats and ambassadors of the Kingdom of God in a foreign land. There is a need for a change. Come into your full representation of God. Do not come to church to fix your problems. In the books of Acts a miracle was not a phenomenon – it was an everyday happening. It was expected.

There is only one God – one Supreme Being. El Elyon in the nature of His nature of the Elohim - describes His multifaceted creation, plurality of God from which we came. In eastern culture, the name identifies the union of which you come. The father's name is identified in the son. Jesus Christ is the identification of the name. Yaweh is the abbreviation of the identification of God "I am that I am" – the Hebrew will read "I am become whom, I become" = God manifests. After Abram met God he became Abraham, carrying the name of God. When angel came to Mary and said "You shall call his name, it should read "You shall call THE name Jesus. The name which has never been pronounced became a person. Ask **'in my name'**. Name = 'nom' = describes how a person is known or identified. Jesus Christ is God's 'nom'- how he is revealed, the nature of God, the expression of God. We identify with Him, in His nature which is His way. The truth is **we do not become Him – He becomes us – we die – He increases and fills us!**

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Heb 2:10 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.

Heb 2:11 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,

The word **it** became Him, means = the baffled willed self. It is finished = reads in the Greek “Self has expired”. The baffled, double minded self has concluded and expired. It became Him in bringing us into glory to make Himself complete. He is not complete, He is the head. But the baby has to be born for the whole body has to come. Also it is not individuals – it is always about plurality.

Rom 6: 4-6

- 4 Therefore **we are** buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even **so we** also should walk in newness of life.
- 5 For if **we have** been planted together in the likeness of his death, **we shall** be also *in the likeness of his* resurrection:
- 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth **we should** not serve sin.
- 7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

Note the emphasis on WE. The problem is there is a need for the “WE”. Our individuality has kept us apart. Christ **IN US**, the hope of glory. The reason why everyone needs to arise and take their place in Christ, is so we can increase because we are a body. We are the body of Christ. If you don’t believe to attain then we all don’t attain. He must increase and I must decrease. God cannot change, but He can increase.

Joh 3:30 He must increase, but I *must* decrease.

Col 2:19 And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, **increaseth with the increase of God.**

When our changeability is confronted by His immutability then we are exercising godliness. God created us not by magic but by experience. We must experience God.

1Ti 4:7 But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself *rather* unto godliness.

Col 2:9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the **Godhead bodily.**

Col 2:10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

Col 1:12-15

- 12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath **made us** meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:
- 13 Who hath **delivered us** from the power of darkness, and hath **translated us** into the kingdom of his dear Son:
- 14 In whom **we have** redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:
- 15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that **we should** be holy and without blame before him **in** love:

The fullness of Godhead dwells in him BODILY (corporately). He has chosen us IN himself. The word IN denotes a fixed position in time and place – a relation of REST.

The Day of the Lord and Sonship

We must be able to see things from the perspective of God, that in turn we may bring satisfaction to His will. God cannot fellowship with anything that is less than Himself. God can create, empower, release, anoint but as far as receiving that which brings satisfaction to Him, then we must look at things from God's perspective to what satisfies God.

Eze 44:15 But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord GOD:

Eze 44:16 They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge.

God established two priesthods; Levi and Zadok priesthods. The Levitical priests were to take care of the temple and the sons of Zadok were eligible to minister to the Lord and come near. Sons of Zadok were of the Melchisidek order, sons of righteousness. We will see that there is a ministry that hungers to know Him.

Phil 3:10 That I may **know him**, and the power of his resurrection, and the **fellowship of his sufferings**, being made conformable unto his death;

Suffering causes you to grow and it moulds you, it develops you. Suffering = we are brought into subject and under authority – we are 'beneath' HIM, brought under His control. There is a calling where there is a desire to know Him. You can't experience the power without having to go through the suffering.

There is a triune God – one God in three expressions. God chose to reveal His fatherhood – by revealing His Son. To encounter the Fatherhood of God which is the height of our experience with Him, we must encounter coming to the Son. It takes the Son to reveal the father – and vice versa. No one comes to the son except the Father draw him or drag (greek) him there. The intent of this is that we experience through sonship who the Father is, it is about Him. And the son is the way to the father. When the father gave His son – He gave Himself. God revealed His son for us to come into the encounter of his fatherhood.

Adam was created innocent – not holy. You become holy. Fruits are grown. Adam had no realization of the goodness of God, it had not been revealed to him. Adam messed up - by being unappreciative for God's goodness. The divine wisdom of God not being appreciated, God's grace been unknown, love been un-encountered. God has been good to us. Can you imagine coming into a position with God where you do not need him but you become his supply. Men give into your bosom – give and it shall be given unto you. Become the GIVER rather than the receiver. We have always been in the posture of approaching God because we need Him. There must come a point in our sonship where we do not always pray for repentance. There would be a problem if Jesus always had to pray for repentance and help. There is something we must learn from His footsteps as He is "son of man".

Jesus was born as a human baby. Joseph had to have been a 'different kind of man' to have married Mary. He could have put her away to please God according to the then known law. It took a dream to convince

Joseph. There had to be something within the make-up of Joseph to be in such a close union with God to believe that through his household the Messiah would come. What kind of mind could believe that such a high place in God could be attained- no insecurity, no self-rejection, he had to believe enough that God could trust him. Mary would have probably told Jesus that Joseph was not his biological father. Our spiritual experience is more real to us than our physical material one. That means that heaven should be more real than anything in this physical world. He was told by his parents that He was the Messiah. Jesus had to go to the scriptures to learn of Himself. At 12 years He asked questions concerning Himself. He learned of all His experiences from the Word, He learned obedience by the things He suffered. He was in all points tempted yet without sin – and He became the captain of our salvation. The same seed has impregnated you. His seed entered into our hearts and we cry Abba father. (Rebellious Mary was impregnated with the Messiah). We have the same encounter crying “Abba Father” as Jesus did. If the Father intent was just to save man then there would have been a crucifixion and a resurrection. He said “you will receive power” and ‘where I am- you may be also’— where? –in the “**I am**”. He came back in spirit, entered into our hearts and we cry Abba Father.

Eph 1:4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love
Eph 1:5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,
Eph 1:6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.
Eph 1:9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself

In = a fixed position in place – a relation of REST. This is what God has been after. “**In Him**” is our destination.

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

Genesis = the book of beginnings = has all the answers. God sanctified the Sabbath day – made it holy. Sanctified – the Hebrew word occurs only once. God set the seventh day as an expression of Himself = Rest. God created things in the other six days – but He does not create the Sabbath – He **sanctifies** it. This is something higher than creation, something from which creation is to exist. Now God is known as Holy, and the making of the seventh day reveals the Holy One. God alone is Creator, He alone is Sanctifier to separate unto Himself and make holy His work, not as creation but this is higher than creation.

Exo 31:13 "But as for you, speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'You shall surely observe My sabbaths; for **this is a sign between** Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the LORD who sanctifies you.
Exo 31:17 "It is a sign between Me and the sons of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, but on the seventh day He ceased *from labor*, and was refreshed.

The Sabbath is a SIGN = a visible token – a reminder that you may know that I am the Lord that sanctifies you – sets you apart for myself. God sanctifies a day to declare that He will sanctify a people for Himself.

That which was a day – is now A PEOPLE. The people become a day. The seventh day was separated from the other days as a pledge to make man holy and separated from all else to become one with Him.

In the ages before the seventh day, the creation period – God’s power and goodness had been on display but in the age to come, the seventh day period was designed to be the order, the dispensation in which God takes His creation and raises it to a much higher realm, the realm of sanctification- to become one with Himself, to become His Sabbath, His holy day, His resting place.

Day = ‘yome’ = 1480 times = four different words; KJV day – forever, perpetual; thus it could also mean:-

Isa 2:12 For the day of the LORD of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

Isa 4:1 And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.

Gen 26:8 And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and,

Not 24 hour periods, BUT time periods:

Gen 2:4 These *are* the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, **in the day** that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

Here all six days were identified as one day. ‘Days’ of temptations = 40 years long.

So then, in understanding the concept of day, God did more than bless and sanctify the seventh day. He blessed the realm of His own rest and glory. He set it apart for man, that man might know Him, experience Him and abide with Him in it. The place of life, rest, peace, joy- the place of His kingdom, is God’s own day and it is for us to dwell here with Him.

In the six days – the evening and morning were the six days.....; the seventh day has no evening and no morning, it has no ending record. It is still the seventh day, God is in it, He is actively still in His rest to create something new.

Jesus is the beginning of creation = HE is God original – He is the beginning of the God time.

Rev 3:14 "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the **Beginning of the creation of God**, says this:

On the Seventh day God initiates a new kind of creation, the beginning of the God kind. As Adam was the creation of man; Jesus was the beginning of the creation of God. There is no evidence that God is actively involved in creating things. The earth is older than 6000 years. One day is as 1000 years = a Greek saying.

E.g. Be caught with Him in the cloud? This is a saying. The rapture theory is the most demonic doctrine ever , it has caused our next generation to have no purpose. **Caught up** = a sexual word = means to be snatched – when husband and wife are sexually intimate and at the climax – the one loses themselves in the other. Caught up in a cloud = the breath of God and the density of His presence. They were led by His presence, guided by His presence, His glory came in a cloud. Thessalonians was written before Corinthians.

In Corinthians he was saying that there will be a moment when we won't sleep but we will be changed in a twinkle of an eye. Twinkle = when the light hit your eye; moment = smallest atom of your being. When the light hits your eye in the smallest atom of your being you will be changed. Therefore it is an inward change, when you got saved – it was inward, the love is inward, all your experiences in God are inward. The greatest work God does is on the inside of you and not on the outside of you. The scripture talks of “they may be one”, what greater rapture can there be, it's a union, a marriage and a love story. The rapture is all about the two becoming one. It has nothing to do with flying away to another galaxy. The truth is the glory of the Lord must cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. 1000 year reign of His kingdom – a thousand is God's power and God's authority. The highest number in scripture.

It's this union that satisfies the heart of God. It's a day of sanctification, of holiness, of rest and blessing. Man and God had nothing to do with God making stuff. When man was brought on the scene, creation was done already. So man was not created to make mountains, but to have dominion over all that God made. God is in rest from work, but He is working to bring forth a higher spiritual work, a new creation work. As Adam was the crown of the first and physical creation of all men, so Christ the beginning of the new creation – the creation of God. The creation of God in Jesus is the Lord's Day. A new race having one blood of Christ, being of one spirit, of one father, one faith, one baptism, of one body, this is the church of Jesus Christ. He is the beginning of the firstborn from the dead, not a product of the labour of the six days but the brilliance of God's rest in Himself in his own day. Only in Him is man brought to this “rest”, and only in Him can man find his true blessing.

Rested = repose, relax – to be supported by something – to celebrate. God has a spot of rest made for Him – He rests in it. Also means to ‘celebrate’ – this causes you to rejoice in your labour when you contemplate your Sabbath. God is able to find a place of rest by something that supports Him, something He can trust in, something that has no labour for thinking about it brings a celebration. By entering this day there is blessing, holiness, sanctification and rest = all found in one day.

Adam is pronounced as very good but not holy. But the REST is pronounced as holy – this day is not for creation – it is for Himself.

Verse 17– a sign between me and you forever. In the seventh day God is refreshed within His people that are His day. A day without beginning and end.

Heb 1:3 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,

Heb 1:4 having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.

Heb 1:5 For to which of the angels did He ever say, "YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU"? And again, "I WILL BE A FATHER TO HIM AND HE SHALL BE A SON TO ME"?

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

Col 1:16 For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities--all things have been created through Him and for Him.

Col 1:17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Eph 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

On the Sabbath Jesus heals:

Mark 2:27 Jesus said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.

Mark 2:28 "So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

The Sabbath was made for man. He is the Lord of the Sabbath

Heb 4:10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath **ceased from his own works**, as God *did* from his.

God's last day is man's first day. Born on the sixth day. Man's first day on earth was loved out in God's seventh day.

Exo 31:13 Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it *is* a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that *ye* may know that I *am* the LORD that doth sanctify you.

The Lord's Sabbath is YOU AND HIM. Man did not work but entered into God's rest. Abraham entered into this rest.

Rom 4:2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.

Rom 4:3 For what does the Scripture say? "ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS."

Rom 4:4 Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due.

Rom 4:5 But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith credited as righteousness,

Eph 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God;

Eph 2:9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Php 1:6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

The day of Jesus Christ, day of rest is often described in terms of 'light'.

Gen 1:5 God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

Joh 1:4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.

Mat 5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;

1Th 5:5 for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness; Isaiah 58:8

Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, Because the LORD has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives And freedom to prisoners;

Song of Sol 6:10 'Who is this that grows like the dawn, As beautiful as the full moon, As pure as the sun, As awesome as an army with banners?'

Rev 21:22 I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

- Rev 21:23** And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp *is* the Lamb.
- Rev 21:24** The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.

We are the day of the Lord – we are the place of the Lord’s Rest.

Exact Representation

Part 2

Jesus exactly represented the Father without being the Father in his intelligent, moral, authoritative, glorious and eternal likeness.

John 17:4 "I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do.

Jesus glorified the father by completing his assignment

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G= GOOD WORKS

Matt.5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

1 Pet 2:9-10 9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;
10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.(NKJ)

1Pet.2:12 having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

DISCERN YOUR WORK AND FINISH IT. WHEN YOU FINISH YOUR WORK IT BRINGS GLORY TO GOD.

John 17:4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.(KJV)

L = LIVING FOR GOD

1Cor.10:31 Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

1Cor.6:20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Holy conduct in the midst of trials.

1 Pet 1:6-7

6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,
7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be **found to praise, honor, and glory** at the revelation of Jesus Christ, (NKJ)

1 Pet 1:14-17

14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance;
15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,
16 because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."
17 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, **conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear**; (NKJ)

1Pet.4:13-14

13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.
14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.

O = ONENESS OF THE CHURCH

John 17:22 "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:"

Rom.15:6 that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

R = RELYING ON GOD

Eph.1:12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

Rom.4:20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God.

I = INSPIRED MINISTRY

1Pet.4:11 If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. **If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified** through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Luke 5:25-26

25 Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.
26 And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen strange things today!"

Matt.9:8 Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

Luke 7:16 Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

F = FRUIT BEARING

John 15:8 "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples."

Phil 1:10-11

- 10 that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ,
 11 being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.(NKJ)

I = IMITATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Eph 5:1-2

- 1 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.
 2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.(NKJ)

1Thes 2:14 For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they did from the Judeans,(NKJ)

2Thess.1:11-12 [NIV]

- 11 With this in mind, constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good pleasure of yours and every act prompted by your faith.
 12 We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

E = EXACT REPRESENTATION IS THROUGH GRACE ENABLEMENT.

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

Because God lives in us, His character is revealed in us, bringing glory to His name.

Col.1:27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Sinful imitation does not glorify God.

This imitation is exact representation. The image and likeness of God must be manifested in us. God is invisible. We make Him visible. When we make Him visible- this is Praise. Creation is waiting for this manifestation. We have been predestined to Sonship. Our placements as sons bring praise, honour and glory to Him. Our maturity is partly determined by our personal responsibility.

Eph 1:4-6

- 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,
 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,
 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.(NKJ)

Our adoption and placement as sons is to the praise of His glory. The manifestation of Christ in us, is exact representation. The second travail that Paul was talking about.

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

Romans 1:21-32

- 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.
 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

- 23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.
- 24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:
- 25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.
- 26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:
- 27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet.
- 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;
- 29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,
- 30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,
- 31 Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:
- 32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

The quintessential migration in this season, is from oral and postural proclamations of praise to exact representation. This does not mean we abandon the oral and postural elements in praise.

Level 1 – singing about God

Level 2 – singing to God

Level 3 – you are the song – you are the musical instrument.

E = EXALTING GOD

- Ps.22:23** You who fear the Lord, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, and fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!
- Luke 18:43** And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.
- Ps.50:23** Whoever offers praise glorifies Me;.....

D=DEMONSTRATION OF POWER IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

- John 14:13** "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

IMITATING GOD through exact representation:-

- 2Th 1:11** Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of *his* goodness, and the work of faith with power:
- 2Th 1:12** That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ **may be glorified in you**, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Exact representation is through grace enablement.

The Glory of the Lord must be seen:-

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Eph 1:4-6

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.

We are begotten sons – we are adopted sons. Adoption highlights your placement as a son – coming to perfection and maturity. When we come to perfection to the praise of His glory – there is a position that we come to that automatically praises God.

Back to **Authoritative Likeness**

Healing is not our primary mandate – **our primary mandate is the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry.** In Acts 5, we see how they inferred God.

Acts 15:13- 20

13 After they had stopped speaking, James answered, saying, "Brethren, listen to me.
14 "Simeon has related how God first concerned Himself about taking from among the Gentiles a people for His name.
15 "With this the words of the Prophets agree, just as it is written,
16 'AFTER THESE THINGS I will return, AND I WILL REBUILD THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID WHICH HAS FALLEN, AND I WILL REBUILD ITS RUINS, AND I WILL RESTORE IT,
17 SO THAT THE REST OF MANKIND MAY SEEK THE LORD, AND ALL THE GENTILES WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME,'
18 SAYS THE LORD, WHO MAKES THESE THINGS KNOWN FROM LONG AGO.
19 "Therefore it is my judgment that we do not trouble those who are turning to God from among the Gentiles,
20 but that we write to them that they abstain from things contaminated by idols and from fornication and from what is strangled and from blood.

James says "I judge" – speaking on behalf of God.

Acts 15:28 "For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay upon you no greater burden than these essentials:

Act 15:29 that you abstain from things sacrificed to idols and from blood and from things strangled and from fornication; if you keep yourselves free from such things, you will do well. Farewell."

Acts 13: 1- 4

1 Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was there, prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.
2 While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."
3 Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.
4 So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

The words of the prophet = the words of the Lord

2 Samuel 7:2,3

- 2Sa 7:1** Now it came about when the king lived in his house, and the LORD had given him rest on every side from all his enemies,
2Sa 7:2 that the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells within tent curtains."
2Sa 7:3 Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your mind, for the LORD is with you."

- Rev 22:1** Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb,
Rev 22:2 in the middle of its street. ***On either side of the river was the tree of life***, bearing twelve *kinds of* fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

We are the image – the mirror image of the tree on the other side of the river.

- Rev.14:1** Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb *was* standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads.
Rev 22:4 they will see His face, and His name *will be* on their foreheads.
Rom 8:14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.
Eph 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.
Eph 6:11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

Armour of God is not literal = but Christ-likeness. Jezebel is dismantled through Christ-likeness. The battle is easy = just put on Christ.

Matt 28:19-20

- Mat 28:18** And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
Mat 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

In the name of = in the character of God.

The Passover of Josiah.

- 2Chron 35:18** There had not been celebrated a Passover like it in Israel since the days of Samuel the prophet; nor had any of the kings of Israel celebrated such a Passover as Josiah did with the priests, the Levites, all Judah and Israel who were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

Josiah was a great reformer – he was violent and courageous. He found the BOOK and his passion for the Lord propelled him to celebrate the Passover – there was no Passover celebrated like this since the days of Samuel. There were many Passovers (Sinai, wilderness, Hezekiah, etc.). There were no Passovers in the days of Samuel. Why? **Samuel was the Passover! The event had become a person.** History becomes geography. David becomes the city.

The Passover was the time that the angel passed over Egypt at the exodus of Israel out of Egypt. The Passover means to 'skip over'. Samuel skipped over the judges to become a prophet. The Passover is the beginning of months. Samuel also skips over Saul to inaugurate David as the new beginning. The Passover lamb was a male lamb of the first year. Samuel was the first born. The lamb was without spot or blemish. Samuel also challenged Israel to find spot or blemish in him. You also had to eat the lamb –with its entrails.

- Head = mind of Christ;
- Legs = walking like Christ;
- Entrails = motives of Christ.

Passover was kept where the Lord chose to put His name. Samuel means 'the name of God'. Passover was a feast of unleavened bread. This was symbolic of separation from sin.

1Sa 7:3 And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, *then* put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.

1Sa 7:4 Then the children of Israel did put away Baalim and Ashtaroth, and served the LORD only.

There was security only in the inside of the house.

Exo 12:22 And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip *it* in the blood that *is* in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that *is* in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.

Protection was while you were inside the house. This was the same protection conferred by Samuel to the entire nation. One man places a protective mantle around the entire nation. The hand of the Lord was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

The Lord visited the house of Eli, his order dies (Eli and his sons die) but Samuel was preserved. This was just like in the Passover when the firstborn of Egypt died, but in this instance Samuel was preserved. Samuel operated in the spirit of the Passover. The spirit of the Passover was grace, grace and judgment is seen in the Passover. As a prophet he also functioned as a priest. Samuel operates like the Passover. Samuel was consecrated to the Lord before his birth. He was like the lamb slain before the foundation of the earth. When you look at the Passover and put Samuel next to it, you will find that they are equalized.

Jesus went through four Passovers:

1. **Apostles Doctrine**= He cleanses the temple

John 2:13-17

- 13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
- 14 And He found in the temple those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables.
- 15 And He made a scourge of cords, and drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables; and to those who were selling the doves He said, "Take these things away; stop making My Father's house a place of business."
- 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE WILL CONSUME ME."

2. **Fellowship**= Jesus heals the lame man at the pool of Bethesda; later on Jesus finds him in the temple

Joh 5:2 - 9

- 2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.
 3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.
 4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.
 5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.
 6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?
 7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.
 8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.
 9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

3. **Breaking of Bread** = Jesus breaking bread and feeding the multitudes

John 6: 4-11

- 4 Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was near.
 5 Therefore Jesus, lifting up His eyes and seeing that a large crowd was coming to Him, *said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these may eat?"
 6 This He was saying to test him, for He Himself knew what He was intending to do.
 7 Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, for everyone to receive a little."
 8 One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, *said to Him,
 9 "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are these for so many people?"
 10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.
 11 Jesus then took the loaves, and having given thanks, He distributed to those who were seated; likewise also of the fish as much as they wanted.

4. **Prayer** = Jesus dies and gives up His spirit

Joh 19:30 Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

We as New Testament believers must live in the reality of the Passover – four pillars of an apostolic community. Where this culture is violated, there is no free flow of grace. Apostolic Doctrine is primary, not prayer. When that culture was established – great signs and wonders followed.

Act 2: 43-47

- 43 Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.
 44 And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common;
 45 and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.
 46 Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart,
 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

This culture is not optional – this culture creates the platform for great grace. The Word is our main business. If you love me – feed my sheep. Feed doctrine. The local church must become bible schools.

Ezekiel 8: Violation of the four pillars

1. Image of jealousy = violation of Apostles Doctrine
2. 70 elders in the dark = violation of Fellowship
3. Weeping for Temuz = violation of the Table – Fellowship
4. Backs toward the temple = violation of Prayers

The number 300

- Samson ties 300 foxes by the tails –destroying false doctrines
- 300 Gideon = fellowship
- 300 Denair of Mary’s worship = breaking and bread
- Enoch walked with God for 300 years = prayers

And many other examples

Remember WE ARE NOT GOD.

2 Thesse 2:1-6

- 1 Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him,
- 2 that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.
- 3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, **and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,**
- 4 who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.
- 5 Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things?
- 6 And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed.
- 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; **only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.**

The lawless one sits as God in the temple. This is not a single man but a corporate man. There is a true and a false dimension co-existing together. The man of sin is hidden in the house. Something is restraining us from seeing who this is. Many rapture theorists used verse 7 to back their doctrine. They said the ‘restrainer’ is the Holy Spirit – then they said it is the church – when the restrainer is taken out of the way, then the lawless man will be revealed. The restrainer is Christ Himself.

“He be taken’ = ginomai = never translated ‘he be taken’. It means ‘to appear’. We are not disappearing – in the days of Noah and Lot – the wicked shall be removed. Every time Christ appears in the midst, the lawless one is exposed. Every time you exegete the scriptures Christ appears.

Doctrine of Christ

We need to get back to CHRIST. Jesus is the incarnate Christ. The Christ that became flesh is Jesus Christ. Christ Jesus is the ascended glorified Christ. Jesus became Jesus Christ at his baptism at the Jordan. By His resurrection, He was glorified – He is Christ Jesus. Jesus was crucified, died and was buried, ascended and coronated. Acts 2 -He is made Christ and Lord.

Acts 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

God held a secret in His heart – He locked it up in typology over a long span of time. He used the prophets by the medium by which He would bring to us the truth relevant to that which is in His heart. Until He came and was incarnated, there was a removal of the law that veiled Him. The seed was kept hidden until faith could come. The law kept us in prison in our understanding concerning the mystery until this faith appeared that was demonstrated by our great progenitor Abraham. Abraham believed God and it was accredited unto him as righteousness. Promises were made to Abraham and his seed, meaning one singular seed who is Christ. Paul's cry was to know the Christ, this was his passion, yearning and longing.

2Cor 5:4 For we that are in *this* tabernacle **do groan**, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

While we are in this flesh, we groan to be clothed with the heavenly dwelling. There are two understandings to truth. There is truth that is history (past) and truth that is experiential now. We need to find the middle ground between objective fact and subjective experience. Do not only live in the objectivity of the fact of Scripture. We know that the work is finished, Christ has done it all – but the finished works needs to be transported out from its historicity by faith and we must bring it out to make it our relevant subjective experience. We need to know how to export the reality of the eternal into time.

2 John 1: 7 -11

- 7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist.
- 8 Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward.
- 9 Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son.
- 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house, and do not give him a greeting;
- 11 for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds.

Jesus coming in the flesh = the embodiment of God in flesh. "Doctrine or teaching of Christ" = the person of Christ. V.9 = if you cannot lead Christ out from the Scriptures, you do not have God; if you open up the Christ – you will find the Father and the Son. For the fullness of the Godhead is in Christ.

Image = selem = representation, resemblance.

The promise made to Abraham was over land to govern it. Christ was the offspring of Abraham.

Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

We see enmity between the offspring ie. the seed of the woman and the serpent.

Out of the doctrine of Christ flows all the other doctrines of Christ. Paul in Ephesians makes this longest sentence of more than 200 words, Paul was so infused with the reality of Christ.

He chose us IN him before the foundation of the world.

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Eph 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

Eph 1:9,10

Eph 1:9 He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him

Eph 1:10 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.

God's desire is to gather up all things IN CHRIST.

Hebrews 12: 25- 29

25 See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking. For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape who turn away from Him who warns from heaven.

26 And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, "YET ONCE MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO THE HEAVEN."

27 This expression, "Yet once more," denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

28 Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe;

29 for our God is a consuming fire.

This is the way in which God is going to move everything back to its original status and purpose. There is one viewpoint you must hold, this is the doctrine of Christ. The means through which the shaking will take place is through His voice. His voice activated the identity of His son "You are my son in whom I am well-pleased". Things are shaken at the declaration of the voice of God. The shaking must relocate things back to its central place. Only the things that are reflective of Christ will remain. Allow the voice of God to rearrange our ministries. We must take the plumb-line which is Christ and go and stretch it over our ministries to see whether we are in alignment with what God is desirous of now. The desire within the heart of the Father is for us to come back to His viewpoint. There is a judgment pending on the house of God for those who have not activated this doctrine. You will be diminished if your viewpoint is not Christ. The cornerstone is laid in Zion = this cornerstone is Christ.

Isa 28:16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner *stone*, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

Built on the foundation of apostles and prophets, **Christ** Himself being the corner stone.

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

We must make sure that this stone is in place, for it is this stone that gives measurement and accuracy to the entire building. If you build without the cornerstone, you are building amiss. This is the work of apostolic ministry.

1Co 3:9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, *ye are* God's building.
1Co 3:10 According **to the grace of God** which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

Foundations are laid by grace, the property in a thing, the eternal coming into the temporal by means of the voice that God embodies in human flesh. This is the work of apostles and prophets to push the church back to its original state, where the bridge occurred in our understanding of Christ. The passion of the apostolic is to lay the foundation of Christ. The intent of the voice is to shake. The shaking will cause certain things to remain and it will remove things that are not of the heavenly order. Grace and truth came by Christ Jesus.

'Once More' = the severity by which an act is performed; the pooling together into a net.

Remove = metathesis = to move the principles that govern an act. E.g. the change from law to grace. The slaying of the lamb was legitimate in one season – but God shifted the principles to Christ – the spotless lamb slain. The removing is the shifting of the principles that once made an activity legitimate. If you do not transition then you live in the realm of 'removal' – and you are illegitimate. When Adam created the breach, man became earthy.

1 Cor 15:45-49

- 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.

Living = out from his. Our restoration is a movement back into the eternal. You decide where you want to live – in Christ or in Adam. An 'in Christ' position brings the law to an end for you. We have come out from heaven – we are already in heaven.

Christ constitutes for both father and son. Christ wants to bring many sons to glory. He was the last Adam – God constituted us as a totally new species. He gathered up the old order – the old rabble of man and He nailed it to the cross. He resurrected as the second man – the whole of creation is waiting for the revealing of this order of man in us. You have to be a partaker of His resurrection. You died in Him. You are a new creation, man created in true holiness and righteousness. Baptized into Christ – God writes on your heart (prophets) and mind (apostles).

Rom 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should **walk in newness of life**.

The seed became a holy nation – then the promise to Abraham was the land – the earth. The promise to David was the right to rule the earth.

Eph 1:9,10

Eph 1:9 He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him

Eph 1:10 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.

Administration = oikonomia

1) The management of a household or of household affairs

1a) specifically, the management, oversight, administration, of other's property

1b) the office of a manager or overseer, stewardship

1c) administration, dispensation

Like Joseph when there was a famine in the land (as an apostolic type), knew how in famine to dispense grain and bring brothers out of famine into the joyous estate of Pharaoh. Dispensation of grace. The house of Pharaoh was full of 'grain'; Joseph's brothers were in a wrong location. When the season changed, they nearly got wiped out. They had to make the journey to their brother that they wanted to once kill. The season has changed and many of our brothers are inaccurately located. But we will be like Joseph and we will show mercy and compassion on our brothers when they come and seek for 'grain'- grace. We will give them the staff of life- which is Christ. Apostolic houses must dispense the law and bring everyone back to the point of departure.

Sabbath Rest

We were chosen in God before the foundations of the world.

John 17:20 "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;
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 one in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

This is all about encountering God, God who is spirit and craves to manifest – every spirit of the unseen world craves to manifest. How can God be God without been manifest, how can love be love without it been manifest, what is spirit without formation or electricity without a light. All of our lives we have known ourselves according to the natural life, our environment, reasonings, struggles, frustrations, weaknesses, problems. We have moulded our thinking by our upbringing and the things we have learned. When we read this scripture, "That they may be 'one in us', we have to be hungry to really know what the scripture is about. Do not preach out of doctrines – refuse to be an echo – do not be a copy of the copy – you may investigate the scriptures yourself. Once you have an encounter with God, it is impossible to love and not demonstrate and express it. God so loved that He gave, He can't keep it. God is so full of being God, He manifests – and if He does not – He is not God. If God's grace is not revealed or His love exposed, He dies and God cannot die – and so He must manifest. If God exists to Himself – then he is not really God. – If nobody knows Him, then He is non-existent. There has to be the expression of spirit. Everything valuable in your life, you can't see- your love, passions. These are manifestations, but the essence of them is an experience. Once an experience in God is encountered it is be manifest.

Before anything can reach a new dimension it must reach the height of its present dimension. Everything in God and in all that He creates reaches a climatic high point before it can enter into a higher state. At the highest point of intimacy – the orgasm creates something new – when the seed and the egg search for each other – this energy cause spirit, soul and body to come into being. The very same experience between a husband and his wife is our experience when we reach a place in God, an overcoming spirit, a manifestation where you reach such a height in God where you had to be revealed. This is why your spirit relates to conquerors because it is where you came from. No created person is ever satisfied until they return back to the original state from which they came. It must come back to the substance or man will continue to search. Once we come to the realization that the **All filled the Nothing**, the Creator created and we are the evidence of His creating power. You cannot separate the two.

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 one in Us**, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

Creation is waiting for the manifestation for the SON in the sons of God. We are too 'event' driven – as though this reality is an event. We are always waiting on God to do something eventful to bring something about.

As You Father are in me and I in You: Many of us have no problem seeing Him in us; but seeing us in Him is problematic to many. There is nothing in us worthy to be used by God except for HIS GRACE. God wants us to die and get out of the way – our false, religious humility is our ego. Our problem is not with God but with the terrible things you believe about yourself. True dying is when you accept that He is in you and you can see yourself in Him.

When you stop accepting the grace of God, you stop growing in God. As a man thinks in his heart, so is he. Many have a new birth with an old memory. Our minds need to be renewed. The more that you believe that you are one with God, the more your life will change and you will be like God. The more you believe that you are sinner, the more you will sin. The problem is not what we can't receive about God, but rather what we can't receive about ourselves. In our union, we enter into our Sabbath.

Gen 2:3 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 Sabbath was a sign – it is God's rest of rest. It is blessed, holy and a day of God's rest. The people become God's Sabbath. In the Sabbath God speaks, for He has blessed, made it a holy day and a day of God's Rest. Everything originates in spirit, it is the force behind all things. There is the spirit of the world and we see it's outcomes and manifestations. The natural cannot receive the things of God for they are spiritually discerned. If everything originates in spirit, everything that is true of God must become personified – grace, love, purpose.

'Purpose' – the root word describes showbread. The purpose of God is to exhibit, God wants to show Himself through you. **Everything that is true in God must become you.** God is not about events – He is all about His image and likeness and everything else works to that end.

God and you together are the Sabbath. The first day of Adam was the first day of God. Adam having no labour entered into the rest of God, He came into God's rest. Adam entered into that which is already done, God's accomplishments.

Heb 4:9 So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.

Heb 4:10 For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His.

Heb 4:11 Therefore let us **be diligent to enter that rest**, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience.

On the Sabbath man entered into a realm of all grace, he entered into a realm in which he did not work to achieve. How do you labour or be diligent to enter into the rest of God? You stop working. Man's first experience with God was rest but then it was shortly marred by man's effort to make himself like God, trying to achieve something he already had. By this single act man broke away from God's blessings and from the holy day, but more so from their union, fellowship, relation. In that day man had no need, **man's fellowship with God was His provision.** The oneness between God and man was God's rest.

Gen 3:17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed *is* the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat *of* it all the days of thy life;

Gen 3:18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

Gen 3:19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return.

This is a sad story, for the man Adam who first rested with God without a need, now is struggling for survival. When someone does not appreciate what they have, they lose the value of what they have. Once this happens, the benefits are also lost.

How do we labour to enter that rest?

A new creation was created on the Seventh Day- this is the day of Jesus Christ. In the new creation of the seventh day, the Resting is the Working. The only work you have to work, is work in what he has worked out.

Php 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Phi 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.

God's Sabbath of Rest is the realm of His own divine fullness; there is no toil, all is abundant and complete for nothing is lacking. In entering God's rest man regains all that he had lost in the fall. God's rest brings freedom from the curse and the emotions of the carnal mind. For you and I today, that Sabbath is still acceptable, there is no evening and morning for this is an Eternal day.

Rom 13:12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

2Pe 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts,

Joe 2:1 Blow a trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm on My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, For the day of the LORD is coming; Surely it is near,

Joe 2:2 A day of darkness and gloom, A day of clouds and thick darkness. As the dawn is spread over the mountains, So there is a great and mighty people; There has never been anything like it, Nor will there be again after it To the years of many generations.

When the Body of Christ begins to become the "day", judgment will begin. The great day of the Lord has a voice. It is not just about coming into the union for a place for God to find His rest, He has migrated from one abiding place to another abiding place. Heaven is God's abode where He lives, He is omnipresent. We are God's abode. Everything must become a person.

Zep 1:14 **The great day** of the LORD is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.

Mal 4:1 For, behold, **the day cometh**, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

Phi 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the **day of Jesus Christ**:

The heaven declares the glory of God – we are the heavens. It's a "we" thing, it is us- that's why we need each other.

There is a way in God – the life of Joseph reveals a way in God, that is a journey for all His chosen.

Psa 105:18 They afflicted his feet with fetters, He himself was laid in irons;
Psa 105:19 Until the time that his word came to pass, The word of the LORD tested him.

Joseph was tried by the word. Until= up to the time, until the time when Joseph and the Word he received became one. This is a system in God, where instead of been exalted he is cast into a pit, etc. Before every word there is always a contradiction and then a challenge. There has to be a faith to believe and a providing or proving of the faith to release it. While we see a man tested and tried, God sees a man prepared and equipped. God will never do to you, what he will not use for you. We need to understand the sovereignty of God that He planned it and meant it. The word “meant it”- he weaved it, purposed it , thought process.

All things work together unto good, everything is weaved unto your good. Unto good = no matter from what vantage point you look at it, it is good. When God works something into good, it doesn't matter how you look at it, it is good but it carries the nature of God in it.

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called **according to his purpose**.

These are God ordained situations that works with each other to accomplish God's design in your life.

Jer 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

There is something that the Lord has always used where He defines those that are called. This way in God is called for -knowledge. God meant it, weaved it, purposed it. These things are not seen by the casual eye. We need to see how the word works, the scope of their meaning eg. the flesh – implies more than the physical body. The word for-knowledge is never used in connection to events or actions – it always references a people. It is persons God is said to for-know not the actions of those persons. God knows all things, so He will know the actions also. The scriptural reference of for-knowledge is of God for knowing people.

Act 2:23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

His for-knowledge is of the person to be crucified – not the act of the crucifixion. Christ been delivered.

Rom 8:29 For whom **he did foreknow**, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

It's not what He foreknew but whom He foreknew.

1Pe 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

God's sovereign decree: because He decreed it, He knew it.

For whom he did foreknow. God's fore-knowledge is based on His decree. He knows what we will be, because He has decreed what we will be. He decreed and therefore He fore-knew it. It is not about what will happen, but about who will make it happen. It's not about events happening independent of God. The fore-knowledge of God is who He knew and what they will accomplish. God did not choose you because He knew you; rather He knew you because He chose you.

Eph 1:5-9

- 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,
 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.
 7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;
 8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;
 9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to **his good pleasure** which he hath purposed in himself:

This removes any involvement of the creature, it is all because of the sovereign Creator. God purposed in Himself because of His grace. If we were chosen by His grace then we will accomplish His purpose by His grace. God chose us, and that made us likeable. God did not choose you because He knew you would believe, but because He chose you, you believe. God's choosing it not works, but grace. A remnant according to the election of grace. For God knew beginning to end, Joseph reveals this way in God.

You have been decreed and called. It is His achievement, created in Christ Jesus. It removes any self-works. For it is God who works in you both to will and to do. He who began the good work in you is faithful to complete it.

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

This means that you can be sure that no matter what hell or losses you have sustained, God will weave and see to it that He will work it in for your good. If you love God and are called according to His purposes then **all things** will work for your good. This is why the first miracle Jesus performed was in a wedding, changing water to wine. 6 clay pots of water, this was water of cleansing. He uses the waters of cleansing, what once was for your weaknesses, infirmities, your cleansing, and He turns it into your anointing. He used pots of clay, you don't use pots of clay to make wine. He turned pots filled, all six (the number for man). What once hurt you, was your weakness, will become the place of your power. What was the place of your failure, God will use you to deliver another. It's all about grace, and we will cease from our own works and come into His rest and there God meets us. Since God ceased from His works and you have ceased from yours, its Sabbath, its holy, it's time to celebrate. Do not believe the negative things about yourself, cease from all your works and come into your rest.

Exact Representation

Part 3

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5

- 1 Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him,
- 2 that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.
- 3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, **and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,(perdition)**
- 4 who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.
- 5 Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things?

There were many comings of the Lord Jesus Christ. The verses above however point to the ultimate coming of the Lord – our gathering unto Him. A great falling away must take place first before there is a coming of the Lord. This son of destruction is not a single man – it is a corporate man. This corporate company has the spirit of self-exaltation. This corporate company is a co-existent reality. They are sitting together in every household of faith (Abel and Cain; the true and the false). There is a false and true church in the same location. In any one grouping at any level, there will always be these two strains.

Paul speaks of an apostasy coming first. This falling away is evident in the false company. The negative reports of churches and ministers in newspapers are evidence of this apostasy taking place. (Young vs. old son).

1Kings 13:11-31

- 11 Now there dwelt an old prophet in Bethel; and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bethel: the words which he had spoken unto the king, them they told also to their father.
- 12 And their father said unto them, What way went he? For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah.
- 13 And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon,
- 14 And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, *Art* thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said, *I am*.
- 15 Then he said unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread.
- 16 And he said, I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee: neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place:
- 17 For it was said to me by the word of the LORD, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest.
- 18 He said unto him, *I am* a prophet also as thou *art*; and an angel spake unto me by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water. *But* he lied unto him.
- 19 So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water.
- 20 And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came unto the prophet that brought him back:
- 21 And he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the LORD, and hast not kept the commandment which the LORD thy God commanded thee,

- 22 But camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of the which *the LORD* did say to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcase shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers.
- 23 And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, *to wit*, for the prophet whom he had brought back.
- 24 And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcase was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcase.
- 25 And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase: and they came and told *it* in the city where the old prophet dwelt.
- 26 And when the prophet that brought him back from the way heard *thereof*, he said, *It is* the man of God, who was disobedient unto the word of the LORD: therefore the LORD hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath torn him, and slain him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake unto him.
- 27 And he spake to his sons, saying, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled *him*.
- 28 And he went and found his carcase cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcase: the lion had not eaten the carcase, nor torn the ass.
- 29 And the prophet took up the carcase of the man of God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back: and the old prophet came to the city, to mourn and to bury him.
- 30 And he laid his carcase in his own grave; and they mourned over him, *saying*, Alas, my brother!
- 31 And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he spake to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulchre wherein the man of God *is* buried; lay my bones beside his bones:

The old prophet and the young prophet in Jeroboam's time. Jehu could not dismantle 'the way of Jeroboam. The young prophet attacked the altar (operating system) and not Jeroboam (the person). The Old prophet seduces the young prophet to sit at his table. He prophesies the demise of the young prophet. The old prophet requests to be buried next to the bones of the young prophet. Many years later when people visited the grave of the young prophet they would enquire as to the bones of the old prophet. The juxtaposition of the bones is an attempt for validation by association. So the false strain will be in the house of God seeking validity.

Note the false dimension is 'in the temple' – called the son of perdition/destruction – the man of sin. This is the tension between the harlot and bride. The harlot is a picture of the false dimension.

Proverbs 7:6 – 9

- 6 For at the window of my house I looked out through my lattice,
 7 And I saw among the naive, *And* discerned among the youths A young man lacking sense,
 8 Passing through the street near her corner; And he takes the way to her house,
 9 In the twilight, in the evening, In the middle of the night and *in* the darkness.

The harlot is standing at the corner – she is blocking the corner stone – the false church blocks Christ.

- She operates in twilight = in half truths;
- Attire of a harlot = exaggerated of false manifestations;
- She was loud and rebellious;
- she moves from corner to corner = in every place;
- As soon as she meets him she kisses him before she speaks = meets the felt needs first;
- She had peace offerings = she has a religious dimension;
- The false church will make you feel wanted;
- She has Egyptian tapestry = the systems of this world;
- Perfumed her beds with a false anointing of the anointing oil;
- Majors on carnal indulgence;
- She has no husband = Christ left long ago;

An arrow struck his liver not his heart. The liver is the chief organ of detoxification. You will get jaundice and look yellow. Everything that is yellow is not gold. The harlot gives you a false picture of the glory. The harlot exalts herself – the bride humbles herself.

Wheat and tares exist side by side until harvest – the tare stands up higher than, this is self exaltation. The wheat bows- stand in humility. Shebna vs. Eliakim- two orders are manifested in one place – the temple = the people of God.

2Ki 18:18 And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder.

Your local church is the household of faith; the city church is the temple of God. Many are bound by localization. Households of Faith must connect with each other. This fulfills the Feast of Tabernacles. Solomon built his house (local church) and the temple was where all the tribes got together. He had steps leading to the temple. Isolation is a demonic manifestation.

There is a falling away of the harlot. She will get worse and worse.

2Th 2:6 And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed.

2Th 2:7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; **only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.**

2Th 2:8 Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the **breath of His mouth** and bring to an end by the **appearance of His coming;**

There is something preventing us from seen this false dimension. “He be taken away” – ginomai = “to come into existence or to appear; to manifest”. Jehovah Witness believe that Jesus is the firstborn of the creation of God and that Jesus was created. Firstborn does not mean first born – but the pre-eminent one. They say Jesus was made a quickening spirit (1 Cor15) – and so they believe when He was raised, He was raised as a spirit.

This should read “He will restrain until HE appears from the midst”. He here is Christ himself. The two on the road to Emmaus – their eyes were restrained from seeing Him.

“Caught up” is a metaphor for immortality. The manifestation of Christ will expose the false dimension all the time. When we gather in His name – Christ appears. He also appears whenever the Word is released. The two saw him when they opened the Scriptures. When the Word is delivered, the lawless one is exposed. The lawless one will be consumed with the Word – the breath of His mouth – His words are spirit and life. When the Word is delivered by sent ones, then the word will consume the lawless one. The word consumed / or slay means to disappear or taken away. That is why when the truth is proclaimed, people will leave your church.

At the end of the age the tares are gathered together and destroyed. The wheat is gathered into the barns.

2Th 2:9 *that is,* the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders,

This false dimension operates with authoritative likeness – with lying signs and wonders.

2Th 2:10 and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.

This dimension does not love the Word of God. God will empower the false dimension with false miracles. Cults are sometime there just to gather the tares. Tares are high maintenance.

2Th 2:11 For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false,
2Th 2:12 in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.

Man of SIN:

John 13:21-31

- 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."
 22 The disciples began looking at one another, at a loss to know of which one He was speaking.
 23 There was reclining on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.
 24 So Simon Peter *gestured to him, and *said to him, "Tell us who it is of whom He is speaking."
 25 He, leaning back thus on Jesus' bosom, *said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"
 26 Jesus then *answered, "That is the one for whom I shall dip the morsel and give it to him." ***So when He had dipped the morsel, He *took and *gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.***
 27 After the morsel, Satan then entered into him. Therefore Jesus *said to him, "What you do, do quickly."
 28 Now no one of those reclining at the table knew for what purpose He had said this to him.
 29 For some were supposing, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus was saying to him, "Buy the things we have need of for the feast"; or else, that he should give something to the poor.
 30 So after receiving the morsel he went out immediately; and it was night.
 31 Therefore when he had gone out, Jesus *said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him;

In verse 26 in (KJV) it states - The **son of perdition** is the one to whom I give the SOP.

Judas pictures this false dimension – Judas is close to Jesus. Judas is revealed at the breaking of bread. Satan entered him; he went out; and he went out into the night. Whenever the word is broken, they will be exposed as agents of Satan, and this exposition will cause them to go out immediately.

In some churches, Judas is sitting in the house. Judas is always uncomfortable when the man of God is honoured. Also Judas is activated by acts of kindness, he gets the SOP and then satan enters him.

You cannot leave or separate from a true of man of God.

1Jn 2:19 They ***went out from us***, but they ***were not really of us***; for if ***they had been of us***, they would ***have remained with us***; but *they went out*, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us.

You cannot separate from the authentic – you can only separate from the false. If you leave, then you manifest yourself as the son of perdition. You cannot leave a true church. Once you come in you will stay for life =- this is a marriage – how good and pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together.


The Culture of this world is to distort the Likeness.

Lev 21: 1 – 5

- 1 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the priests, the sons of Aaron, and say to them: 'No one shall defile himself for a *dead* person among his people,
 2 except for his relatives who are nearest to him, his mother and his father and his son and his daughter and his brother,
 3 also for his virgin sister, who is near to him because she has had no husband; for her he may defile himself.
 4 'He shall not defile himself as a relative by marriage among his people, and so profane himself.
 5 'They **shall not make any baldness on their heads, nor shave off the edges of their beards, nor make any cuts in their flesh.**

We see here that there were anatomical defects that disqualified them- the priests.

Bald places on their Heads
 Edges of beard Shaved
 Cutting in the Flesh



all symbols of worldliness

Leviticus 21:15 – 24

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

The following defects were highlighted:-

- Blind = you cannot see the purposes of God;
- Lame man = you can see the purposes of God, but cannot walk into it. David had to cast out the lame and the blind;
- Marred face – a broken nose = no discernment
- Any limb too long = imbalanced person
- Broken Foot = delays everyone
- Broken hand = man cannot give or measure
- Hunch Back = stiff necked – rebellious
- Dwarf = Unable to reach the golden altar of incense or the bread
- Squints = cannot focus
- Eczema = instability
- Scab on his face = unforgiveness
- Eunuch = damaged gonads; testosterone levels were low; no aggression; boys are becoming more and more feminized.

Jeremiah's lamentation was that men were acting like women. There is a biological conspiracy against masculinity – image distortion.

Dominion will only be given to the image and exact representation. Exact representation is not in an individual. When he appears **WE** shall be like Him. We have the mind of Christ. The whole earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord, how- through the body.

Maturation of the Seed

Overview of the Feasts:

Christ is revealed in all three Feasts:

1. **Passover: Feast of Conception** – of Christ's life in us – we are the Lord's Field. Feats of the historical person - Jesus

Christ our Passover lamb:

1Cor 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

2. **Pentecost – feast of First fruits** – of Ingathering – also of the baptism in the Holy Ghost.

This seed now grows – then we have the baptism and gifts of the Holy Spirit. First fruits of the harvest Ex 34:22; first fruit points towards something greater – we groan to receive our adoption as sons. The first two feasts point to the final feast. The Holy Spirit is a guarantee for the final harvest of mature sonship.

The earnest of our inheritance = a down-payment – a pledge to guarantee of something better to come. If you stop short of the last feast you cannot enter your rest. You only enter into rest in sonship. Tabernacles speak of the fullness of Christ in us. Everything of the Godhead is within the SEED.

Eph 1:14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

2Cor 1:22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

3. **Tabernacles – celebrating the Father**

Here we experience the adoption into mature sonship. This is also the feast of His appearing – the open book – the Father's doctrine. John 7 – Jesus came in this feast – he came in the middle of the feast. "His doctrine is not his own but his father". Tabernacles is about the maturing of the harvest. When the Father harvests, HE harvests sons.

The Feasts of Glory – of Him appearing in us – the feasts of harvest and ingathering. Do not say the harvest is four months away = do not get locked into the natural cycles of the earth = do not postpone the harvest into future. If you can lift your sight you can lift what is future into your present.

First fruits was a prophetic indicator of that which is to come = a harvest of sons.

The seasonal rains and harvest are connected to Tabernacles. Also the cloud that carried the rain. It is again the time of rain. Rain = doctrine.

Deu 32:2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:

The doctrine is like the rain that ripens the harvest. We do not want acid rain that corrupts the harvest. Rain is also a metaphor for the proceeding present truth Word of God. The rain ripens the harvest of sons. At Tabernacles there was oil (anointing), corn (word) and wine (revelation). Passover was held in the first month of the barley (Jews); Pentecost was wheat (Gentile nations); Tabernacles (entire world).

Tabernacles was a fruit harvest – and it closed off the harvest cycles.

Joh 12:24 "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.

The seed of His life was placed in us through the new birth. Luke 1:34 – the Holy Spirit will overshadow you. God has sown a seed in us through the new birth. The Holy Spirit overshadowed us and the Father impregnated us. All the potentiality of the full stature of Christ is in that seed.

Germinate/Conception	= Passover	= Birth
Growth	= Pentecost	= Development
Mature	= Tabernacles	= Sonship

1Co 3:9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, *ye are* God's building.

Sown in the field – we are the field of God. The word was seed in us through his sent ones. The seed has been sown, but the seed has never germinated, grown and developed.

'End of the year' = end of a cycle of the kairos of God, with the appearing of the fruit – mature sonship. We are God's barnyard – we cannot bring the harvest in until the barnyard is complete

Pentecost was a feast of measure; Tabernacles is a feast of Fullness. He wants to appear in us. Feast of Pentecost is associated with the first fruit of your labours sown the field. Tabernacles is associated with the ingathering of your labour out from the field. We are the final planting of the Lord.

Gen3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."

Seed = offspring = speaks of a family or a race

1 John 3: 9 No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

The seed of God in us prevents us from sinning – it will keep you from your inaccuracies. In the book of revelation, this seed becomes a corporate entity.

Seed in Greek = sperma = offspring – a line of descent. The seed contains the father's identity and the trace elements are in that seed. The seed of God is Christ and that seed is inside of us.

Heb 11:10 for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose **architect and builder** is God.

Seed is also speaking about a SON (Matt 13). The son speaks about the social continuance of a father. When God builds, he employs sonship. The house could not be erected as a superstructure until you have sons. The foundation has to be re-laid first. God can only use sons in construction.

Because the church has stayed in Passover and Pentecost, we could not build accurately. The sonship of Christ inside of us is the rock upon which the house of God is built.

Foundation =- katabole = 'kata' = to dig down – or casting a seed. Christ was the seed cast in the ground. Your foundation is your sons. The ability to produce an incorruptible lifestyle.

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Rev 21: 1 -11

- 1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea.
- 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.
- 9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."
- 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,
- 11 having the glory of God. Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper.

Heb 12:22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels,

The city is a people that have become the many seeds that have come to maturity. This city will become more visible as it is built – as you build it, it comes down from God.

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

When the house is built – His glory will be seen. He cannot come in His glory until the house has been built. The glory will appear inside of us. The glory is the recognition of a reputation. Others will have an opinion in their minds of that which is built. Exodus 40 -The Tabernacle was finished – and then the glory cloud came to sit upon the Tabernacle. Glory comes in response to a finished work.

When Zion appears, the nations will flow up into it. This is the new evangelism – it will be seen by everybody – as it rises – it is coming down from God – the habitation of God amongst men. If you want to see it, BUILD it. God is building His eternal house – the house is there where the body is – this is the corporate house of God.

Heb 11: Abraham was looking for a people (a city) – to which the nations will stream up into to learn the ways of God in them. The nations will become bankrupt. This is not a time to be weak. Isaiah 28 – the laying of the stone was the answer to inaccurate leadership.

Architect = teknetes = to build according to rules of artistry. Those who do not build according to the mind of God are illegal. Speaks about the design or blueprint that exists within the mind of God – otherwise you are building amiss. You cannot build that which does not exist in God's mind. Prophets without any fatherly apostolic oversight is illegal and will be shut down.

The design of God is Christ. This building is a city and a people that will be seen as it is built.

Maker = dēmiourgos = *worker* for the *people*, that is, *mechanic* (spoken of the *Creator*): - maker.

As you build, you do not advertise yourself. Righteousness and Justice is His plumb-line. As your house is rising – it sends a frequency in the area – and those of the same frequency get attracted to that frequency. Build it slow and strong and it will rise.

Christology

God has only one intention and that is to restore Himself in the human race. God wants to display Himself to all of creation through us. Without us, God will always be invisible. The reason why God wanted to destroy the earth in Noah's day was because the two genealogies in the earth were cohabiting to produce a mixed seed. One from Cain and the other from Seth. The sons of God – the order of Seth – who was in the likeness and image of the pre-fall Adam – started to mix with the seed of Cain. Noah still carried the image and God chose him to preserve the seed. By Malachi, the earth is back in a curse = to be subjugated to a place of such insignificance – to the point where even your memory is eliminated in the earth – you will not be known anymore. Your memory has got to do with your mandate and mission. How do you break the curse? You receive the spirit of Elijah to restore fathers and sons and when these two are connected, the curse is broken. When you keep to this principle, you will replicate after your kind. You are the offspring of God carrying His image and likeness. You cannot do it without fathers and sons. Jesus came from the heavens and fell into a womb. At twelve He subjected himself to His father and mother. God's own son was raised by a spiritual father in Joseph. He could do nothing until His heavenly Father said "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased".

The face of the image and likeness is called SONSHIP. If you want to know God, you cannot know Him except through SON. Jesus said "I am the way, the truth and life – no man comes to the Father except by me." The last creative order of God was REST; we are the penultimate creation to operate from rest. God chose to remain invisible – through the principle of deputyship. God works in the things that work for Him – deputyship – the representational principle.

Adam was to manage to earth, and not to own it. The tension is between exact representation and equality. Phil 2:6 – Christ did not chose equality even though he was equal – he chose a principle called obedience; you always operate on the will of your Heavenly Father.

Matthew 16:27-28

Mat 16:27 "For the **Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels**, and WILL THEN REPAY EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS.

Mat 16:28 "Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

Your perception of the Son of man will be determined by the perception of the source from which he comes. The word IN = to come to a permanent position of rest. The son of man will come to rest in the glory of His Father = you will come to rest in everything of the nature that 'father' represents.

WITH his angels = meta = to come in the midst of others – i.e. angelos – in the companionship and fellowship of messengers.

I am a partaker of a divine nature. So how do we function in the earth? We do what Jesus did. He emptied Himself of that and became a servant. So I will operate on the principle of servanthood, and I will say that "whatever I have, I will work for you".

So that when people say WE see you as God, we say no, you see my Father in me. This demands humility. The face of God is called sonship. In the fullness of SON dwells the fullness of deity.

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

How does this fullness come into you? What is this fullness? The answer is **C H R I S T**. The apostles preached 'CHRIST IN YOU'. If any man preaches anything but CHRIST – have nothing to do with him.

Who is Christ?

Apostles' Doctrine is the doctrine of Christ. Paul laboured until Christ is formed within each person.

2Jn 1:9 Anyone who goes too far and does not abide ***in the teaching of Christ, does not have God;*** the ***one who abides in the teaching,*** he ***has both the Father and the Son.***

2Jn 1:10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into *your* house, and do not give him a greeting;

Galatians 3: 24 -29

24 Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.

25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

26 For you are ***all sons of God*** through faith in Christ Jesus.

27 For all of you who ***were baptized into Christ*** have clothed yourselves with Christ.

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

29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.

The Psalms make the law and the prophets real. The law and the prophets become alive when you have a Psalm experience.

Verse.24- the law will tell us of Christ; Christ was resident in timelessness. God will remain invisible until Christ is formed in all of us. Christ is the code or pin number. Everything you study you must study through the spectacles of CHRIST. Your eye must be open to see it. You cannot define Christ by his historicity or Jewish-ness. In Christ, there is no Jew or Gentile – neither male nor female.

The ultimate objective is to immerse yourself into Christ – become clothed with Christ – the face of God is Christ – which is sonship.

Heirs according to promise = The promise is not heaven – heaven is simply a high or lofty place. Heaven is like the place from which he offloads Himself to the earth. The promise is "You are my son".

If you know who your Father is, why do you need things, all you have to do IS BE and allow Him to be everything He wants to be in us.

God has restored Christ to us in the form of doctrine. The manna which fell from heaven – when it was stored in the ark of the Covenant in the form of becoming grain, this is a picture of doctrine. Manna was not eaten raw, they had to pound it out into grain- and they baked cakes with it. What you eat is what you become.

On the road to Emmaus – Jesus led Himself, Christ, out from the Word. Symbolically He enacted by the breaking of bread through which He appeared.

As sons of God we are called to preach Christ.

Colossians 1:3 -29

3 We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,
 4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints;
 5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel
 6 which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as it has
 7 been doing in you also since the day you heard of it and understood the grace of God in truth;
 8 just as you learned it from Epaphras, our beloved fellow bond-servant, who is a faithful servant of
 9 Christ on our behalf,
 10 and he also informed us of your love in the Spirit.
 11 For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that
 12 you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,
 13 so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in
 14 every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;
 15 strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness
 16 and patience; joyously
 17 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.
 18 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved
 19 Son,
 20 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
 21 **He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.**
 22 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether
 23 thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities--**all things have been created through Him and for Him.**
 24 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.
 25 He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He
 26 Himself will come to have first place in everything.
 27 For it was the Father's good pleasure **for all the fullness to dwell in Him,**
 28 and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross;
 29 through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.
 30 And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds,
 31 yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy
 32 and blameless and beyond reproach--
 33 if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the
 34 hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of
 35 which I, Paul, was made a minister.
 36 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body, which is the
 37 church, in filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions.
 38 Of this church I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for
 39 your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God,
 40 that is, **the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been**
 41 **manifested to His saints,**
 42 to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles,
 43 which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory.**
 44 We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may
 45 **present every man complete in Christ.**
 46 For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me

In Christ – both visible and invisible realms are summarized or reconciled in Christ, because Christ is in us, we will rule over heaven and earth in Him. It is not about heaven and earth – it is about both in Him. God put everything under His feet. We are a corporate first fruit company. In Christ we will enjoy everything. Our inheritance is not the heavens or the earth but Him.

Session 12

William Hinn

Sphere of Supply

Thamo Naidoo : Things will happen with speed. You will speak and darkness will flee. Seals are being broken and decoded. God never gives revelation unless He has manifestation in mind. You cannot hear this word and then not live it. Do not just be attracted to the mystical dimensions of this Word. **Whatever God discloses, He wants to expose through us.** Highest form of spiritual warfare is to ignore your enemy. This is a mountain erupting with words. Our ears must be able to apprehend – they must be imputed into the ethos of our spirit. Your presence will become the declaration. We have been clothed upon with glories from God. There is lots of warfare in the atmosphere. Demons do not want this message to be released. Stay focused – do not fall into the next trap that the enemy will bring your way.

William Hinn:

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

This Scripture is filled with the abundance of blessings. “God is Law” is a series of teachings. Everything God created is created by law. Everything God made functions according to its law. Every morning the sun shines is a new day that never existed before. The law of the soil and the seed – law of plant life – the law of sea life. Everything God made must live within its own environment. The Kingdom of God is not only that which is spiritual. Mary actually got pregnant. There was actually sperm deposited within her womb that met an egg. Her stomach grew physically (not spiritually). You have a spiritual experience that brings an actual physical change in your life. The earth receives rain from the heavens – the earth responds to a higher order.

Seed in soil must be watered. Everything in God’s universe is self maintained. God called us to live in a sphere called the ‘heavenly place’. Heaven is not our home and earth is not our home. God has provided for us called ‘His Eden’ – it is distinct from earth and heaven. You have the capacity to be heavenly while upon the earth. Eden is simply the Kingdom Of God – the place where God and man meet. It is God’s domain. It is a sphere of God’s activity, and how His word must be followed. In this place called the Eden of God we are able to see into the heavenlies, spiritual things and yet at the same time we can see the evidence and manifestation. When we consider i.e. Faith is the substance hoped for, the evidence of things not seen- this is a heavenly sphere. Diseases like cancer can be healed by a higher dimension, a higher order, a higher law. It is not by mercy but by order. Gifts are but in part. Prophecy is at best 50/50. The fact is as far as the purity of faith goes, faith is a law, it is the evidence – once it is aligned with manifestation.

To me the garden of God is not geographical. Moses wrote of it generations thousands and thousands of years after the experience of it. Where did Moses go, what was the sphere of Moses’ mind when he wrote Genesis: “In the beginning”

Proverbs 8: 27 – 30

- 27 When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:
- 28 When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:
- 29 When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:
- 30 Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him;

The women called wisdom – she was there before the foundation of the heavens and the earth. Wisdom is a law. The Genesis experience had an encounter with wisdom. Genesis is the foundation upon which everything has been built.

Genesis 1:27 31

- 27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
- 28 **God blessed them**; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."
- 29 Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you;
- 30 and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, **I have given every green plant for food**"; and it was so.
- 31 God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Adam prior to the fall did not have the capacity of need – he only had the capacity of rule and supply. Anything God creates, He sustains. He protects, feeds all that is according to His law. The law of God is the protection unto its own creation. God is the law of life, health, wholeness and harmony.

Here is a law:

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

Seek the kingdom first does not mean do this and that first before other things to prove the priority of His Kingdom. It is not asking you to put God first. There is no such thing as God is first, family second and work third. God is Alpha and Omega- He is the beginning and the end. We try and calculate how we will serve God, serve our family and keep a job. It's simple, serve God, reveal Him to your family and manifest him in the work-place. When God is first then He will outpour into your family life and into your work life.

'Kingdom of God first' means the demonstration of the presence of God. Healings are the effects of the demonstration. Presence is not sentiment or feeling, but the condition of God being present. God's presence – the area surrounding you has the quality, the assurance and confidence that God is present. His presence can be sensed, but He is present even when you do not feel Him. The area surrounding you has the assurance that this is God's presence. The presence of God is that which is according to what is God. God did not create poverty or strife, these are effects of a contrary law. What God did not create, He does not sustain.

Joh 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

Joh 1:5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

Light can shine in darkness, and darkness cannot stop it, this is a law. God did not create death – He did not say "let there be death". Death is an enemy of God. Death is introduced from a contrary law – it was introduced from disobedience.

The Kingdom Of God is the demonstration of His presence – the more we are one with God, the more the demonstration of His presence will manifest in all that is good and righteous. We are joint heirs **WITH** God.

When God created things it was 'so good'. When God created Adam – everything was aimed toward him – he was given dominion. Everything points and gravitates towards headship. What would have happened if Adam did not fall, what would the earth look like? There would be no thorns or thistles, no decay or death at any level. The earth would spontaneously respond to the Word of the Lord. No ageing, no violence, no evil, jealousy- then the earth would respond to the man over it. The globe would have been a home for mankind.

The state of the earth is the consequence of a contrary law. The glory of the sixth day prior to the fall, is that everything simply worked by grace. Grace is unmerited favour, given to those – but there is more to it. Grace is =divine influence upon the heart and the reflection of that life. We realize that the domain and sphere that Adam lived was a sphere of supply where nothing lacked.

We live in a world where we are trying to achieve something from the opposite direction of its law. The analogy of 'faithful tomato' – it seeds will bring life even though it goes through the entire digestive system. The tomato follows a law. When God provides for us and gives us according to its law, everything functions according to its rule. There must be the power of wealth. Goodness and mercy are following me around, for the blessings of God are like a magnetic force that will follow you. As it was with Adam prior to the fall, everything was according to grace. There was no concept in his thinking of need. So when He says all these things will be added to you, it is referring to His manifest presence in you which has the effects of health, prosperity and all supply.

Luk 17:21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the **kingdom of God is within you.**

The kingdom of plant-life = all that pertains to plant-life. The Kingdom Of God is God's world. The domain of all that is God- which consists of righteousness peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Matthew 13:19 -23

- 19 "When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road.
- 20 "The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;
- 21 yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away.
- 22 "And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.
- 23 "And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty."

Mat 13:31 He presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field;

Mat 13:32 and this is smaller than all other seeds, **but when it is full grown, it is larger than the garden plants** and becomes a tree, so that THE BIRDS OF THE AIR come and NEST IN ITS BRANCHES."

The seed is the word of the Kingdom and it expands. This is describing a law, this is what happened in Genesis. God spoke His word and the earth produced. The Kingdom of God is the authority of creative word that it produces.

Everything will be ADDED to you = ‘annex’ = joined to a larger thing – to incorporate a territory into an existing state. It means adding a building to a larger one. When we say everything will be added- it is describing incorporating that which is of sovereignty, an empire where it is God’s world.

There was a physical encounter when you were born again. It is different between being saved and being born again. New Birth happens – when something has to die first. Nicodemus was a Rabbi, a high ranking person, a teacher of the law. In the new birth – there is the seeing of the Kingdom of God. There was a spiritual encounter, there was a manifestation of a higher order. In the same way, there is a manifestation that manifests into the physical world- there is a sphere of supply.

Gen 1:29 And God said, Behold, **I have given you** every herb bearing seed, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

Gen 1:30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein *there is* life, **I have given** every green herb for meat: and it was so.

God said to Adam “I give you everything”. Most of God’s people are poor. There is a problem, we must get back into the understanding and alignment. When you give, the sense of God rises within you. There is a sphere of supply – but there is also a sphere of sin.

1Jn 3:4 Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.

God has set the law of order, so the law is not only an act but a being.

6 Governing Laws for Creation:

1. Everything can only produce according to its purpose.
2. All things are made of the same substance from which they came, when they die they return to the source that made them.
3. All things are maintained from the source from which they came.
4. Since all things are composed of the same substance from which they came, they contain the same substance as the source. Potential of anything is linked to the potential of its source.
5. The fulfillment of potential is found in the achievement of the intended design.
6. The identity of anything is revealed by the demand placed on it.

Pro 3:1 My son, do not forget my teaching, But let your heart keep my commandments;

Your function is to function in the likeness of God – and out of this all of your supply comes.

Man can partake of land, earth and seas – and those cannot partake of him because he is over everything.

With God it is not supply and demand, but demand and supply. In other words, it’s not our need that initiates the supply but our supply that initiates the need. Supply is a state not a provision. Provision is the outcome of supply. God is the source and provision is the result.

Genesis 2:7-10

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

- 8 The LORD God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed.
 9 Out of the ground the LORD God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
 10 Now a river flowed out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it divided and became four rivers.

Everything was designed to function within a specific environment – the condition of that environment will affect the ability of the thing to fulfill its potential. Therefore your potential is directly related to your environment. God created and organized the garden and provided everything for man within the garden. God and man walked in the garden, God being spirit, and man being the image of that spirit– there is spiritual application of the garden.

Song of Sol 4:12-15

- 12 A garden inclosed is my sister, my spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.
 13 Thy plants are an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits; camphire, with spikenard,
 14 Spikenard and saffron; calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense; myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices:
 15 A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, and streams from Lebanon.

Song of Sol 5:1 I am come into my garden, my sister, my spouse: I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk: eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved.

Isa 58:11 And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

Jer 31:12 Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all.

A river flowed out of the garden(Gen 2). The garden is describing the soul of man. Out of our inner most being shall flow rivers of living water, it shall be in him a well flowing unto everlasting life. These are spiritual experiences and manifestations. What is the environment of man to live in? He is a living soul, he lives in the environment of his own mind. As a soul living in a body, man is the only created being that does not have to live in his localized body. This means his body only identifies his location but not his life. John said “I wish that though may prosper and be in good health even as your soul prospers”.

Your prosperity is in the condition of your soul. The word Spirit means breathe, rooted in a vital principle, a mental disposition, the position of your mentality. The condition of the soul is in the position of your spirit. Where do you see yourself in the spirit? Do you see yourself joined unto the Lord as one. For out of the conduit of your soul man shall live. Everything in life will come from the inside of you. From your inner garden – all things will flow.

When God established the seventh day, the only reason we have to labour to enter the rest is because there was havoc at the end of the sixth day. If there was no fall, then the Sabbath would have been an outcome of the plenty of the sixth day.

Two forces which influence human life:

- 1) Hereditary
- 2) Environment.

Hereditary is that which you receive as a baby with characteristics that distinguish you as a human. Environment is that which defines all the conditions and influences, what we learn, how we are raised, that which affects our lives and development. Hereditary defines your kind; environment defines your home. Hereditary defines your nature; environment defines the condition of your nature. Both must work together. Environment makes all the difference. The primary purpose of environment is to sustain life. Within every living organism is contained the principle and power of life, but in the environment is the power to sustain and develop that life. Without environment there can be no life. We are of the Kingdom of God, that is our hereditary; but we must live within the sphere of the Kingdom of Heaven, that is our environment. Sonship is the environment for the sons of God to divinely live. Without this spiritual environment of the Kingdom of Heaven, the life of sonship that is in us would be simply like a body without food, fish out of water. Christ in you **is the hope** of Glory.

The pattern of the Son of God walked in perfect harmony between organism and environment.

Joh 14:11 Believe me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

It was not only the Father in the Son, for this is His hereditary; but also the Son in the Father was His environment. The Father was the centre and circumference of His life.

Our outer world is not our world. The heavenly dimension is more real to us than our physical world. In your Eden, you can look into both worlds. Many know the truth of Christ in you, but many don't live by it. To know Christ in you is to know the reality of your true inward life. Christ is your real life, your hereditary. To come to the place where you see yourself one with Him becomes your environment- the sphere of your existence. This environment is so strong, that not only does it sustain you but it protects you from everything that is outside of you. The environment is a world that surrounds you and also separates you from whatsoever is on the outside of you.

The environment of new creation, is not only have you received Him, but He also has received you.

In the beginning of our oneness with God, He incorporated into us His mind, His spirit, His substance, His supply, His infinity. He can add nothing to us, nor any power on earth can take anything from us. As long as we live in our union with Him, nothing can be taken from us. Since infinity is the measure of our supply, then we must begin to POUR, the outflow. We must not seek what we can get but we can pour. The Kingdom of God is loaded with spiritual treasures that have been freely given to us. We are a storehouse of spiritual riches since the Kingdom of God is within us. By distributing these riches, we gain. To break the cycle and monotony we have to have faith to break something. Do not live in the realm of 'persuasion' – just obey.

Session 13

William Hinn

Domain of Spirit

When we hear the word, we do not have the time to educate the mind – but we want to open up the reservoir of your spirit. You have to make these truths your personal study. When you have a taste – you desire more. Many are lazy and we do not take the time to study. There has to be the intent to sit and

personally study and get to know the Lord. Take the time to investigate the domain of spirit. Being natural beings we disconnected from this domain, we are naturally-minded people.

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis is the instruction of God and the purest of His revelation. Genesis is the introduction of God and man. The book of Genesis is the foundation book. Genesis = origin or beginning – Genesis reveals the truth that the future is bound in the past. A man's belief concerning his origin will inevitably determine his belief about his purpose on earth and destiny. Genesis states that in the beginning God created.

Col 1:17 He is before all things and by Him all things consist

Your life is an effect – God's life is the cause. Paul saw that there was a parallel between the book of Genesis and when he wrote 2 Corinthians.

2Co 4:6 For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

What He shined was the light of the knowledge. All knowledge is not light but this knowledge has given us light in a dark world. Nobody can know their complete identity in Christ, without knowing the origin of that identity in its beginning. The divine purpose of God for man was set from eternity. He blessed the Lamb of God, and the Lamb had been slain before the foundations of the world.

Our names have been written before the foundation of the world.

Rev 17:8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Eph 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

We have been chosen in Him, because Jesus Christ Himself is the glory of God and the express image of His person.

Heb 1:3 Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

The glory of God is the image of Christ. We will be fully satisfied when we awaken in that same likeness. "In the beginning God created" –should read "By Beginnings, God created ". By periods God created.

Heb 1:10 And, Thou, Lord, **in the beginning** hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

Beginning = plera = in the beginnings did lay the foundations.

This was the beginning of the universe and of time. But before this beginning there was a beginning.

Gen 2:8 The LORD God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed.

Gen 2:9 Out of the ground the LORD God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil

The story of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden is the greatest parable in the Bible. It tells us about ourselves, our state of being and how we bring about our conditions in which we live. It is the blueprint of man's experience on earth and his destiny in God. In the garden of Eden, the nature of God, man and Satan are portrayed. A parable is placing one thing alongside another. 'Para' = by the side; Like 'parallel' = parable is a parallel- alongside a lesson and a reality. The natural and the outward corresponds in principle to the spiritual and inward – one along the other. All historical persons in scripture all represent principles.

Adam and Eve symbolized more than gender. They represent the whole human race. What happened to Adam, is what happens to us here. From innocence to sin, from sin to salvation, from salvation to the image of God. Eden is not necessarily a physical place – it is the state of being that man was when he was created.

The garden is: "Man in the presence of God". It is man with the incorruptible life of God available to him. And yet the garden is also man with all the conditions both internal and external, in his being and in his environment which would ultimately lead him to his alienation from God. Man was the garden and yet in the garden. All the conditions surrounding him were also realities within him. External conditions corresponding with conditions within him, either good or evil. He was a garden within a garden – a world within a world.

Eden was unlike heaven and unlike earth – it was the kingdom of Heaven on the earth. The only thing you can compare this to is the resurrected body of Jesus Christ. Visible yet all spiritual, in an earthly form yet not bound by time or space. Here is where heaven and earth meet – all the visible becomes spiritual and all the spiritual becomes visible.

Man is the only created being who can see right into the heavenly, spiritual world, the unseen. Man is at home in both worlds. Earth is not man's natural habitat, neither is heaven – God created a place that corresponds with his true state of being. The garden is your natural habitat. This is your true world – where heaven and earth meet. The kingdom of heaven on earth is your homeland. It is where man and God walked and talked together. Eden is not where Man was - it is who man is. What starts as a garden in Genesis becomes now a city in Revelation.

Rev 21:9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

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

Rev 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and **there is no longer any sea.**

Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them,

First heaven and the first earth passed away – and no more sea. These are allegorical. Joseph's dream of cows – a vision of seven years of famine and plenty. The word must interpret itself; we cannot see things on a private plain. So when we see the Sea = that which tossed to and fro – one day up and down. This describes the raging, tossing of humanity- the emotional roller coaster.

New heaven (mind) and the new earth (heart) -no more being tossed about like a raging sea. The city is a bride adorned for her husband. The Tabernacle of God is with men. If I want to hang around with God – then I have to find the men. Look for the men that are His Tabernacle.

Revelation 22:1-5

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

Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

Rev 21:11 having the glory of God. Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper.

Rev 21:12 It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names *were* written on them, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel.

We come through the city and we find a river. The tree of life is in the midst of it. The tree was not transferred from the garden; the city is the garden. In this city, the new Jerusalem and the new earth are joined together, this is where righteousness dwells. The new mind and the new body. We are a new creation in Christ, this is your habitation and destination. Eden is the beginning of God's purposes; the city of Jerusalem is the accomplishment of those purposes. In Eden there was a serpent, in the new Jerusalem there is no serpent. In Eden there is the tree of good and evil; in the city only the tree of life. In Eden man was on trial ; in the city man is the overcomer and established in the mind of Christ.

We are trees of righteousness = a reference to a people that are the planting of the Lord; whose wilderness will be like Eden and their desert like the garden of the Lord. This was a parable, Jesus using the natural to speak of spiritual things.

Isa 61:3 To grant those who mourn *in* Zion, Giving them a garland instead of ashes, The oil of gladness instead of mourning, The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting. So they will be called **oaks of righteousness, The planting of the LORD**, that He may be glorified.

Isa 51:3 Indeed, the LORD will comfort Zion; He will comfort all her waste places. And her wilderness He will make like Eden, And her desert like the garden of the LORD; Joy and gladness will be found in her, Thanksgiving and **sound of a melody**.

Jer 17:7 Blessed *is* the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.

Jer 17:8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and *that* spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

I am of the view that there was no actual garden – I don't believe such a place ever existed. There is something more here, for in reality, man is the garden and God is the gardener. God was buried in the garden and He was raised in the garden. Because this is a parallel, there is a lesson of reality. All of man's conditions were a reality within him. The external conditions correspond precisely with the inward natures. In Genesis 2, God forms the man out of the dust of the ground in the garden, and this is where heaven and earth meet. The place called Eden, the spiritual becomes visible. This is the place where man and God meet, it is man in the presence of God.

Song OF Sol 4:12 "A garden locked is my sister, my bride, A rock garden locked, a spring sealed up.

Man lived, sinned, died and was driven out from the garden. Jesus comes, the last Adam and He passes through two gardens – He opens up a third garden in the first garden. As the first Adam died in the garden, so the last Adam entered into death in the garden too. The first Adam brought death out of life in the garden, whilst the last Adam brought forth life out of death. Now we understand why the scripture says "Except a corn of wheat dies ...

Joh 12:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

When He died, His life was released into all those who believe in Him, they become the planting of the Lord that He might be glorified. This is the Lord's paradise, a holy environment of righteousness where peace and joy has been divinely ordained. It is the garden where leaves never fall, where streams never fail, without wickedness, decay and death. Eden is a picture of His plan for man.

Isa 11:6 And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the young goat, And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a **little boy will lead them**.

Isa 65:25 "The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox; and dust will be the serpent's food. They will do no evil or harm in all My holy mountain," says the LORD.

What starts as a Garden in Genesis becomes a City garden in Revelation. When a revelation becomes a people, it becomes a Kingdom garden. There will be no hurt, nor destruction in this holy mountain of God. Joy and gladness and the voice of melody shall be therein.

The Lord says "I will turn your frustrations into your celebrations". God is by His Spirit, taking us through the Word drawing out the spiritual realities of things going on within us this very day. Everything that went on in Adam's life is that which goes on in ours- the dualities, the struggles and the temptations. There are two trees in the midst of our garden: tree of the knowledge and good and evil, the fruit of the tree in the

midst of the garden was forbidden. The other tree was the Tree of Life. There were actually three kinds of trees in the garden: life; knowledge of good and evil, and all the other trees. The tree that was forbidden from Adam, was the very tree that he went too. God had a purpose in the two trees and a purpose for the fall.

God has a plan completed before He ever started it. We are not robots. God must be experienced and encountered. We are still in a garden and still being created. The two trees are still in our garden; the tree of life is right there in the midst for us: Jesus Christ is the life of God and we are able to partake of and have all the 'other trees'. The one tree that we always move to is the tree of knowledge, the problem is in your mind. That knowledge is good but is evil.

It wasn't about the apple, but the thought, the agreement, the knowledge. They agreed to something and they did not know what they already had. They partook of something to get what they already obtained – and when they partook they lost what they already had. Eve should have responded 'I am God's image, I have been created by the divine hand of God, I am God's design and God's plan, I am God's localization, I am God's expression, when you see me- then you see God'. You can't come to this without falling first, how do you know what is day without the night?

There was a plan and they fell. God comes along in Gen 3:15 and says -now that they ate, they have become one of us knowing good and evil. They came to the place where they knew good and evil .God stops Adam from eating of the tree of life – lest he partake and live forever in a fallen state. God did not want Adam to live forever in a fallen state. The only way back into the paradise of God, the destination, place of our union, the experience, abundance, the life, is for us to come through the Word (sword), that which cuts asunder of soul and spirit. You have to come through the cherubim and the cherubim identify the imagery by the Word to get back in.

Session 14

Thamo Naidoo

Image and Likeness

Part 1

The word is an incorruptible seed. This ASOM is taking us from the known into the unknown. Although we are saying some provocative things, nothing said will take you away from Christ. We are going into the depths of Christ – we are encountering Him in different ways. We are expanding the horizons of our understanding. God sets a horizon (boundary) by an interpretation of Kairos. Kairos produces crisis moments in our chronology. God has determined the times. Everyone functions within a domain of time – the context in which you live. Your context will define how much of God is found in you. Your domain is defined by your understanding of Kairos. There are many seasons in God – the mediums by which He comes into the earth. The length of a Kairos is determined by how long you take to incarnate the word of that Kairos. Anything in a Kairos will always bring a dimension of Christ to you.

Act 17:26

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,

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Determined = horizo = horizon.

Assume God shifts his principles from Charismatic to Apostles – then boundaries or limits are now shifted to a higher dimension. A messenger from God brings food out of the Kairos to feed. The moment you are fed, your boundaries are extended. This is your 'pipto' moment: John 9; the blind man was healed – washing (pipto) continually in the pool of Siloam (sent - apostolic doctrine).

We are clarifying our view as to why God created the human race. The invisible God wanted to become visible and He chose a body through which He would become visible. He creates in this body (human) His image and likeness. He chose to call this man – His son. Sons carry the image and likeness of God. There are two dimensions to son: son of God and son of Man. Always look at Son of God in relation to the timeless God – our spirit is being fathered by the Heavenly Father. When our sonship reaches maturity – the Kairoses will cease and we will plunder heaven of all of its resources. Pegs are strengthened so that tents can be enlarged. Your view of heaven determines the place of your covering. You go to a specific heaven by kairos. You take the clothing of that heaven and you clothe yourself with it. He brought himself under the covering of that heaven. Only God in you, in the clothing of God can relate to the God of Glory.

Before you preach something, you must first become it and be clothed with the dimensions of that glory. A throne is not a fixed place, a throne is set up in heaven and wherever God's kairos is, that is where His throne and resource is. When you do not live what you preach then in that area you are naked and unclothed.

Another dimension to Son = Son of man = pointing towards sonship in terms of your position, election and calling in the earth. In Ezekiel – many times the term 'son of man' occurs. There are two natures operating in us, as in the two dimensions of our engagement. The two platforms are how we engage the heavens and the earth.

Our gathering today is unique because of the position we are in – where two dimensions meet – the eternal and the temporal – the clash of the horizons. You are lost in a place of eternal bliss. As you receive this word you should feel cleaner – renewed, re-invigorated. Eventually the heavens and the earth get swallowed up into one and then time will be no more as immortality and incorruptibility will be a reality.

How do these two dimensions meet? It happens through a process called 'Christ in you'. Then how does Christ come in you? Christ is imputed in you through a medium called preaching (not sermonizing). In an ASOM like this you have apostolic doctrine – you take it and break it down to the level that is palatable to your local household.

Rom 10:4-15

4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

5 For Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on law shall live by that righteousness.

6 But the righteousness based on faith speaks as follows: "**DO NOT SAY IN YOUR HEART, 'WHO WILL ASCEND INTO HEAVEN?' (that is, to bring Christ down),**

7 or 'WHO WILL DESCEND INTO THE ABYSS?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)."

8 But what does it say? "**THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART**"-- that is, **the word of faith which we are preaching,**

- 9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;
- 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.
- 11 For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED."
- 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him;
- 13 for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."
- 14 How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? ***And how will they hear without a preacher?***
- 15 How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "***HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!***"
- 17 ***So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.***
- 18 But I say, surely they have never heard, have they? Indeed they have; "THEIR VOICE HAS GONE OUT INTO ALL THE EARTH, AND THEIR WORDS TO THE ENDS OF THE WORLD."

You bring Christ through preaching. This preaching comes through a sent one – the son of man. Jesus took the form of a slave. Form = morphe = you can never change who you are – you can never change the ontological nature of who you are. God in His heart of heart is a slave or servant – He desires to give everything away and serve the purposes in someone else. That is why He chose Sabbath Rest, for He so loved that gave to us representations of Himself. There is a fundamental in sonship. All that is expected is Obedience – then ultimate purpose of preaching is obedience. You cannot function as the son of God or man unless you are obedient. Obedience is conditional upon hearing – the accurate word from a true sent one (the preacher has to be sent). Sent ones bring the doctrine of Christ. Do not let anyone preach – use only those who are SENT.

So then, who is Christ?

Matthew 16:13-19

- 13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"
- 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets."
- 15 He *said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
- 16 Simon Peter answered, "***You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.***"
- 17 And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.
- 18 "I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.
- 19 "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."

The face of the fullness of God is called Son; the fullness of God is Christ. Peter is introducing a dimension of Christ hidden from the view of others at that point in time.

Christ – Christ before the foundations of the earth was made – the pre-existent Christ – the timeless as in pre-creation, the eternal. In this Christ is every anointing, every glory and the sum total of everything that God is. The fullness of God is Christ, the 'I am who I am' – 'I become who I become'. The spirit of Christ, of Elijah, Jeremiah etc was given in piece-meal in accordance with what God wanted to become at that point

in time. God will speak to you on the level on which you operate. Peter is saying that Christ is EVERYTHING that God is, not just what he chooses to become at certain points in time.

Jesus Christ – He came in human flesh. All of God was in Him as a man. The picking up of the bread at the feeding of the five thousand community of grace – they filled 12 baskets. If I am the full loaf from heaven, I cannot lose the bread, I will take it into 12 vessels – this bread is called grace. Grace is the very essence that constitutes the very essence of Christ.

He gave gifts to men. Two words for gifts – ‘doma and charis’.

Charis = highlights the benevolent nature of the giver. God gave us Himself in the form of grace.

Grace = the eternal make up of the Word

Truth = the manifestations of what is in inside you.

If you say you full of grace then you must manifest truth. If you cannot eat of the Christ in each other then you do not love your brother and God is not in you.

Christ Jesus – the resurrected- ascended Christ – having a glorified body that has form.

We preach Christ. The ultimate is to be like him.

Session 15

Thamo Naidoo

Image and Likeness

Part 2

The rock is the confession that Jesus is the Christ.

1 Cor 10: 1 – 4

- 1 For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea;
- 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea;
- 3 and all ate the same spiritual food;
- 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; ***and the rock was Christ.***

Christ is the rock – so who is Christ. Christ cannot be understood in the flesh.

2 Cor 5:14 -19

- 14 For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died;
- 15 and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.
- 16 Therefore from now on we **recognize no one according to the flesh**; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer.

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

You cannot recognize any man after the flesh. In Christ – ‘IN’ = the midst of others and in fellowship with others. Look at everyone from the vantage point of what is resident in the person. Hence you must discern the body. Then you will be sensitive as to which grace you should employ at a specific time. You manage grace, not faces, not race, not genders. There will be no discrimination and no competition. You cannot even view Jesus in the flesh. 2 Cor. 10 – he was the rock in the wilderness before He was a man. This whole dimension of existence is not fleshly.

In Christ you are a new creature = a new order or species of human.

Ephesians 3: 1 - 21

- 1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles--
- 2 if indeed you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace which was given to me for you;
- 3 that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief.
- 4 By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ,
- 5 which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit;
- 6 to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel,
- 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.
- 14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,
- 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name,
- 16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man,
- 17 **so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;** and that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
- 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
- 19 **and to know the love of Christ** which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.
- 20 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,
- 21 to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

Christ lives in our hearts through faith which comes by hearing the word of preachers sent to you. CHRIST IS A MYSTERY - APOSTLES AND PROPHETS bring revelation. They bring the keys of knowledge. They desire to form Christ in you. If Christ is a mystery and needs to be decoded, then we are to build on the template of Christ. Peter also said that CHRIST is the son of the living God. The face of Christ is called SON. Everything that God wants to reveal of himself.

Col 1: 13-18

- 13 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,
 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
 16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities--all things have been created through Him and for Him.
 17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.
 18 He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

We have been translated into the kingdom of His dear son. Obedience is key for sons. Come to operate by obedience, then the ultimate objective of faith is obedience.

What does it mean for me to live as son? You live in an environment called contentment. When you are in Christ, you could be in a valley or on a mountain it does not change who you are because you are living in the garden of the God. Your spirit hears His voice and clothes the soul with what is heard and informs the body. Adam was not to be equal with God – he was supposed to be the image. God would share dimensions of His nature progressively through time. Man is spirit, soul and body – with his spirit he engages God in the heavens and from the platform of the soul he engages the world and with his soul he informs his glorified body.

The sons of God should be able to appear in the two dimensions of existence as if this were perfectly normal. Amphibious like a frog, ie. living on water and land.

How would you describe God? Father, Son, Holy Spirit. Christ in us – therefore Father, Son and Holy Ghost is in us.

Galatians 3:24-29

- 24 Therefore the Law has become our tutor to ***lead us to Christ***, so that we may be justified by faith.
 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.
 26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.
 27 For all of you who were ***baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ***.
 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for ***you are all one in Christ Jesus***.
 29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.

Being clothed with Christ, you become the image of Christ. Heirs according to the promise, the promise is that you will be called a son.

Galatians 4:1-7

- 1 Now I say, as long as the heir is a child, he does not differ at all from a slave although he is owner of everything,
 2 but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by the father.
 3 So also we, while we were children, were held in bondage under the elemental things of the world.

4 But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the
 Law,
 5 so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.
 6 **Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"**
 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave, **but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.**

The Father seeks to see His image and likeness in His son within his own local household. In the life of Jesus it took 30 years for him to mature into sonship. We cannot be held back by elementary things.

Matthew 28: 18- 20

18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on
 earth.
 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, **baptizing them** in the name of **the Father and the Son**
and the Holy Spirit,
 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the
 age."

This scripture does not speak of water baptism. It speaks of baptism into the nature of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Baptism implies an immersing, a marinating, as you are dipped in each of the fullness of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost – Christ should be formed in you.

Hebrews 3:1-6

1 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of
 our confession;
 2 He was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was in all His house.
 3 For He has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by just so much as the builder of the house has
 more honor than the house.
 4 For **every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.**
 5 Now Moses was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be
 spoken later;
 6 but **Christ was faithful as a Son** over His house--whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence
 and the boast of our hope firm until the end.

God is building the house through men. We are His house called 'son'. You have to submit as a son to your spiritual father before your divine sonship is matured. Spirit of anti-christ denies sonship.

The Feast of Tabernacles

Our waters of cleansing must be turned into our wine of revelation. Positionally we are in the most Holy Place – we are not trying to reach God – we come from God. God is not someone else – we are joined unto the Lord. He created us for His glory – we are not another (inferior). It takes a corporate priesthood together to carry the Ark. We need to translate every truth into practical experience. The feast of Tabernacles = the Father takes on the habitation. First we see the coming of Jesus, then the coming of the Spirit and then all three feasts become one. It is when God opens the outer gate and the inner veil, to the most holy veil and the whole room becomes one massive room. The Feast of Tabernacles opens up all three into one (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). This is an experience called the Feast of Tabernacles. In the book of Revelation – the Tabernacle of God is with men.

There is something beyond the letter of what we are hearing, and we begin to look deeper into the reservoirs of the spirit of God where the word of God is no longer on the pages but it pierces your heart. Then you have to become a manifestation of what you have read, therefore we become written epistles, living the word of God. You cannot dwell in the Word without the Word becoming the pattern of your thinking. It is impossible to dwell with and not become like God.

The condition of Israel:

Psa 106:19 They made a calf in Horeb and worshiped a molten image.

Psa 106:20 Thus they exchanged their glory for the image of an ox that eats grass.

Calf = to revolve; circulate; Horeb = desolate

They became the similitude of what they created. They created an ox that eats grass, they created unto themselves a monotonous revolving cycle of desolate life. They became what they saw and what they worshipped. They lost their glory. Instead of having the image of God, they became slaves. People don't truly believe God, they believe things about God. The problem is in their love. The more that you know God – the more you will love Him and the more you will trust Him. To the measure you know, you will believe. When you come to this place, there is a Sabbath, a place of rest and we're no longer struggling in the silence of our own spirits.

We all need to make really hard, hard choices. The heavens are hovering over South Africa right now. There is such opportunity standing before you. The soul can counterfeit the spirit – some pray in the Holy Ghost by memory. For it to truly be the Holy Ghost, there has to be the encounter, time, investment to come away to wait, pray and seek God. When the heavens open and God appears – you have got to grab Him. One hour with the Lord will change a life-time of conditions.

In the spirit, God is opening up the heavens over South Africa. This is the season – now is the time. Let the kingdom of God come first – pray the prayers that God is answering – cease the moment.

Ask for rain in the time of the latter rain. Know the times and seasons. The word ask is depicting a groaning, searching, pleading so you can align yourselves with what the Heavens are saying.

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

2010 is the year that the scale will tip. What has been down is coming up and what has been up is coming down. This year is a year of judgement. There is a shaking taking place. The Judgement of God is coming with gross darkness covering the earth – for the glory of God will be released. God is about to unveil those who have been kept in places unseen. Corrosion is beginning to show. Deterioration is becoming apparent – the shaking has started. There are more Christians out of church than in the church. Orphans are preaching to orphans. You child does not beg you to come into your house or to take stuff from the fridge. It is in the nature of God to provide, to give, you don't have to plead with him. Do not lose your identity as a son.

An apostle is a pioneer (an Evangelist can draw crowds); they are formed in backside of deserts; God will never use him until he has broken him. They have been blinded, knocked off their horses and when they are ready they will serve unto death. The apostle is the foundation that upholds all things. Apostles are sent out from the lap of God – he carries a word of grace in a time of law. He carried the word and it cuts through all territories of mind and removes blockades and opposing thoughts. He makes a highway where there has been none. Generally they open the ways for others to follow.

Apostles are in the front line – they are rejected by many – they speak to another generation – a new generation – and another generation. Whenever God does a new thing – an apostle comes. We are reading Paul's writings 2000 years later. Paul writes to Ephesians from prison. Paul disclosed more of the kingdom and the church (probably wrote Hebrew with Luke). He spoke of the Spirit "Since you live in the Spirit, and so walk in the Spirit". When I study I want to get into the mind of the writers of Scripture. His writings are to cities. But there is a MAN writing to these cities. Nothing could dissuade or discourage him. He knew who he was and his identity.

We must search for the Spirit in the Word. This ASOM is our moment where we cross over from what we heard. "Christ in you" – must be translated into your language. In the original it reads "He has become you".

1Co 12:12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

Christ is a many membered body; that is US.

Col 3:4 When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

It should read: Christ = our life appears, we appear with Him. What shall appear? Believe this truth about yourself and change your mind. Sooner or later you have to die to your own thoughts and to what you believe about you and finally be crucified completely. We shall appear with Him.

What is the next book after Revelation? He comes in the volume of the book = we are the book; we are the Epistles known and read of all men. There is one more book to be written but it won't be on pages but on the lives of people. Each one of us has the testimony to share.

The first book began with a man and woman; and so does the last book. When God said it is not good for man to be alone, He was identifying something that was in His heart. What God was saying is that it is not

good for God to be alone. That which begun in a failure seemingly- was a divine plan. Until you come to the end of book from Genesis to Revelation and you find that the book closes with the last Adam, the bride and there is a wedding.

In Genesis, the first woman came out of the man; In Revelation - the last Adam, the Christ comes out of the woman. What God wanted in the garden, was a union to be married. God being lonely desired to join His image and likeness with another, but this remained veiled. Now the revelation occurs and the bride is unveiled. There is a wedding, GOD is satisfied and all are invited.

Rev 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like *the sound* of a trumpet,
Rev 1:11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send *it* unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.
Rev 1:12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands;
Rev 1:13 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.

Was = 'became'. The revelation of the one "Jesus Christ", takes place to one who is in the Spirit on the day of the Lord.

Rev 11:1 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.

Here in chapter eleven, the temple is measured; and the true worshippers are to be found.

In Revelation 12, the harlot is exposed and she is tried – and coming out as 'man-child'. Why a man child; the enemy (dragon) was trying to destroy the baby in the church. The dragon cannot get to the child; God keeps him obscured in the church. The child becomes a man, and when his time comes then God unveils him. The overcomers appear as the man child; the garden is reopened; and then there is a wedding. This time it is God and His bride. The spirit and the bride say come, everyone is invited. The word of the Lord says to him who overcomes 'I will give him to eat of the tree of life'. The book of Revelation is the unveiling of Jesus Christ.

We will see things happen in the world that will reveal the heart of men. In the coming year there will be some major changes in SA and the USA – there will be a major shift in the Body of Christ. There is that one that is in the midst that has been hidden but is now coming on the horizon. There is a disclosure of the Body of Christ. Once the veil of the flesh is removed, the Glory of God will appear. The veil of the flesh is our mind, what we refuse to accept to be true. If we can endeavor to enter that place of rest, then you will be born again, again. It is inevitable – it is unstoppable, there is nothing the world can do about it. The Kingdom of God is here, it will invade.

The Two Trees in the Garden

Isa 61:3 To grant those who mourn *in* Zion, Giving them a garland instead of ashes, The oil of gladness instead of mourning, The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting. So they will be called **oaks of righteousness**, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

Isa 51:3 Indeed, the LORD will comfort Zion; He will comfort all her waste places. And her wilderness He will make like Eden, And her desert like the garden of the LORD; Joy and gladness will be found in her, Thanksgiving and sound of a melody.

There is nothing greater than coming into the reality and awakening that heaven has found its place in you. There is the voice of melody and harmony.

Greater is He that is in you than he that in the world = greater is God than you. Thus you never be intimidated by what happens on the outside of you.

Trees of righteousness = us – the planting of the Lord; your desert becomes like the garden of the Lord – their wilderness will be like Eden, Your frustrations will be turned into celebrations.

Song of Sol. 4:12 "A garden locked is my sister, my bride, A rock garden locked, a spring sealed up

Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane, was buried in the garden tomb. He turned the garden of death into the garden of resurrection life. (Mary thought he was the gardener - he was). Jesus dies, like a kernel of wheat when it dies its life is released into the life of the plant. When He dies His life was released into all those who would believe In Him and they became the planting of the Lord that He may be glorified. This is the Lord's paradise – a holy environment of righteousness and it is all in you.

Everything must become a person. Everything must become you. It includes you – it is about you – all these truths are for you. Not to incarnate this truth is a religious egotistical self-centredness. Eden is God's picture of His plan for man.

Gen 2:8 – 17

8 The LORD God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed.

9 Out of the ground the LORD God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

10 Now a river flowed out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it divided and became four rivers.

11 The name of the first is Pishon; it flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.

12 The gold of that land is good; the bdellium and the onyx stone are there.

13 The name of the second river is Gihon; it flows around the whole land of Cush.

14 The name of the third river is Tigris; it flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.

16 The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely;

17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

Gen 3:3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, "You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die."

There is something that is subtle. When you look at Genesis 2vs 8-9; there is almost a by the way- the tree of life ALSO mentioned. Of all that was available – two trees stood –one of life and the other of good and evil. Seemingly, casually, God mentions the tree of life. It was in the middle – in the middle of man’s consciousness. There it was, the life of God in the middle, the source of life in the middle. Adam’s life was to come from the middle. With God as his centre, he had the power of life and dominion, this means that man was formed with the capacity to walk in the Spirit.

Rom 8:6 For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be **spiritually minded** *is* life and peace.

Also there was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. To eat of this tree is the penalty of death. Hence death is also at the centre of man’s consciousness. Man had both potentials – in the centre of his existence – but both cannot be at the centre of his life. How could he understand death when he had never known its reality. How could he have known the difference between life, good and evil. Adam had no idea – he was happy with the abundance and did not know why.

God planned in advance what was going to take place. God is responsible for the fall. The fact is Adam was innocent – not holy. God is not innocent – God is holy.

In the middle of the garden was the knowledge of good and evil that he (Adam) did not understand. Also was the tree of life that gave him dominion. Death and life was in his middle – and he did not know why. Therefore God makes every tree PLEASANT to the SIGHT. He speaks to Adam about only the one tree of good and evil.

Another tree is mentioned which if you eat of it you will die. He did not have a clue what life or death was. The graceful hand of a skillful God was about to show Him. God is omniscient, so He could not be surprised. God knew in advance that Adam was going to fail.

For the Lamb had been slain from before the foundation of the world. There was an actual slaying from the foundation of the world. The fall of man was not a surprise but was planned by God.

Eze 14:23 "Then they will comfort you when you see their conduct and actions, for you will know that I have not done in vain whatever I did to it," declares the Lord GOD.

If God did not want man to eat of the tree – why did he put it there? Eve is enticed by the subtlety by the wise cunning snake. The tree was in her knowledge (mind) – in her centre. She partakes and sets the plan into order. God knew fully well what was going to happen. God is responsible for the fall.

We have been taught that man has a free will – not so. We cannot be holy by yourself. God did not give you a free will – he gave you a choice. He gave you a choice frustrated in a limited will. We have been given the choice, live or die – obey and live or disobey and die. This is the freedom of our will.

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Rom 8:20 For the creation (nature) was subjected to frailty (to futility, condemned to frustration), not because of some intentional fault on its part, but by the will of Him Who so subjected it-- [yet] with the hope [Eccl. 1:2.]

Rom 8:21 That nature (creation) itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and corruption [and gain an entrance] into the glorious freedom of God's children.

Rev 21:7 "He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son.

Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,
Rom 8:17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

Adam did not know good and evil.

Heb 5:14 But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

God had to bring man to the knowledge of both good and evil. The right way is not the right way without the wrong way. You do not need to experience the wrong – you just need to have knowledge. If God only gave him one tree – he would have lived a life without God. The serpent awakened the discovery of Eve to her own self and in that awakening she discovered her need for God. Man could not be in the image of God without making the right choice. In the death of self – you find God. God's pre-eminence guarantees the fulfillment of His promise.

2Cor 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, **all things are become new.**

All things are of God. God will use all things to work for your good, everything will fit into a plan. You are the heritage of the Lord. This does not mean that God will put you through some things, like the story of Joseph – it is a journey for the chosen.

In reality – we are still in the garden and HE is still creating and developing us. In the centre of you is still the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil– of which will you partake? The serpent drew Eve's attention to discover her own self and by her discovery she realized her need for God. Man cannot be in the image of God without making the right choice. Eve, in death of self, she found God. In not knowing His goodness, when they ate of the tree of knowledge, they set into motion the very forces that would remedy the defect (which cause them to do it).

The life of God was available to him but he could not see it; the tree of good and evil helped him find it. How could Adam recognize life without understanding death?

Gen 3:22 Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"--

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Gen 3:22 And the Lord God said, Behold, the man has become like one of Us [the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit], **to know [how to distinguish between]** good and evil and blessing and calamity; and now, lest he put forth his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever--

It suggests that he was going after both trees. God stops him from partaking from the tree of life, lest he live and remain in a fallen condition forever. Man could not distinguish the difference between either tree.

To him the trees seemed the same and the charm of the serpent was able to draw their attention to the tree of knowledge and by partaking, his innocence ended and his experience in God began.

Rev 2:7 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.'

There has to be an overcoming, for dominion there must be that which must be conquered. You choose to live in two realms – the life of the Spirit vs. the principle of death. You can choose to pour into your life in the spirit or your life in the flesh. Man was expelled from the garden until he was able to come through the flaming sword (word) of the cherubim. The flaming sword speaks of the word of God that will burn everything out of our life until the image is right. Cherubim describes imagery, all over the tabernacle of Moses, they face each other, they look to each other to see God. In the reflection of each other's faces they see the face of God called Christ. When His Word is in our Centre, to him that overcomes he will eat of the tree of life.

Tree of life in the midst of the garden, it was discreet, viz. in the world but not of it, accessible to man but have nothing to do with the realm around it, the tree having the source and centre of the life of Christ. Its fruit would open up the glory and the presence of God. In it man would taste and see the goodness of God and drink eternally of His living waters.

Joh 1:9 There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.
Joh 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

It is all in the sphere from within your own midst. In reality the only world you know is what your eyes see. Everything you perceive is according to the reality of your own garden and mind. If you are offended, it is because there are offences within you to respond to.

When Jesus sees the devil coming -'and he has nothing to do with me'. God will take the devil and throw him into a bottomless pit = he will have no place to land – no footing. You are the place where the enemy has no place to land, nothing to get a hold of. We are firstfruits, God plan for all mankind – he died for all. God is seeing to it that the price was sufficient. The lamb was slain, once and for all time and mankind. You came into what was already yours. When you got saved, you were awakened in your spirit to what already belonged to you. God took care of the problem before there was one- for the Lamb was slain.

Jesus was chosen as a lamb – chosen and slain before the foundation of the world. Before God did anything, God looked for a lamb. In the garden there was man, a woman, a garden, two trees and there was a lamb and the lamb was slain. God took the skin of the lamb and clothed man with Him.

Q: When he descended into hell, who did he release? All who died since Adam (not just Old Testament saints) – he unlocked the prison free – he took the keys and hell and death. He delivered and set free all men, even those before the crucifixion. (Something awakened in man when he sinned – his eyes were opened).

The fact is Jesus went to the bells of hell, set the captives free and he opened wide. It is finished, it is done, it is over – His blood has been shed once and for all. If I be lifted up from the earth (speaking of His resurrection), then I will draw all men unto me.

Session 18

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The Cloud

The cloud symbolic of God's leadership and guidance

Ex.13:21 "By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way..."

The cloud as the vehicle of God's expression

Ex.19:9,16,18 "The Lord said to Moses, "I am going to come to you in a dense cloud, so that the people will hear me speaking with you and will always put their trust in you" On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain" Mount Sinai was covered with smoke because the Lord descended on it in fire..."

The cloud, the glory and the voice of the Lord connected

Ex.24:16,18 "When Moses went up the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud. Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights"

The cloud symbolic of God's movement and momentum

Ex.34:5 "Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed His name..."

The cloud provided covering & initiative for advance to the next level

Ex.40:33-38

"And so Moses finished the work..."

Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. Moses could not enter the Tent of Meeting because the cloud had settled upon it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. In all the travels of the Israelites, whenever the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out; but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out-until the day it lifted. So the cloud of the Lord was over the tabernacle by day, and the fire was in the cloud by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel during all their travels.

The cloud provided the means for God's appearing unto man

Ex.16:2 "The Lord said to Moses: "Tell your brother Aaron not to come whenever he chooses into the Most Holy Place behind the curtain in front of the atonement cover on the Ark or else he will die, because I appear in the cloud over the atonement cover"

The cloud disturbed and negated fleshly routine in the work of the Lord

1 Kings 8:10-11 "When the priests withdrew from the Holy Place, the cloud filled the temple of the Lord. And the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled His temple"

The cloud transports and unveils Christ in His ministry function unto the Church

Ezek.1: 4-6,10

"I looked, and I saw a windstorm coming out of the north---an immense cloud with flashing lightning and surrounded by brilliant light. The centre of the fire looked like glowing metal, and in the fire was what looked like four living creatures. In appearance their form was that of a man, but each of them had four faces and four wings...Their faces looked like this: Each of the four had the face of a man, and on the right side each had the face of a lion, and on the left the face of an ox; each also had the face of an eagle"

What is the central issue we can discern about the cloud from these verses?

It is not just God's vehicle of expression but the evidence of His presence in a particular way!

Ex.13:21 "And the Lord went before them by day IN a pillar of cloud, to lead them the way"

This is the same singular cloud that overshadowed the disciples on the Mount of transfiguration!

Matt.17:5 "While He yet spake, behold a bright cloud, overshadowed them; and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, this is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased, hear ye Him"

Where did the voice come from? It came from the cloud.

Who spoke? God the Father! So, God was in the cloud, His vehicle of expression!

Lk.9:34 "...there came a cloud and overshadowed them, and they feared as they entered into the cloud"

1 Cor.10:1-5,11

"For I don't want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them and that rock was Christ" These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come"

- They enjoyed immunity as long as they remained under the covering and oversight of the cloud.
- Their baptism was into Moses in the cloud – Baptizo means to be identified with. They were all identified with the work and purpose of Moses. – the lawgiver!
- **Jn.1:17** "For the law came through Moses, grace and truth came through Christ Jesus"
- **Gal.3:23** "Before this faith(in Jesus Christ) came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed"
- **Gal.3:24** "So the law was put in charge (a schoolmaster) to lead us to Christ"
- Entrance into the cloud is through a baptism – an immersion. The cloud sustained their baptism – their identification with an order, an arrangement to which they were tied to. Their cloud was symbolic, an example of things to come! It was a pre-figuring! It was the vehicle through which God carried Himself into their presence. That vehicle carried a system of thought, a methodology, knowledge and principles to those under the oversight of Moses. This cloud was God's speaking place; it conveyed the voice of God to a generation of people! The context of His speech was law – its precepts, concepts, principles and ordinances! They all ate and drank from the same spiritual resource who was Christ! They did not know that. They partook Him in symbols, types, shadows, divine cameos and metaphors which their law conveyed.
- Moses baptised them into a law arrangement (the first tabernacle).
- The means to convey Christ was the cloud.
- Their cloud was the sum-total of all God's former, fragmented ways of speaking!
- God's last day speech is Son-ship. God speak in and out of His corporate Son, who is Christ!
- Moses could only convey and reveal Christ to his generation in symbolic, metaphoric language!

- Christ was concealed in Moses! Grace and truth (Christ) was locked up, concealed in law (Moses).
- **Heb.9:8**
“The Holy Spirit was showing by this that the way into the Most Holy Place had not yet been disclosed as long as the first tabernacle was still standing”
- **“Standing”** = stasis in Greek. It means a stance, to take a stand, a posture, to hold to an opinion, a viewpoint, a worldview, a philosophy! It refers to an insurrection, sedition, dissention, an uprising, a contention! To set yourself against.
- The Most Holy Place refers to the fullness of Christ revealed!
- The uncovering of the Most Holy Place brings to you grace and truth! The substances from which the Godhead is made up of. The extractions of Christ are grace and truth. So, to be established in Christ is to be established in grace and truth. To be clothed with Christ is to be clothed with grace and truth!

THE CLOUD AS INSTRUMENT OF GOD’S JUDGMENT

Isaiah walked three years around naked and barefooted as an object lesson to protest a planned alliance of Israel with Egypt and Cush (Ethiopia). He had earlier opposed an alliance with Assyria. One of the temptations of Judah’s kings was to make alliance with other nations, such as Egypt or Ethiopia for defense. Divine displeasure and judgment is communicated by the prophet in Isaiah 19:1 & Isaiah 20:3 – 4. He uses symbolic, metaphoric language to describe God’s coming in the clouds or coming with clouds as God’s judgment upon an inaccurate nation.

Isa.19:1 “An oracle (prophetic utterance which carries the burden of the Lord) concerning Egypt: See, the Lord rides on a swift cloud and is coming to Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the hearts of the Egyptians melt within them”

Isa. 20: 3- 4 “Then the Lord said, “Just as my servant Isaiah has gone stripped and barefoot for three year, as a sign and portent against Egypt and Cush, so the king of Assyria will lead away the stripped and barefoot the Egyptian captives and Cushite exiles, young and old, with buttocks bared – to Egypt’s shame”

So, what is the swift cloud here, with which God rode into Egypt? The King of Assyria and his armies!

So, “*coming in the clouds*” is Old Testament imagery that usually refers to God’s coming in judgment on a nation! God using another nation’s army to carry out His coming! These verses describe God coming up as a cloud in swift judgment against Egypt.

Jer.4:1-3,13-16

“If you will return, O Israel, return to me.” If you put your detestable idols out of my sight and no longer go astray...this is what the Lord says to the men of Judah and to Jerusalem: “Break up your unplowed ground and do not sow among thorns. Circumcise yourselves to the Lord, circumcise your hearts, you men of Judah and people of Jerusalem, or my wrath will break out and burn like fire...”

The lament of the prophet Jeremiah represents God’s cry for national repentance from idol worship.

The prophet conveys God’ method for cleansing = circumcision of the heart! Warning and divine rebuke always precedes divine justice and wrath. Because the lament of the prophet fell on deaf ears, he begins to use descriptive language to describe God’s coming in judgment. God executed swift justice by employing a foreign army against His redeemed people.

Verses 13-16 “Behold, He shall come up as clouds, and His chariots shall be as a whirlwind: His horses are swifter than eagles. Woe unto us! For we are spoiled. O, Jerusalem, wash your heart from wickedness, that you may be saved. How long will you harbour wicked thoughts?”

This describes God’s coming in judgment to spoil Jerusalem!

Jer.4:6,16 “Raise the signal to go to Zion! Flee for safety without delay! For I am bringing disaster from the north, even terrible destruction...Tell this to the nations, proclaim it to Jerusalem: “A besieging army is coming from a distant land”

The prophet declares that God will come up as clouds. His coming is equated with clouds! Jeremiah talks about His chariots shall be as a whirlwind. But an army from the north will come to destroy Jerusalem! God employs the chariots of a foreign army as His own! So, His coming in the clouds of judgment against Jerusalem using a heathen army to execute His judgment!

Ezek.30:3 “For the day is near, even the day of the Lord is near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the heathen”

A cloudy day refers to a time of God coming in judgment which will be executed by the heathen.

Nahum 1:2-3 “God is jealous, and the Lord revenges; the Lord revenges, and is furious; the Lord will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserves wrath for his enemies. The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked; the Lord has His way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of His feet.

These are all symbolic elements, Biblical imagery describing God’s coming in judgment – the clouds are the dust of His feet!

See also Joel 2:1-3,5-9; Zephaniah 1:14-17

CLOUDS AS WITNESSES OR A MINISTERING PEOPLE

Heb.12: 1 “Therefore since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders...”

“Witness” = martyrs, one who has knowledge or information about something! It is someone carrying evidence of an event. It is someone who confirms the validity of an event by confirmation or evidence! It signifies the knowledge a witness possesses. In the verse above, the witnesses are those who possess experiential knowledge of their faith. This knowledge came to them as result of much persecution, trial and suffering, the *“testing of their faith”*.

“Cloud of witnesses” here refers to a great group of individuals that share a commonality of faith! They are many individuals carrying the same testimony regarding an event or subject! “Therefore” refers to “that which went before”, or in the “light of what preceded our text”, or it literally means “through this thing”

So, in order for us to establish who these witnesses are, we have to go back to chapter 11 of Hebrews! Hebrews 11 conveys to us the heroes of the faith, their lifestyle and belief. The context of Hebrew 11 is faith. Faith is the subject and how the patriarchs experientially applied faith in their lives or the execution of a divine task. FAITH is the common thread that undergirded their knowledge of God.

Faith then became the substructure that defined them as being of the same order or arrangement, perspective or worldview. This faith constituted them as the cloud (group of individuals connected by a commonality of faith) who possessed experiential knowledge regarding God! What was their common knowledge that brought testimony and witness?

What was the subject of their knowledge? FAITH!... THIS FAITH WAS THEIR SIGHT, THEIR PERCEPTION!

Heb.11:1-2,6 “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen. This is what the ancients were commended for. And without faith it is impossible to please God, because he who comes to God must believe that He is (exist) and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him”

When you study these ancients, you will notice that they never exercised their faith for material, external, physical things. Their faith always connected them to the eternal, the unseen and what that realm could bring them into.

They did not get locked into a physical paradigm!

See Heb.11:8-16 – Abraham

2 Cor.4:18 “So we fix not our eyes on what is seen, but what is unseen. For what is seen is temporal, what is unseen is eternal”

To be constituted as part of the cloud of witnesses you had to be initiated into a structure of life that consistently connected you to the eternal, unseen realm. This is what makes us truly apostolic. Apostolicity is an apprehension and perception of what is eternal! LIVING FROM ETERNITY! Our lives are not connected to a contextual dimension or theology, but we live from the timeless zone! This qualifies us to be a witness within the cloud!

Heb.11:26-27 “Moses regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king’s anger, he persevered because he saw him who is invisible”

Seeing the invisible is an apostolic quality. The experiential knowledge that they possessed was their ability to bring evidence that the invisible, unseen realm was real! The substance or resource that the invisible realm communicates to earth is Christ.

Col.1:15 “Christ is the image of the invisible God”

Jn.1:18 “No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father’s side, has made him known”

“Made known” = exegeomai It means to lead out! To relate in detail, to narrate, to give an expert account, to describe, to report. It literally means to lead someone into full view. Information through teaching. Jesus, through the incarnation fully disclosed in Sonship, the eternal Father. “Made known” is the self-disclosure of God in Christ!

CLOUDS WITHOUT RAIN – A PEOPLE WITH INVALID, FALSE MINISTRY

Jude 3-4

“Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord”

Jude 12

These men are blemishes at your love feasts, eating with you without the slightest qualm --- shepherds who feed only themselves. They are clouds without rain, blown along by the wind; autumn trees without fruit and uprooted --- twice dead”. All those who proud and parade themselves as anointed men of God, but in actuality are operating a false anointing. They operate beyond their grace and spheres which that grace allow them to function in. They are ambitious, full of self, not dead to self!

THEY ARE LIKE CLOUDS WITHOUT RAIN!

Rain is a consistent metaphor for:

- The Holy Spirit and His fruit (anointing, character and nature)
- **Jn.7:38-39** “On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “If anyone believes in me, as the Scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. By this He meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were later to receive...”
- **Doctrine:**
- **Deut.32:1-2** (teaching) “Listen, O heavens, and I will speak; hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. Let my doctrine fall like rain and my words descend like dew”
- The proceeding word – Rhema (the spoken word and the accomplished act within that word, Present truth word)
- **Isa.55:10-11** “As rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater” So is the word that goes out from my mouth; It will not return to me empty but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it”
- **Ecc.11:3** “If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth”

Clouds without rain then speak of ministries that cannot establish a people in Present Truth, are cut off from the proceeding Word of the Lord and are defunct in character and nature, having no anointing – flow of life!

Note

These people are called clouds, but without rain.

2 Pet.2:9-18 Peter calls them “wells without water and mists (clouds) driven by a storm...For they mouth boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desires of sinful human nature...”

These are people who are easily carried or driven by “every wind of doctrine” Eph.4:14.

How do we recognise these clouds without water?

Peter says these men blaspheme in matters (teachings) they do not understand. They are like brute beasts, creatures of instinct (they act on impulse – no Holy spirit led), born only to be caught and destroyed, and like beasts (the way they behave) they too will perish...Their idea of pleasure is to carouse in broad day light for they live in evil pleasures, day after day. They are a disgrace and a stain among you, deceiving you by living in foul sin on the side, while they join your love feasts as though

they were honest men. No woman can escape their sinful stare, and of adultery they never have enough. They make a game of luring unstable women. They train themselves to be greedy; they have gone off the road and become like Balaam, the son of Beor, who fell in love with money.. These men are useless as dried up springs of water, promising much and delivering nothing; they are as unstable as clouds driven by the storm...

Jude says that they are clouds without water, they are without fruit. They are twice dead in sins and trespasses.

Eph.2:1-2 and now in the Lord, they cannot stop sinning because they lack the power of the Holy Spirit, plucked up by the roots (they have no doctrinal foundation). Raging waves of the sea (mass of unregenerate humanity), wandering stars!

If these people are termed clouds without water, then those who are truly yielded to the life of Christ, those dead in Christ can best be described as "clouds with water"

CLOUDS ARE PEOPLE

Isa.60:1-3,8-9 "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you"

Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn"

These verses speak of the restoration of God's glory to Zion. We also see the exultation of Zion from the realm of depression. The return of Zion's sons and daughters and even Gentile nations coming to the light of Zion's manifestation of God's glory is described as a cloud - "Who are these that fly along like clouds, like doves to their nests?...brining the sons of Israel home again from far away with their silver and gold, to the honour of the Lord your God, the Holy one of Israel, for He has endowed you with splendor"

THE MOVEMENT OF THE CHILDREN BACK TO THE REALM OF THE FATHER'S GLORY IS DESCRIBED AS "FLYING ALONG LIKE CLOUDS"

This is the long awaited endowment of the sons with the glory of God. The Lord's coming will be in this people even as the creation is waiting for the unveiling of the sons of God!

JESUS COMING IN THE CLOUDS

Matt.26:63-66

"But Jesus remained silent. The highest priest said to Him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of the living God." "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven" Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy, what do you think?" He is worthy of death, they answered"

Jesus said that the high priest and Sanhedrin would see Him when He came in the clouds, sitting in a place of power and authority. If they were going to see Him, then His coming would have to take place in their generation.

Matt.16:27-28 “For the Son of Man is going to come in His Father’s glory with His angels, and then He will reward each person according to what he has done. I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in His Kingdom”

Here Jesus was saying that He was coming in their generation. He said that some of them that were standing there with Him would still be alive to see this coming.

The question is:

How those who were alive at His coming did experience it?

This scripture leaves no room for doubt. Jesus either came in their generation or He did not.

John. 21:18-24

“I will tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go. Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then He said to him, “Follow me” Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them...

When Peter saw him, he asked, “Lord what about him?” Jesus answered, “If I want him to remain alive until I come, what is that to you? You must follow me. Because of this the rumour spread among the brothers that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say that he would not die; He only said, “If I want him to remain alive until I come, what is that to you?” This is the disciple who testifies to these things and wrote them down. We know that this testimony is true”

Jesus is showing that His will was for John to live long enough to witness His coming! This would require that Jesus’ coming had to take place during the generation in which John was alive. This then means that John had to have been alive during the 70AD destruction of Jerusalem.

ELIJAH AND CLOUDS OF RAIN

1Kings16: 29-32

“In the 38th year of Asa king of Judah, Ahab son of Omri became king of Israel, and he reigned in Samaria over Israel 22yrs. Ahab son of Omri did more evil in the eyes of the Lord than any of those before him. He did not only consider it trivial to commit the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, but he also married Jezebel daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and began to serve Baal and worship him. He set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal that he built at Samaria. Ahab also made an Asherah pole and did more to provoke the Lord, the God of Israel, to anger than did all the kings of Israel before him”

This is the context within which Elijah came on the scene in Israel. The king represents the government, or rulership dimension to the people. Ahab continued the corrupt, demon inspired legacy of his father. He imported foreign god worship into Israel and corrupted the kingly seed-line by his intermarriage with Jezebel. He connected his generation to foreign god worship and brought the entire nation under the oversight of Baal. He desecrated the covenantal agreement that came through his godly forefathers! The worship of Jehovah was at an all-time low and Jezebel sought to obliterate the worship of Jehovah from the land by killing the prophets. Killing the prophets would cut the people off from the present truth voice of the Lord and so misdirect the generations and connect the seed-line to wrong patterns and platforms of ministry!

Baal worship

- Baal means: lord, master, owner. It was used in the context of husband-wife relationship, denoting a wrong covenantal tie of love and loyalty between a foreign god and the worshippers!
- Baal was a common name for various Canaanite gods.
- It was a generic term encompassing all Baal worship.

Jer.23:27 “They...(reference to false prophets) think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their fathers forgot my name through Baal worship”

- Baal worship was introduced to cause the people to forget Jehovah’s name. The withering of the name among the people!
- The name is reflecting His nature, Character, authority and person!
- A Baal who was called Haddu or Hadad was associated with the giving of rain and also revived vegetation each spring. Droughts indicated that Haddu was either dead or temporarily captive.
- Adherents of Baal worship were taught to act out a magical ritual of sacred marriage in order to insure the fertility of the earth. So Haddu was the god of fertility!
- The worship of Baal included sexual orgies, homosexuality, and even child sacrifice (Jer.19:5)
- Because of the pervasive influence of the powerful fertility god, the term Baal is contained in the names of various people and places, example – baal-Zebub, which means lord of the flies(2 Kings1:2)
- The Israelites fell into the sin of Baal worship (Judges 2:13 & Judges 6:25) and it became the recognised religion of the Northern Kingdom (1 Kings16:31).
- It also influenced the Southern Kingdom (2 Kings11:18;21:2)
- In spite of Josiah’s reforms (2 Kings 23:4), Baal worship eventually resulted in Israel’s exile (2 Kings 17:16)
- The prophets, Elijah and Elisha demonstrated that fire, rain, food, children, and resurrection were traceable to God, not Baal.

1Kings17:1,7 “Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.

Sometime later the brook(local church – place of provision) dried up because there had been no rain in the land.

Elijah’s coming was a divine intervention and spiritual confrontation between the agents of Satan and Jehovah’s representative (Elijah) who would demonstrate the superiority of God in the affairs of men.

Eph.3:10 known “God’s intent was that now, through the Church the manifold wisdom of God should be made to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to His eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord”

Elijah was a divine injection into a dysfunctional governmental order which could no longer serve God’s purpose among the people. Elijah was the antidote to a false religious order that infiltrated every sector of society and manifested itself within the social-economic spheres of Israel. The battle was about the control of the rain. The god who controlled the rain could exercise authority over the people, influence their way of life and ultimately govern the kingdom. (Clash of kingdoms – cosmic, spiritual battle).

So, Elijah shut up the rain for three and half years!

Jas.5:17-18 “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops”

Why shut up the rain?

Adherents of Baal worship believed that Baal was the giver of rain and the reviver of vegetation every spring! They believed that Baal’s power was directly related to the power of the rain and that the rain was indicative of the rule and government of Baal. They believed that rain was the sign of Baal’s approval for them to maintain acts of immorality and corrupt lifestyles associated with their system of worship. They attributed the provision of rain and its positive fertile influence upon the agricultural produce as an intervention of Baal and not Jehovah.

When rain is absent

- Drought is inevitable – no flow of anointing/ present truth / doctrinal truth
- Brooks dry up – local churches can no longer sustain their people because of a lack of the proceeding Word
- Famine spread – no grain(Word), new wine(revelation/doctrine), oil (anointing of the Spirit)

The release of rain

- Rain can only fall when the agents which sustains is illegitimate systems, or that which empowers false gods are killed! – Elijah and the confrontation with the system of Baal worship and the destruction of the agents that maintains the systems!
- 1Kings18:16-40 – Elijah on Mount Carmel

1 Kings 18:41-46

“And Elijah said to Ahab, “Go, eat and drink (rejoice) for I hear the sound of an abundance of rain.” So Ahab went off to eat and drink, but Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel, bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees. Go and look toward the sea, he told his servant. And he went up and looked. “There is nothing there,” he said. Seven times Elijah said, “Go back.” The seventh time the servant reported a cloud as small as a man’s hand is rising from the sea. So Elijah said, “Go and tell Ahab, ‘hitch up your chariot and go down before the rain stops you.”

Meanwhile the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, a heavy rain came on and Ahab rode off to Jezreel. The power of the Lord came upon Elijah and, tucking his cloak into his belt, he ran ahead of Ahab all the way to Jezreel.

Part 4

There is a rain test to test what you have been building.

The Psalmist said he would not be satisfied until he awakes with His likeness. The false church will get worse and worse. The glory of the Lord will arise upon you. There is hope: He will present to Himself a glorious church.

What are the causes of distorted images?

You become like the thing you worship. The gold was melted and mixed with water – and they drank. Gold treats arthritis. Too much of gold has side-effects of that are equal to the consequences of idolatry:-

- Loss of hair = loss of glory;
- Lenticular degeneration = cannot see clearly-loose perception;
- Pleuritis (itching) – instability;
- Cannot breathe = departure of the anointing;
- Proteinuria = protein escapes through urine;- ever learning but never coming to the knowledge of truth; liver failure;
- Damage to your peripheral nerve = estranged from the presence of the Lord

One of the major causes in image distortion is idolatry. This is spoken of metaphorically, by the women with ten coins. The wife wore ten coins on her head to signify that she was married. If her husband suspected her of adultery, then he would removed one coin from her forehead and she would have nine coins on her forehead. The ten coins symbolize days of labour; after Jesus resurrection, ten days later He dispatched the Holy Spirit which is the seal of our relationship with God. The loss of anointing is a disfigurement, or a loss of adornment or your image.

Distortions:

Numbers 5:11-31

- 11 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
 12 "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'If any man's wife goes astray and is unfaithful to him,
 13 and a man has intercourse with her and it is hidden from the eyes of her husband and she is undetected,
 14 although she has defiled herself, and there is no witness against her and she has not been caught in the act,
 15 if a spirit of jealousy comes over him and he is jealous of his wife when she has defiled herself, or if a
 16 spirit of jealousy comes over him and he is jealous of his wife when she has not defiled herself,
 17 the man shall then bring his wife to the priest, and shall bring as an offering for her one-tenth of an
 18 ephah of barley meal; he shall not pour oil on it nor put frankincense on it, for it is a grain offering of
 19 jealousy, a grain offering of memorial, a reminder of iniquity.
 20 'Then the priest shall bring her near and have her stand before the LORD,
 21 and the priest shall take holy water in an earthenware vessel; and he shall take some of the dust that is
 22 on the floor of the tabernacle and put it into the water.
 23 'The priest shall then have the woman stand before the LORD and let the hair of the woman's head go loose,
 24 and place the grain offering of memorial in her hands, which is the grain offering of jealousy, and in the
 25 hand of the priest is to be the water of bitterness that brings a curse.
 26 'The priest shall have her take an oath and shall say to the woman, "If no man has lain with you and if you
 27 have not gone astray into uncleanness, being under the authority of your husband, be immune to this water
 28 of bitterness that brings a curse;

- 20 if you, however, have gone astray, being under the authority of your husband, and if you have defiled
yourself and a man other than your husband has had intercourse with you"
- 21 (then the priest shall have the woman swear with the oath of the curse, and the priest shall say to the
woman), ***"the LORD make you a curse and an oath among your people by the LORD'S making your
thigh waste away and your abdomen swell;***
- 22 and this water that brings a curse shall go into your stomach, and make your abdomen swell and your thigh
waste away." And the woman shall say, "Amen. Amen."
- 23 'The priest shall then write these curses on a scroll, and he shall wash them off into the water of bitterness.
24 'Then he shall make the woman drink the water of bitterness that brings a curse, so that the water
which brings a curse will go into her and cause bitterness.
- 25 'The priest shall take the grain offering of jealousy from the woman's hand, and he shall wave the
grain offering before the LORD and bring it to the altar;
26 and the priest shall take a handful of the grain offering as its memorial offering and offer it up in smoke on
the altar, and afterward he shall make the woman drink the water.
- 27 'When he has made her drink the water, then it shall come about, if she has defiled herself and has
been unfaithful to her husband, that the water which brings a curse will go into her and cause bitterness,
and her abdomen will swell and her thigh will waste away, and the woman will become a curse
among her people.
- 28 'But if the woman has not defiled herself and is clean, she will then be free and conceive children.
29 'This is the law of jealousy: when a wife, being under the authority of her husband, goes astray and
defiles herself,
30 or when a spirit of jealousy comes over a man and he is jealous of his wife, he shall then make the
woman stand before the LORD, and the priest shall apply all this law to her.
- 31 Moreover, the man will be free from guilt, but that woman shall bear her guilt."

The belly would swell as though she was pregnant = a false pregnancy; the rotting of the thigh = symbolic of a covenant breaker (hand on the thigh for establishing covenants). Same thing happens to believers who are unfaithful to the Lord. Whenever you are exposed to the Word of God; then you will have a false pregnancy and your thigh would rot symbolic of you been a covenant breaker. We are living in a covenant-breaking society. There will come a season in the church when covenant breakers will not be tolerated.

Causes of Image Distortions

False Alliances and Evil Relationships

Delilah Relationship:

'brings you low'; brings you into the valley of Sorek; she opens you to Philistine attack; she removes your hair (glory);

In a city there are fraternal, denominations, network relationships. King Ahaserus organized a feast; Queen Vashti has her own feast; the wise men diagnosed this and said the 'cause she did this was for national rebellion. Many pastors boycott God-ordained meetings. You have to discern your relationships. You have to discern what a legal gathering is. Fraternal systems are alien to the purposes of God. Fraternal are the gathering of pastors on equality and is based on fellowship – and they resist apostolic grace. Embrace democratic principles and a Barabbas will be erected to his chair-person; they embrace co-equality. You discern whether this gathering will distort your image and likeness. You build the house of God with SONS – which demands the recognition of the father in the house. A fraternal will always out vote the grace carrier. Nehemiah left the building process and put Annaniah in charge – and Tobias came into the Treasury. Ask for rain in the time of rain: It is raining Fathers and Sons. Building of the Zerubbabel temple – when the brothers got together the foundation was not laid until the fathers came.

This does not mean that your brother is not important.

Genesis 32:22-32

- 22 Now he arose that same night and took his two wives and his two maids and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.
- 23 He took them and sent them across the stream. And he sent across whatever he had.
- 24 Then Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.
- 25 When he saw that he had not prevailed against him, he touched the socket of his thigh; so the socket of Jacob's thigh was dislocated while he wrestled with him.
- 26 Then he said, "Let me go, for the dawn is breaking." But he said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."
- 27 So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."
- 28 He said, "Your name shall no longer be Jacob, but Israel; for you have striven with God and with men and have prevailed."
- 29 Then Jacob asked him and said, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And he blessed him there.
- 30 So Jacob named the place Peniel, for he said, "***I have seen God face to face, yet my life has been preserved.***"
- 31 Now the sun rose upon him just as he crossed over Penuel, and he was limping on his thigh.
- 32 Therefore, to this day the sons of Israel do not eat the sinew of the hip which is on the socket of the thigh, because he touched the socket of Jacob's thigh in the sinew of the hip.

Genesis 33:1-10

- 1 Then Jacob lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, Esau was coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two maids.
- 2 He put the maids and their children in front, and Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph last.
- 3 But he himself passed on ahead of them and bowed down to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.
- 4 Then Esau ran to meet him and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.
- 5 He lifted his eyes and saw the women and the children, and said, "Who are these with you?" So he said, "The children whom God has graciously given your servant."
- 6 Then the maids came near with their children, and they bowed down.
- 7 Leah likewise came near with her children, and they bowed down; and afterward Joseph came near with Rachel, and they bowed down.
- 8 And he said, "What do you mean by all this company which I have met?" And he said, "To find favor in the sight of my lord."
- 9 But Esau said, "I have plenty, my brother; let what you have be your own."
- 10 Jacob said, "No, please, if now I have found favor in your sight, then take my present from my hand, ***for I see your face as one sees the face of God***, and you have received me favorably.

He places Rachel and Joseph right behind. Jacob wrestles with the angel and says he has seen the face of God; now again he says he has seen the face of God in Esau.

You have got to see the face of God in your brothers. Many are good sons but bad brothers. They do not how to relate to other brothers. We must not have a resurgence of the Corinthian problem.

Your three is three fold: father; brother or friend. If he is not your father, he is still your brother; if he is not your brother, he is still your friend. The commandment is to love one another. One of the dangers of a Word Intensive culture is dropsy. What must be practical? We must know what we must do to be saved, so that we do not have dropsy – water overload (word-overload).

Many pastors in fraternalism are not prepared to dialogue. Paul asked to pray that God would deliver him from unreasonable men. Certain fraternalists cannot dialogue concerning the rapture, the rebuilding of the temple and superstitious blood application. The battle lines have been drawn – the contention is here – there will be a head on collision between apostles and Pharisees (spirit of the dog, viper, python). This

season is confrontational – it is face to face – Elijah with the prophets of Baal on Carmel. You cannot be united with a system of harlotry. These are systems that distort the image.

Certain denominations are sectarian, extra-biblical traditions, centralized systems of controlled, inflexible Nicolatians which conquer and rule. When there is no doctrinal emphasis, run away from those forums.

Certain networks also are evil – Is it a network or a leper colony? You must discern uncleanness. Exclusivity through overemphasized networks. Adonibezek had 70 kings under him, they had their big toes cut off and could only walk about 3km.

There are certain para-churches – self governing but not self supporting.

There are false Elijah's on the earth – they eat the raven and plunder the widow – acts of paedophilia. You cannot be passive in the days of war. Certain leaders have to be confronted and rebuked.

OTHER THINGS THAT DISTORT IMAGE

Luke 13- the bent women; Luke 6- withered hand; John 5- paralyzed man at the pool: Jesus healed them all on the Sabbath.

John 5: 2-12

- 2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the sheep gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porches.
- 3 In these lay a multitude of them that were sick, blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water,
- 4 for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the waters stepped in was made whole, with whatsoever disease he was holden.
- 5 And a ***certain man was there***, who had been ***thirty and eight years in his infirmity***.
- 6 When Jesus saw him lying, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wouldest thou be made whole?
- 7 The sick man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.
- 8 Jesus saith unto him, ***Arise, take up thy bed, and walk***.
- 9 And straightway the man was made whole, and took up his bed and walked. ***Now it was the sabbath on that day***.
- 10 So the Jews said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath, and it is not lawful for thee to take up thy bed.
- 11 But he answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.
- 12 They asked him, Who is the man that said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk?

Jesus only healed one man. Rise, take up your bed and walk = change your location. The Bethesda (House of mercy) – but it was not a house of mercy. Rise and walk = prophetic of a huge company about to shift locations.

Luke 13:10-13

- 10 And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath day.
- 11 And behold, a woman that had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years; and she was bowed together, and could in no wise lift herself up.
- 12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her, and said to her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.
- 13 And he laid his hands upon her: and ***immediately she was made straight, and glorified God***.

The bent woman: her head is upside down = mindset – damaged mindset – the inability to reason; symbolic of a deformed church; the highest part of her anatomy is her hips; eyes upside down for 18 years – different perception of things. Caleb and Joshua’s perception is that the Anakites were a boy’s lunch. David called Goliath an uncircumcised Philistine. The present battle is the battle for sight – ‘can you see it’?

Bent over – hence it’s easy to drown; no dominion; false humility; majors on minors (cockroaches and ants); isolation – she cannot sit at the table – if you want to have a relationship with her you have to do a headstand; vulnerability; inability to carry a burden. Jesus touched her and immediately she was made straight = a quickness and a speed.

Jesus turned water into wine = a luxury miracle. Wine takes many years to mature – it matures by the speaking of His Word. We are going to see quick maturity. The Chinese bamboo does not grow in 5 years; in the sixth year it grows 20 to 30 cm a night.

Luke 6:6-8

- 6 And it came to pass on another sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man there, and his right hand was withered.
- 7 And the scribes and the Pharisees watched him, whether he would heal on the sabbath; that they might find how to accuse him.
- 8 But he knew their thoughts; and he said to the man that had his hand withered, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth.

The man with the withered hand, Jesus brought him in the front – he stood ‘in the midst’. Christ comes in the midst. He is a wrong representation of Christ. He cannot wield the sword with his right hand. Many are spiritually illiterate – no compulsion to study the Word; right hand withered: no five-fold ministry. The problem is in the brain (the mindset is damaged) and this causes a stroke. Are you addressing mindsets within the church? Many have a suspicious mental disorder. The message is still repent = **change your mind.**

Conscience in the Garden

I have always desired to know God not in his professional manner but in His 'pyjamas'. You can only know Him doctrinally to the measure that you understand. The greatest endeavor about our heart is about an outcome. Know the Lord in the reality of your life. Receive the spirit of what is being said.

Gen 2:25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Gen 3:6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make *one* wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

Gen 3:7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.

Genesis = when all states of being came into existence. In the beginning, 'beginning' is a plural word. Adam was created in the same conditions – nakedness coupled with innocence so that by the fall man would get what he did not have i.e. a conscience. The knowledge of good and evil by means of a conscience. Their eyes were opened (Rev 3:17), suddenly they knew they were naked. Then his knowledge gives birth to his impulse to make an effort to cover his nakedness. Here is the origin of consciousness.

Conscience = perception = a knowing oneself – from the root – to understand – to be aware- to see completely. The eyes of their carnal understanding, the sense of knowledge were opened and they knew themselves. Prior to that they were innocent like a child, baby. Once consciousness is the ability to perceive right from wrong – and to condemn or justify. After the origin of the 'consciousness', the word is used 32 times in the New Testament but it is not used at all in the Old Testament. The first three chapters of Genesis have indications of man's conscience. They were innocent when they were first brought out of the hand of God –'pure and undefiled'.

Consciousness = the likeness of God, having the mind of God. Man was created without being self conscious; like a new born baby he was only conscious of himself in relation to God. Obedience becomes the link that keeps man connected to God all the time.

Genesis 3:1-5

- 1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?"
- 2 The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;
- 3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'"
- 4 The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die!
- 5 "For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

How come the serpent knows all this stuff? Where was the serpent when God gave the instruction to Adam and Eve? The serpent was present. This was God's set-up. God ordained that in and by the fall, man would receive what he did not have – a conscience i.e. the knowledge of good and evil. Man in the image of God

was not created with a conscience – the conscience is a product of the fall. They knew they were naked – and they hid from God. Their first discovery was their shame. They gained knowledge and lost their peace. But God has a plan to transform from innocence to holiness.

7 Dispensations:

1. Innocence
2. Conscience
3. Human government
4. Promise
5. Law
6. Grace
7. Kingdom

The first three are characteristic to the principles of government:-

- In Innocence we see **God's RULE**
- In Conscience, we see **SELF-RULE**
- In Human Government, **MAN-RULE**

In the dispensation of innocence God directly ruled man.

In SELF RULE man was ruled by conscience – God judge man by the flood.

Rom 2:14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

Rom 2:15 Which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and *their* thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

The major function of conscience is to govern man. In the dispensation of human government, man continued to fail.

Gen 9:6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

Therefore the establishment of nations, police, and modern society, the things we have as we know now in some circles where man is ruling man. Men must rule over to empower and not to subdue.

Man in his own conscience was always hide from God. His own conscience drives him away from God. Only when Adam heard God's voice, did he come out from hiding. When the reality of who we are and the reality of who God is meet, then there is salvation. Because of man's degrading into Self Rule and Man Rule God has saved man to bring man into KINGDOM RULE. This is where man will live above his own conscience and out of the conscience of God.

Difference between innocence and holiness:

We must become spontaneous to the Word of God and live above our conscience. The likeness of God is not created, because God's nature has to be experienced. We are not created instantly magically. It is something developed – you encounter the process. You must always be conscious of God. Job says "make a vow with your eyes". So I make a vow not behold things that will defile and offend the spirit that is in me.

We tolerate innocence in children, but the time comes for maturity and growth. The way that the Lord operates, He said "Follow me". But there is a change at the end, where God led them. God led thousands of people for 40 years. God went through 12 tribes to get to 2 families, that's how He is after the remnant. But there comes a point where God says "No you go, and wherever you go, I will go with you". When you remove something, what will be uncovered? We do not realise the power contained in us and what small things obscure them.

All man's knowledge was in relation to God. Now he receives a conscious, his eyes are open and he immediately hides himself from God. The voice of God draws him out – he makes aprons to cover his nakedness. Now the requirement is called obedience. God gave us a mind to choose. We have sovereignties – you can choose to obey or not to obey. You can be brilliant in hiding different things – that is the condition of conscience. Or you can live above your conscience and refuse, because your conscience is that of God. Or you can by obedience live in holiness. Holiness is a state of being. Take a hard ball – you cannot penetrate it – it is completely whole. Holiness of God is so strong – that nothing can penetrate within it – it contains the power, strength and beauty of God.

Joh 17:3 "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

The loss of this knowledge would be death. In knowing Him, I find life eternal. In knowing Him I find life for myself.

1Co 2:14 But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.

1Co 2:15 But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one.

1Co 2:16 For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ

We have the mind of Christ. The mind of Christ is above right and wrong, good and evil. It condemns all that is wrong and but it does not necessarily approve of all that is good. It accepts only what is of God. Man lived by the presence of God – he knew God by His spirit. The conscience of self has obscured this ability, knowing, this Spirit and this Holy Ghost compass.

Not Ashamed = not embarrassed or disappointed in themselves. Adam was conscious of his relation to God. He was conscious of himself only in relation to God, like a newborn baby's world is his mother.

We have to pass through our conscience realm and live in the presence of God. This is where your surrounding carries the assurance that God is present. The union between us and Christ is so real that where He is, so are we too. The mind of Christ is above good and evil.

1Co 2:12-16

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Heb 10:19 Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus,
Heb 10:20 by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh,
Heb 10:21 and since *we have* a great priest over the house of God,
Heb 10:22 let **us draw near with a sincere heart** in full assurance of faith, having our **hearts sprinkled** clean from **an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water**.

The heart = centre of human life. Conscience is the centre of the heart. Man must have his heart cleansed from an evil conscience. Sprinkled signifies a purification. We ought to love out from a pure heart. The evil conscience was acquired through disobedience in the fall. Therefore it is cleansed by the life of Jesus. He offered Himself to God without spot. The Lord is bringing us to a place where there is no greater need in the heart of man than the life of Christ. By your posture in the spirit – your conscience becomes centred in Christ and not in self.

Rom 9:1 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,
1Ti 1:5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:

Eze 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

Eze 36:27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

It is 'conscience of the spirit'. In the garden God set up a law to test Adam's life, he would determine what life he would live by this law. In Gen 2, what awakened the conscience of man to the Spirit is **obedience**. Adam's obedience would reveal whom he loved, believed, trusted and relied.

Rom 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

Jesus restored the ORDER OR CULTURE OF OBEDIENCE.

Joh 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

The obedience of Christ re-links, restores the image of God and the life of God to man. What would have kept the integrity of Adam's position and all the supply by grace was obedience. Obedience is the right to the tree of life.

Rev 22:14 Blessed *are* they that **do his commandments**, that they may have **right to the tree of life**, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Two Greek words of obedience:

1Co 14:34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.

1. *Hupatasso* = obedience by subordination by law.

Heb 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

2. *Hupakoe* – it describes a hearkening – a compliance – to hear under – to heed to conform to a command – to listen attentively – being obedient. The one is obedience by subjection and the other is by submission. The Son submitted himself for he heard.

We choose to follow, to be holy – to say no to darkness. We choose to be obedient to God's word. We choose to be in His likeness. We choose to be righteous representatives of the Kingdom of God, and this is the life of God revealed. The reason there has been no power is because there is too much of self-consciousness. It is important for us to come to this reality in God when we lose enough of ourselves so that we are not so wrapped in approving and disapproving. Being able to stand in a dark place and let the light of God shine, this is the power of God within. Tucked away beneath self-consciousness is the mind of God. In reality we are coming into a place which has already been established for us in Christ Jesus. In following Christ, there is a releasing out of the heavens unto us.

Discern when you have to stand back and not intervene out of compassion – learn that what is right may not be what is good; and what is good is not right. In Christ Jesus we can regain the consciousness of God.

Exact Representation

Part 5

This is the day where the glory of the latter house will be greater than the former house. We will live in that generation that will see the Lord's mountain exalted above every mountain. God is giving us spectacles to see so OUR love should abound with knowledge and discernment.

Pride is one of the main causes of image distortion. We must be able to recognize pride. It is recognized by self-reliance as you have seen with Saul in offering peace and burnt offering. Offerings need to have a priest with you, Samuel was not there but Saul went ahead. Peace offering is very significant in that when it is offered, the animal is slaughtered and the blood is applied on the altar. The declaration of the peace offering was my life; my hope, my strength is in you. In the offering the priest had to hold the hand of the offering, Samuel was absent so Saul was actually saying my life is in me, my hope is in me and my strength is in me. This is what pride is all about. Pride is characterized by self-reliance and personal ambition.

Absalom stole the hearts of the people and wanted to have his own kingdom, delusions of grandeur.

Definition of delusions:-

1. Delusion- having a fixed false belief of greatness.
2. Feelings of entitlement –Naaman coming to Elisha, Elisha did not give him the treatment he thought he wanted because of his pride. Nebuchadnezzar was glorifying himself and his hair began to grow like feathers, nails became like birds claws.

Pride is an illness. Transmogrification – changing of your appearance, distortion of your image. Uzziah in the latter part of his ministry wanted to offer incense and he contracted leprosy. This is a disorder of image. Leprosy is where your face looks like a lion, classic of image distortion. Uzziah comes out looking like a lion. There are about 50 million people who have leprosy and you will see the image distortion. Pride leads to spiritual leprosy. Humble yourself there are certain things you have to work on. Work out your own deliverance.

Causes for image distortions:-

1. Adverse locations- the nation of Israel was subject to Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar, when he attacked the nation, his first agenda was to remove the candle stick, showbread and the golden altar of incense- these were removed from the temple. These three articles point to apostles' doctrine, breaking of bread, fellowship and prayer. If you do not have this culture in your house then you have Babylon. Many churches that do not prioritise the first pillar. The agenda we must focus on is apostle's doctrine. This is what God is saying to us now. If this order is not in anything you do, then you are in Babylon. By the rivers of Babylon we sat down, how can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land. Many folk are trying to sing the Lord's song but deep in their heart there is a discontent, the harp hangs on a willow. Nebuchadnezzar locked up this culture in his treasury, this is the scenario today and this is our battle today. We need to bring these three things back and place it in the same order. We have to get the right order and the best place to start is with apostles doctrine. The nation of Israel could not celebrate the feasts in Babylon. They could not

celebrate the times of meeting with God, so if you are in Babylon you will not understand the seasons of God. Many are missing this season because they are inaccurately located. Babylon has a unique servant named Ashbernaz, who does gonad removal.

The nation of Israel had to line up before Ashbernaz and he would not circumcise but mutilate them. This is what has happened; there is removal of principles of aggression in the kingdom. People have become too passive and the church has lost the ability to rule and govern over things. Babylon will mutilate, it will change your diet and change your name. It will distort your image and you will never have dominion. Adverse locations will affect your dominion and image. Blind man in Bethesda- Jesus took him out of Bethesda and Jesus spat on him and touched him and his eyes opened. But Jesus had to touch him the second time. After healing the man he tells him don't go back to Bethesda, for that location will do much damage to you.

2. Rebellion – Gehazi rebelled and contracted leprosy. Prodigal son- distortion of image. Jezebel controlling and affecting your functioning within the kingdom. Evil speaking, gossip-Miriam contracted leprosy because she spoke evil of Moses.

Hannah represents one whose image was distorted by infertility but it was restored through intercession. This is a picture of personal restoration of image.

Family image distortion- Rizpah intervening when there was famine. David goes to the Gibeonites, and Rizpah had to surrender her two sons. Rizpah saw her two sons hanging on the tree but she sat on a rock – this is metaphorical of a believer resting on Christ. She repented on behalf of the nation. She saw the distorted image coming to her family, she resisted the vultures during the day and hyena at night because she wanted the curse over her family broken. David noticed her crying and David instructs people to collect the bones of Saul and Jonathan in one place (metaphorical of father and son). The moment David does this, the rain begins to fall and the curse is broken and the boys are removed from the tree. Family image is restored by repentance, resistance and resting on the Rock.

National distortion:-

Jdg 3:31 And after him was Shamgar the son of Anath, which slew of the Philistines six hundred men with an ox goad: and he also delivered Israel.

The climate of Israel in this time:

1. It was the days of one man leadership- charismatic superstar.
2. Shamgar delivered Israel but does not bring them to dominion. It was a day when Ehud was dead, his name means "union" and he dismantled the Moab (what Father) spirit. This was a day when fathers were dead.
3. It was a season of harsh oppression(see verses below)

Judges 4:1-6

- 1 And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, when Ehud was dead.
- 2 And the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, that reigned in Hazor; the captain of whose host was Sisera, which dwelt in Harosheth of the Gentiles.
- 3 And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD: for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Israel.
- 4 And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time.

- 5 And she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in mount Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.
- 6 And she sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedeshnaphtali, and said unto him, Hath not the LORD God of Israel commanded, saying, Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun?

Jdg 5:6 In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, in the days of Jael, the highways were unoccupied, and the travellers walked through byways.

Jdg 5:7 The inhabitants of the villages ceased, they ceased in Israel, until that I Deborah arose, that I arose a mother in Israel.

Jdg 5:8 They chose new gods; then was war in the gates: was there a shield or spear seen among forty thousand in Israel?

4. We see leadership is weak, that has forgotten the voice of the Lord.
5. Illegitimate alliance (Judg. 4:17). Eber and Jabin were an illegal alliance.
6. This season is where the accurate pathways were abandoned. People were going on the byways and not on the highways. This leadership delays the people of God.
7. 'Village / community life' in Israel ceased. Community had come to an end. No gathering of the churches together anymore, no desire for fellowship, village life having ceased.
8. There was war in the gates.
9. New gods, music, soccer, rugby, cricket. These are the gods that people worship today.
10. The people were disempowered, no spear. All of these conditions were prevailing.

This was a picture of national distortion until Deborah arose as a mother in Israel. The rising of prophetic grace and the people were activated. Barak was activated to come out of his weakness. Following Deborah's activation the tribes were activated.

Jdg 5:13 Then he made him that remaineth have dominion over the nobles among the people: the LORD made me have dominion over the mighty.

Jdg 5:14 Out of Ephraim was there a root of them against Amalek; after thee, Benjamin, among thy people; out of Machir came down governors, and out of Zebulun they that handle the pen of the writer.

The bible speaks of an unknown woman named Jael.

Judges 4:17 – 22

- 17 Howbeit Sisera fled away on his feet to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite: for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite.
- 18 And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said unto him, Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; fear not. And when he had turned in unto her into the tent, she covered him with a mantle.
- 19 And he said unto her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him.
- 20 Again he said unto her, Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be, when any man doth come and enquire of thee, and say, Is there any man here? that thou shalt say, No.
- 21 Then Jael Heber's wife took a nail of the tent, and took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died.
- 22 And, behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said unto him, Come, and I will shew thee the man whom thou seekest. And when he came into her tent, behold, Sisera lay dead, and the nail was in his temples.

Sisera, the commander, is fleeing on foot and comes to the tent in the wilderness. He asks for water and Jael offers him not water but milk to drink. But whilst he was sleeping; Jael went to kill him- she drives the peg into his temple and it went into the ground, using a hammer and a nail. She used apostolic tools to break the principality and restore image into the nation. When apostolic tools come into your tent, there is a violence that must come into your house. This exploit was greater than the exploit of Shamgar. An unknown woman-brings the nation into dominion and restores the image. Servants of God should be busy with the restoration of the image in all teaching and preaching. This issue is defined in the issue of Rest. Speaks of being established in truth, sleep in the storm, do not continue with conflict. It is the ability to resolve conflict quickly and not allowing anybody to rob you of your joy or happiness. Enter into the place of Rest.

The Son of man has no where to lay his head.

Mat 8:20 And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

You are the rest of the Lord, for God cannot rest on a distorted image. The body is being prepared, coming to perfection. For us to come to rest, rest is given to the overcomer.

Rev 3:21 To him that overcometh will I **grant to sit** with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Sit is a metaphor of rest. Jesus offers you His throne. An overcomer has to know what must be overcome. If you do not know what to overcome then you will never be an overcomer.

In Revelation all the letters are directed to the angel(father) of the house. The church at Ephesus departed from their first love. You have to consistently check out if you are failing in this area. The more you know His word the more you will love Him, the more you trust Him.

The church at Symrna:

Revelation 2:8-11

- 8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;
- 9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.
- 10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.
- 11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

The tribulation of the church in Symrna, they were struggling with economic boycott. Jesus tells them that they will suffer more and even die. You cannot escape pain and suffering in the ministry. Apostles are as the off-scouring(vagabond) of all things, as Paul said. You have to overcome trials and tribulations; this comes to: -

- Test the genuineness of your faith;
- You will see the attributes of God;

- They will teach you obedience;
- Testify that you are a son,;
- Dependant on God;
- Closer to God;
- Grow and bear fruit;
- Refine you;
- Inaccurate location;
- Bring strength and upgrade you

We have to be upgraded continuously, you will always need grace. Be connected to receive revelation. God has to order trials to cause us to upgrade.

The letter to the church in Pergamos:

Rev 2:12-17

- 12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;
- 13 I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.
- 14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.
- 15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.
- 16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.
- 17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

Israelite men were seduced by the women, this was led by the idea of Balaam. God is a jealous God; so He dealt with the Israelites because they had allowed mixture. In our journey we need to know how to overcome mixtures. Mixtures were not permitted throughout scripture. Examples of mixture are Rachel, Jehosophat, Nebucadnezzar. There is no distinction in the church because there is mixture of the world in the church.

The letter to the church at Thyatira: This church had to overcome Jezebel

Rev 2:18 – 22

- 18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;
- 19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.
- 20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.
- 21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.
- 22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

The church at Sardis, had to overcome death. You have to work out what spiritual death is all about. Death is reflected in many areas, what torch or light can you bring into a church to make that diagnosis? .

The letter to the church at Sardis:

Rev 3: 1 -5

- 1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.
- 2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.
- 3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.
- 4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.
- 5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

These are classical features of a dead church:-

- Demonised by vultures and hyena's
- Self-centered church – twice dead: feast without fear, clouds without water, serving only themselves
- Absence of the anointing
- Silent –Ps 88:10. 115:17,
- Darkness –Ignorant –Prov 21:16
- Unresponsiveness –Eph 5:14 ,

Signs of waking up from the dead

- Walking circumspectly
- Redeeming the time
- Understanding the will of the Lord
- Filled with the spirit

The feasts celebrated was Passover, Pentecost, Tabernacles; (Tabernacles been the third level).

First sign is speaking to one another, this is the highest level of spiritual experience because Christ is in each one of us. Whilst talking to one another, Christ appears. You talk about psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, so we speak the word of God. Whilst you are talking you are making melody in your heart to the Lord.

This is the sign of life. If you do not love your brother you are in death.

1Jn 3:14

We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not *his* brother abideth in death.

Summation of ASOM

The word of God addressed us on different levels that we needed.

Heb 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,
Heb 1:2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

God spoke to fathers through prophets. The primary of God's speaking is prophetic agency, this is the tower to release signals and messages into the earth. But in these last days, the last days started after the cross and it was inaugurated with great power on the day of Pentecost which was fifty days after the death of Jesus Christ. God speaks to us "in" son. The word in is in Hebrew the word "en"; which is the primary preposition, and it denotes a fixed position in place, time and state. It denotes movement to a fixed position in time, place and state. This is the position that God has adopted as His finality from which He will communicate in all of creation; in the physical planet and in the timeless realm of existence. God now speaks in the body corporate man, the son of God. One of the most powerful implications is called Son, this is the instrumentation of God. The word in literally means to come to the place of "final rest".

To be in son you have to be the son of God. Two dimensions one is son of God, son of man. When the spirit rises within you cry out Abba Father, this is the inmost feeling or groan of your heart, something very close communicating something very deep, passionate love of God. The son of man cries out Father, the son of God cries out Abba. This is the cry of the son of God, you cry it twice- Pater, this is where the word 'patriarch' comes from. It's the Elijah anointing, for the template of knowing son is Christ. You have to see Christ in His pre-existent position.

Critical word is "in Christ" Christ in you. This is the final, eternal resting place of God where He can lay His head is on you. He will do it in the chronology of time. The ultimate of chronos is where there is so much of Christ in the son that time(chromos) has to tear, be rendered and give way for eternity and timelessness. God wants to come into time, HE wants to come into you so that time can't contain you. God wants to come and rest in us as His body. Leave this place with understanding that within you must be revealed the fullness of God. If God does not become flesh you will not behold His glory. If it does not become revealed then creation will not behold the glory of God.

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

The template for Christ- Christ is, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The fullness of Deity dwells in Him. Colossians 1&2. The face of Christ is called Son, the son is full of the Father and governed by the Spirit. When we say Christ in you, then ultimately it means you must look like the Father, Son and Spirit. These attributes of the

living God must become flesh in you. The only medium through which the Father and Son can be imparted is through the Spirit. The order of our triune being is Spirit, soul, body.

1Th 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Joh 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

In John 14 and 15, you will find that the only way the Father, Son and Spirit is formed in you is through the word. How do you get the word of God is through the process of learning obedience.

Cherib is a picture of the messenger and to get to the tree of life you need to go through the cherib. For you to engage life you have to see the ones who carry the messages to you. Everything comes to you through the cherib, if you want the deity (Father, Son and spirit) in you then you have to receive the ones who come from the presence of God. They bring you the glory of God, the reputation, stature of God, the nature of God. John will tell you that you cannot receive Christ if you do not abide in the word.

2Jn 1:8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

2Jn 1:9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

2Jn 1:10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:

How do you get God- you get God by receiving the doctrine of Christ. You get the Father and the son by receiving cheribs, that is your lampstand/ candlestick. These are inter-twined. Cheribs bring light to you, which is doctrine, and doctrine brings Christ to you.

Mat 21:1-3

- 1 And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples,
- 2 Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose *them*, and bring *them* unto me.
- 3 And if any *man* say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.

Imagery of Cheribs is as the donkey tied to the vine and carry Christ into Jerusalem. When you fellowship with the doctrine, this is fellowship with the Father and Son, this is called "koinonia". What happens when you share the doctrine is that of Christ been formed in you. The image of Christ is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Don't get caught up with theology, don't try to develop a characterized picture of what God is because you will fixate God into that. Take the words and ask yourself can the Father, Son and Spirit come out of that revelation and can it produce in me the love and light of God. You must be connected to the word and to the one who not only stands but flies in the presence of God.

You are the dwelling of God, you cannot receive the word unless you get connected to the karooks. He will give you the word of eternal life. Be the donkey that He can ride on. Whatever happens give God glory. When people look at you – you be the epitome of a broken spirit and a contrite heart, holy, let not your speech be contaminated by pride.

Mercy is found or seated on the ark of the covenant-in the box. Here you find Aaron's rod, pot of manna and the commandments. Mercy sits on leadership and grace resident in that leadership and leadership sits on the principle of the everlasting covenant God made with His son. You must go, submit and don't be rebellious. Words have come from the cloud over this week, the cherubs come from the cloud and they bring things to you from God. Everything you heard must hinge on the word of God. Place great value on the word of God. In time all that was spoken will be revealed and it will be unfolded to you.

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Poem: by Pierre Toerien

This school represented a special occasion
 With people coming from every nation
 It was not only school number eighteen
 But for River of Life, a "sweet sixteen"

Howie started on Sunday morning
 And though it sounded as a warning
 It really was an exhortation
 God's gonna thresh His holy nation

God wants to see continuation
 Sons preparing for elevation
 It takes a people with a special measure
 Saints who know how to handle pressure

Our special guest was **Willie Hinn**
 On Monday night he did begin
 He proved to be a tremendous blessing
 Even though with our theology messing

There's one truth we came to clearly see
 And this is that Jesus was never plan B
 We heard about the sabbath and labour
 And even about his friendly neighbour

If you feel religion has left you tired
 "It is finished" just means "self has expired"
 So never again will we make a fuss
 About leaving the church to be hit by a bus

We learned a lot about God's rest
 And why the seventh day He blessed
 We have to come to a place free of striving
 Where "caught up" is the way of living

If a church has a trap door up in the roof
 It shows that their doctrine is kingdom proof
 When the rapture occurs they're ready to fly
 To leave this world and say goodbye

Could you have designed such a master plan
 The last day of God is the first day of man
 Here is a vital kingdom lesson
 Everything has to become a person

We have been brought to understand that

The garden's our natural habitat
 So there goes our apple, our snake and our tree
 This word is really making us free

But even so you must never fear
 If the sign on the door says "He is not here"
 For what does it matter after all
 Rather check the hand you hold at the mall

There is a garden within the garden
 A place of rest, forgiveness and pardon
 For us to see with the Spirit's eyes
 The overcomer to Zion must rise

If heaven has found it's place in you
 There's nothing else that you can do
 If you can believe "the Greater" is inside
 You'll never bow to anything from outside

Never forget this important lesson
 Everything has to become a person
 So God will take all our frustrations
 And turn it into our celebrations

To heaven the idea was never odd
 That man can be in the image of God
 But Adam would have to make the right choice
 Between the good and the evil voice

We've made christianity so full of dramas
 Let's rather know God in His pajamas
 To be as real as real can be
 That is the cry of His family

So Adam and Eve could not really see
 What God was saying about the tree
 And though the snake had been there for a while
 For the first time obedience was now on trial

Thamo had us for our Bibles reaching
 On the post-resurrection method of teaching
 We get taken up by the Son of Man
 While the Son of God was the Father's plan

The physical Jew is not the deal
 But Christ is whom He has to reveal

That is why Jesus had to go to the cross
So the rhema could come out from the logos

The men from Emmaus had a shocking start
When He called them foolish and slow of heart
The ABC's was all they could handle
Their level of sight as dim as a candle

God came to Adam by the wind of the word
But because of his sin he no longer heard
The lampstand is always the clearest picture
Of doctrine that's pure and without any mixture

So apostles' doctrine is first on the list
In the order of worship that has to exist
The word restored to it's rightful place
Will demonstrate God's love and grace

For faith to come you have to hear
And preaching has to be done without fear
Herein lies the sent one's worth
If the heart is pierced and Christ comes forth

There's also an order in the seven churches
And Ephesus is the first that emerges
It was a governmental, gateway city
But on the church God didn't have pity

There was one thing that could not be pardoned
Their first love was what they had abandoned
They had to remember from where they were
falling
And return to the things that were true to their
calling

The purpose of hearing is to make you see
And reflect God's glory in humanity
If He should reveal Himself to you
You must become the revelation too

When needs arise you don't serve tables
Or get involved on old wives' fables
Above all else the word must come first
Or you soon will lose your spiritual thirst

We're called to shepherd the souls of men
It can only be done by feeding them
None of your works will have any use
If you cannot hear, you cannot produce

So by now you should have seen the reason
Why the critical aspect of this season

Is the preacher that God to you did send
So that you can hear and comprehend

Jesus showed us how people heard
In the one parable the seed is the word
In the next the son is called the seed
The word has now become flesh indeed

Apostles will come and separate sons
The false be parted from the genuine ones
The kingdom of heaven is where seeds are sown
But sons make the Fathers kingdom known

God wants to restore Himself in man
This has always been His plan
The apostles preached about "Christ in you"
And even travailed for it to happen too

Although we've been sent to build God's oikos
We struggle to function outside of kairos
Receiving the word will bring a cleansing
If you come to Siloam and keep on washing

The place where two dimensions meet
This is the tree from which we must eat
It's where temporality becomes eternal
And we're no longer governed by the eternal

Even though you're a prophet, a pastor or
teacher
God's voice will always be heard in the preacher
So I hope you have not become a culprit
Of putting Tom, Dick or Harry on your pulpit

Because we are building son in the earth
You have to first know what a man is worth
You must make sure that he has been sent
Before he can hire a mike and a tent

You cannot preach what you have not become
Obedience will help you to overcome
Denying the flesh is part of our suff'ring
And that is what God wants to see in your off'ring

We saw that only Christ is the rock
And He will become the chief building block
Truth is the presentation of grace
What's inside of you has to show on your face

A very old fable had the church ensnared
The rock is not Peter but what he declared
Christ can never be seen in the flesh

But the preachers of truth will reveal Him afresh

So this was God's design and choice
The spirit will receive the voice
The voice will bring heaven, that is it's role
And then the spirit will clothe the soul

The antichrist is all who deny
Father and son, and say it's a lie
For Jesus Christ to be born from his spouse
Joseph must first find his father's house

God now speaks in a body called "Son"
There are two dimensions, not only one
It's son of God and son of man
This was always His masterplan

For Christ to be fully formed in you
The Word will have a job to do
For this it has to be truly believed
And the messenger must be fully received

Sagie explained why he admires the pope
While his message is read, he still gives hope
He also told us why he is frustrated
The fact that dominion is not demonstrated

He raised the question of image and likeness
And why the church has become so fruitless
Over and over the christians repented
But God was not accurately represented

While image is visible representation
Some made it to be exact duplication
Their faith eventually was laid bare
For the mountain is still standing there

While we don't live by spiritual imitations
Our likeness to God has limitations
So what this conformity constitutes
Excludes God's essential attributes

Though a church may fill an auditorium
They seem to be bound by a moratorium
And so, in the city, the billboards are beamin'
"How the pastor got rescued from a demon"

The glory that Jesus to God was bringing
Was without any dancing, clapping or singing
But doing the work and completing the task
Is all that the Father of Him did ask

The church of God, the called-out ones
Are not begotten, but adopted sons
While most of the church still falls and faints
Our primary mandate is to equip the saints

The same tree on either side of the river
Is all about representing another
Jezebel's not dismantled by prayer
'Cause she will come and join you there

Of all the passovers the Bible does mention
It's Samuel that really deserves our attention
His life was the place where the truth was
released
Although he never celebrated the feast

So you see, it's really very simple
Two dimensions within the temple
The one who restrains still has to appear
And not taken out as we always did hear

He taught us more about the false dimension
The son of perdition creating the tension
Between the true and the fake within the temple
The Bible gives many a good example

He's also called the lawless one
This is the spirit that won't build a son
By forming strategic association
He seeks to find his validation

So if you had a wrong perception
We saw, in Proverbs, a graphic description
Of this harlot and how she operates
By the false anointing that her system creates

Her corners are not on the way called narrow
And more than that, she has an arrow
It doesn't come out of the father's quiver
It's always directed straight at the liver

Then soon everything will seem to be yellow
And you'll be saying goodbye instead of hallo
While gold is exact representation
For this jaundice there is no medication

Though the falling away is not for the bride
This false dimension still knows how to hide
But when God's sent ones are fully deployed

As you build this city it comes out from God
 To grasp this truth might be quite hard
 Some day the nations will all be agreed
 That Zion does have what they really need

Whatever you build must be in God's mind
 And Christ is all that He has designed
 So if you really want to know the story
 A finished work will attract God's glory

We also heard about the cloud
 And how Elijah made heaven proud
 Before they would see the rain and the hale
 He had to deal with the gods of Baal

John the Baptist would be the man of the hour
 And come in Elijah's spirit and power
 His calling is laying the axe to the tree
 And cut to the root of idolatry

Fathers and sons is now the commission
 The church must come to restore this vision
 And so avert the curse from the land
 For the rain to start falling at their command

Elijah made a declaration
 Before there was visible validation
 And just as we heard about making the mark
 Our old friend Escom left us in the dark

On Friday night we had a meal
 Which served our covenant to seal
 Sitting at tables, enjoying each other
 Hearing God speak through a sister and brother

And so, at the end, we were sad to leave
 But glad that we could so much receive
 We have a lot to go and share
 So till March next year, when we'll see you there

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