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Introductory Session of the ASOM

A. POST RESURRECTION METHOD OF REVEALING CHRIST

LUKE 24:13-ff

- 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 traveling with them.
- 16 But their eyes were prevented from recognizing (epiginosko) 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 (**stranger**) 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.

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)

He Opens the Scriptures

God has chosen to reveal Himself through the post- resurrection methodology – i.e. through His WORD. On the road to Emmaus Jesus chose to reveal Himself to two of His disciples through His Word – see Luke 24. The LAMPSTAND is symbolic of this. God's Word will take superiority over everything we do. Have a Christo-centric focus. In John 1 – it implies – the Son, who is the Word made flesh, explains God.

Joh 1:18 No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained *Him*.

As we lead Christ out from the Scriptures, some aspects may create offense – some things said will be provocative. In Hebrews 3 it speaks of the ‘day of the Lord’ being a day of provocation.

Everything taught in this school will be grounded in the WORD. We have a Word-centred environment. Thus we all must be willing to REPENT. Your walk is defined by your belief. God’s bail-out plan for the church is the apostolic message of this season. The word is tremendously amazing, inexhaustible and utterly infallible. Allow yourself to be impregnated with this WORD.

When we open the Scriptures in this school, we are breaking of the Bread of Life – and Christ is seen.

“Give us today our daily bread”, is our cry. ‘Daily’ here means bread that comes from out of space and time – the same substance that God is made up of. The food of Heaven is God Himself. Heaven and earth are interconnected and find their expression and contact point in the human body.

Jesus Opened their Eyes.

We break bread – and this is breaking open of the Scriptures, then HE opens their EYES! Religion blinds people’s eyes.

Jesus Opened their Understanding

Understanding = epignosis = exact knowledge – the most supreme revelation from above. This understanding highlights inaccuracies in our lives and seeks to correct it. This knowledge stands erects before you and challenges you to bow to its accuracy.

B. This school emphasises the necessity for a Reformation

Reformation = diorthosis = an adjustment to the skeletal structure of something so that it can be exactly aligned to function effectively.

Heb. 9:10 ‘ ... times of reformation’

There is a comparison of two tabernacles. One is the structure of religion with three sections – the Tabernacle of Moses. Those functioning in this functioned according to very clear regulations. These priests were the interface between God and the people. To do this they had to represent God to

men. They followed a certain footprint defined by Levitical Law. This system was largely EXTERNAL – and could never bring people into a more accurate relationship with God. This Tabernacle was a shadow of better things to come. Even the temple in Jesus' time was destroyed. What is the true tabernacle or temple? His Body – the Body of Christ – this is the true tabernacle. The pattern and type in the Tabernacle of Moses is a composite complex picture of us as human beings – the composition of our spiritual and physical constitution. We have three parts: the flesh, the soul, the spirit. We have spent too much reforming the external structures of our ministries (e.g., finances, music teams, etc.).

How are the internal courts of your life ?

- How is your body?
- How is your soul? (Lampstand, table, 12 loaves)
- How is your spirit (mercy seat, ark, Aaron's rod, pot of manna, tablets)

These are the reformation questions that must be asked.

We must reform the INDIVIDUAL in the church.

C. THE 'GILGAL' PRINCIPLE

This school is a Gilgal moment. Gilgal comes from the Hebrew word meaning '**Full Circle or Full Cycle**'; or '**to roll away**'. It carries the idea of something circular or cyclical. Out of Gilgal, comes Galilee. The root word meaning '**the wheel of a chariot**' = **gives you momentum to the next level**. Gilgal also means the 'wheel of a well'.

God will put resource into us so that we can move to the next level.

Gilgal is the conclusion of one's cycle in one's journey and the commencement of another CYCLE. How you close one chapter will determine how you start the next.

Gilgal is a location in the Spirit. Here reformation takes place so that you move efficaciously from one phase to one another.

Gilgal is just across the Jordan – not Jericho. **What you do in Gilgal will determine if you get Jericho.**

In David's life, Gilgal was on the wilderness side = **the place you come to after you have made your transition.**

There are at least 2 to 6 different locations named Gilgal. All key ministries function here; e.g. Elijah starts here. Saul also was instructed after his inauguration to go there to receive further instruction. He disobeys and goes two wars later – and he was dethroned as King.

[Deu 11:26-32](#)

- 26 "See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse:
27 the blessing, if you listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, which I am commanding you today;
28 and the curse, if you do not listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way which I am commanding you today, by following other gods which you have not known.
29 "It shall come about, when the LORD your God brings you into the land where you are entering to possess it, that you shall place the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal.
30 "Are they not across the Jordan, west of the way toward the sunset, in the land of the Canaanites who live in the Arabah, opposite Gilgal, beside the oaks of Moreh?
31 "For you are about to cross the Jordan to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall possess it and live in it,
32 and you shall be careful to do all the statutes and the judgments which I am setting before you today.

This is the season of greatest prosperity that we have ever seen for the church. How you position yourself at Gilgal will be important. **Gerazim (blessing) and Ebal (curse) is on either side of you.** This is your boundary on both sides. **Gilgal is ahead of you. Gilgal is your compass** – the place of reformation. Gilgal will show you how to get to the place where you need to go to. **By Gilgal is OAKS of Moreh (the place where arrows are shot and instructions) = the place of shooting sons into the earth.**

Oak = reference to the terebinth tree = a form of pine = produces a volatile liquid called turpentine. At Gilgal you received the necessary fuel you need to propel you into fulfilling your **destiny.**

The Spiritual Man – Part 1

The son of God is a spiritual man. The spiritual man devotes his entire life to being governed by the Spirit of God.

Spiritual = pneumatikos = a spiritual being;

There is a new move from religion to spirituality in the world today.

The spiritual man is led by the Holy Spirit. The context in which the Holy Spirit functions is called the **Word of God**. This sets our spirituality apart from that which is prevalent in the world today.

The Word is the very element that constitutes the Heavens and the Earth. For any individual to say, "I am spiritual", he must be able to live in the environment of the Spirit. He must be totally dependent upon the Lord.

- **To be a spiritual man is to be a son of God.**

Rom. 8:12-17

- 12 So then, brethren, we are under obligation, **not to the flesh**, to live according to the flesh-
- 13 for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but **if by the Spirit** you are putting **to death the deeds of the body**, you will live.
- 14 For all who **are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God**.
- 15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a **spirit of adoption as sons** by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"
- 16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,
- 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*.

John 1:11-13

- 11 He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.
- 12 But as many **as received Him**, to them **He gave the right to become children of God**, even to those who believe in His name,
- 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but **of God**.

Reception of Christ gives us the privileged opportunity to become children of God. Children = teknon = we become a legal member of God's family. Not a physical operation, but a spiritual operation. Being a legal member of God's family does not mean you enjoy all the privileges of that family. There is a process towards this. The divide is whether we choose to live by our own law or by the law of God. The critical issue is "being led by the Spirit".

LED = ago = to be carried ; being captured by the Spirit of God; coming under the absolute dominance of the Spirit of God. Come under the absolute domain of the sovereign leadership of the Holy Spirit. We have to redefine the ministry and function of the Holy Spirit.

THE SPIRITUAL MAN

There are two types of man in the earth, the spiritual and the natural man. This does not mean the natural is simply a sinful man (neither are we saying the natural is not sinful). We must not create a dichotomous view of the natural and the spiritual. Natural things does not necessarily refer to sinful things.

1 Cor. 15:45-50

- 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.**
- 50 Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

v.45 : The word **'became'** implies a process. A man does not become a son at birth. The original intent of 'wife' was to produce sons to preserve the name of the family. God's bride is to capture His seed and preserve His image and likeness in the earth.

Adam disconnected from his 'spiritual' character. You will never study the corporate without understanding the root. Judah, the province in Israel was first Judah, the tribe, which was first Judah, a man. From the individual to the tribe – and the land is called Judah. The anointing that was on the individual infected and influenced a whole group and ultimately, the land.

When Adam sins, the whole environment becomes 'adamic'. What is in the 'head' will be in the 'hem'. Adam embodies the entire human race which chose to operate from the soul. The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. In our church we have these two categories of people. Some soulish people are religiously connected – and are even compliant by all observations; and yet there are some who are spiritual, operating by a different order.

1 Cor. 15:47 The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man is from heaven.

v.47 : However, the spiritual is not first. Soul = Psuchikos.

To be heavenly – you do not have leave the planet. To be spiritual you do not have to leave the body. Consider Paul carried into the third heaven – he said that he was not certain whether he left his body or not. Our bodies should be able to engage all of heaven and all of earth. If all of God could reside in Christ, then He can reside in all of us.

1 Cor 15:48 As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly.

This is the dualistic tension between 'son of God' and 'son of man'. We are amphibians – we can engage the heavens and the earth.

1 Cor.15:50 Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

We have to redefine the kingdom of God as well. The kingdom is a spiritual kingdom that comes to rule in the midst of Babylon. We have had the 'west' feed us with kingdom theology – based on capitalism – and we **have reduced it to materialism**. The Kingdom does not come by observation – it **is the internal operation within us**. You do not give to get. You give simply to obey. You will 'get' – but it is not your objective.

The New Covenant concluded with the death of Jesus. The last man that announced the Kingdom in the Old Covenant was John the Baptist. When you are son, you have a quiet restful confidence in your Father's love and provision. When Moses asked God for His name, God responded 'I am that I am' = I want to choose how I want to exist; I become who I desire to become in whatever situation. God wants to 'become' in Moses to the people. God wants to become the son in us. He is the first born IN many brothers. This word carries the connotations of absolute final rest. It is as a seed deposited in your heart and grows until all of Him becomes all of you.

The critical factor is **obedience**.

The believer in the New Covenant is described as spiritual. The heavens is the resource centre of our earthly realm. It gives you spiritual food.

"Give us today our daily bread" - 'daily' = implies Him feeding us with the substance that constitutes Him. When God feeds you with all of Him – then we raid the heavens.

Each son is to function in a manner compliant with the heavenly order.

1 Cor 2:6- 3:2

- 6 Yet **we do speak wisdom** among those **who are mature**; a wisdom, however, not of this age nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away;
- 7 but we speak **God's wisdom in a mystery**, the hidden *wisdom* which God predestined before the ages to our glory;
- 8 *the wisdom* which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory;
- 9 but just as it is written, "**THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND which HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.**"
- 10 For to us God revealed *them* through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.
- 11 For who among men knows the ***thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man*** which is in him? Even so the ***thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God***.
- 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, **but the Spirit who is from God**, so that we **may know the things freely given to us by God**,

- 13 which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining **spiritual thoughts with spiritual words**.
- 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.
- 15 But he **who is spiritual appraises all things**, yet he himself is appraised by no one.
- 16 For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have **the mind of Christ**.
- 3:1** And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to **spiritual men**, but as to **men of flesh**, as to **infants in Christ**.
- 3:2 I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able *to receive it*. Indeed, even now you are not yet able,
- 3:3 for you are still fleshly. For since **there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?**
- 3:4 For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not *mere men*?
- 3:5 What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave *opportunity* to each one.

A spiritual man is a mature man. He is able to unlock the hidden mysteries of God. We are stepping out of the bubble of chronology into a sea of immortality. The Spirit searches the deep things of God.

3:1 The natural man is an infant in Christ.

The Spiritual Man – Part 2

In this school, deep is speaking to deep, and Spirit is speaking to spirit.

The spiritual man is that person who has devoted his or her entire life to be governed by the will of God through His Spirit. This person is led of the Holy Spirit. All of God's behaviour is called 'spiritual' – not spooky or anti-social, wacko, etc. Religious people behave strangely. In sports, players with composure create opportunities. Start functioning from the place of rest from your spirit – place of perfect rest. You have no right to speak to your storms until you can sleep in the storm. Jesus spoke to the storm from a position of rest.

A spiritual man does not operate from his flesh. We operate from the infinite – the eternal dimension. Learn how to operate from the place above the mercy seat. Mercy seat on the Ark of Covenant. Inside the ark was the ...

- (1) Pot of manna (grace coming through the Word);
The Word is important.
- (2) Aaron's Rod that budded (grace from patriarchal leadership);
Elected leadership whose rods blossom are important.
- (3) Tablets of Law.
The Tablets of Law is more than 10 commandments – not 10 requirements for compliancy – but they tell us God has entered into an agreement with us as Father.

Mercy sits on the above principles.

At Hebron spiritual sonship is birthed. After Hebron, Kiriath Saphar is to be taken = **the city of the highest of highest intelligence – things hidden from natural intellect**. Caleb offers his daughter Achsah as reward to the man that can subdue this city. **Achsah = one who bursts the veil – anklet adorned with many gifting = mobility to burst the veil**. Othniel succeeds in the task. **Othniel = powerful young lion; my season in God** - he knows his season in God. Caleb wants to take this city to start to shape the patterns of thought and thinking – of philosophy etc. Othniel rises up to take it.

Previously, this city was called Debir – from here we get the word dabar. **Dabar – the word released is enacted as it is spoken**. The only tabernacle that God wants to reform is your body and mine. In the Holiest of All, above the point where the wings of the Cherubim touch is called the debir – this realm is above angels - it is not known to the angelic realm. Angels do not understand the secret things of God. You cannot have the ministry love if you do not love God's Word. We have to raise up people where deep speaks to deep and spirit to spirit. We are right there – we are at the edge.

The spiritual man is subject to the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Those who are led by the Spirit are sons. 'Led' implies you are prisoner of Christ – tied to Him – His Word and His will. This is in contrast to the natural man. The natural may not necessarily be a sinful man. Natural = Psuchikos.

You cannot be led by the Spirit if you betray the Word given by the Spirit. The boundary of function of the Spirit of God is the Word of God. Jesus said, "The words I speak, they are spirit and they are life". They are words of eternal life.

The natural man lives from the soul. This is the soulish man. The soul is not evil. The flesh is not evil. The spirit is not evil. But they can become evil. David said God must renew a right spirit in him. There is a spirit of lies (opposed to a spirit of truth). Do not let the systems of this world influence our behaviour. Natural men function from a rationalistic perspective. Augustine said faith must inform reason.

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

These function by being disconnected from the Throne of God.

1 John 2:15-17

- 15 **Do not love the world nor the things in the world.** If anyone loves the world, the **love of the Father is not in him.**
- 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh (sarkikos) and the lust of the eyes (sukikos) and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.
- 17 The world is passing away, and *also* its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

Flesh + soul = Carnality. The pride of flesh is a manifestation of the natural man.

The Fleshly Man

Fleshly = sarkikos = physical flesh. You must live in the fourth dimension.

1 Peter 2:1

- 1 Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander,
- 2 like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,
- 3 if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.
- 4 And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God,
- 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up as **a spiritual house for a holy priesthood**, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
- 6 For *this* is contained in Scripture: "BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE STONE, A PRECIOUS CORNER *stone*, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED."

7 This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve, "THE
STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE VERY CORNER *stone*,"
8 and, "A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE"; for they stumble because
they are disobedient to the word, and to this *doom* they were also appointed.
9 But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR
God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has
called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;
10 for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had
NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.
11 Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from **fleshly lusts which wage
war against the soul.**
12 **Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles**, so that in the thing in which they
slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe
them, glorify God in the day of visitation.
13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king
as the one in authority,
14 or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of
those who do right.
15 For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of
foolish men.
16 *Act* as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but *use it* as
bondslaves of God.
17 Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.
18 Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are
good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable.
19 For this *finds* favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up
under sorrows when suffering unjustly.
20 For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with
patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer *for it* you patiently endure it,
this *finds* favor with God.
21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving
you an example for you to follow in His steps,
22 WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH;
23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no
threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously;
24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin
and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.
25 For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the
Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

The fleshly man lives for his or her physical body. Do a time management analysis. Weigh the amount of time you spend on your body as opposed to your spirit. Your flesh is in partnership with your spirit.

2 Peter 2:1-22

1 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false
teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying
the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.
2 Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be
maligned;

3 and in *their* greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;

5 and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

6 and *if* He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing *them* to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly *lives* thereafter;

7 and *if* He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men

8 (for by what he saw and heard *that* righteous man, while living among them, felt *his* righteous soul tormented day after day by *their* lawless deeds),

9 *then* the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment,

10 and especially those who indulge the flesh in *its* corrupt desires and despise authority. Daring, self-willed, they do not tremble when they revile angelic majesties,

11 whereas angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a reviling judgment against them before the Lord.

12 But these, like unreasoning animals, born as creatures of instinct to be captured and killed, reviling where they have no knowledge, will in the destruction of those creatures also be destroyed,

13 suffering wrong as the wages of doing wrong. They count it a pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are stains and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, as they carouse with you,

14 having eyes full of adultery that never cease from sin, enticing unstable souls, having a heart trained in greed, accursed children;

15 forsaking the right way, they have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam, the *son* of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

16 but he received a rebuke for his own transgression, *for* a mute donkey, speaking with a voice of a man, restrained the madness of the prophet.

17 These are springs without water and mists driven by a storm, for whom the black darkness has been reserved.

18 For speaking out arrogant *words* of vanity they entice by fleshly desires, by sensuality, those who barely escape from the ones who live in error,

19 promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved.

20 For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.

21 For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment handed on to them.

22 It has happened to them according to the true proverb, "A DOG RETURNS TO ITS OWN VOMIT," and, "A sow, after washing, *returns* to wallowing in the mire."

This is a picture of most of the church today.

The Spiritual Man – Part 3

There is a powerful apostolic people emerging from obscurity and relative invisibility. Belief radically influences behaviour. If belief has been discoloured and contaminated by intellectual human reasoning – then our walk is crooked. The greatest warfare apostle's fight are principle in the minds of people. Apostles dismantle inaccurate thoughts and false traditions. One of the challenges we are faced with is who we are and hence how we should function in the Earth.

An assembled mind by the Spirit is more powerful than all the host of the demonic realm. What God is looking for is a spiritual man. He lives in a body of flesh. He possesses a soul. He is perfectly normal. 'Spiritual' is 'normal'.

The spiritual man lives under the absolute and sovereign rule of the Holy Spirit. He communicates with the Spirit by allowing his spirit to be connected with the Spirit. He is an individual and also a corporate man.

There is the spiritual and there is the natural man. You choose by which standard you want to live.

1 Cor. 15:45-58

- 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.**
- 50 Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.
- 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed,
- 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.
- 53 For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.
- 54 But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory.
- 55 "O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?"
- 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law;
- 57 but thanks be to God, who gives us the **victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not *in vain* in the Lord.

The word '**became**' implies the process of formation over a period of time. The person evolves or develops until he functions on a certain platform. He became a living soul - this does not mean God intended for Him to function as such. The last man became a life-giving Spirit.

It took 30 years for Jesus to develop and evolve where He chose to live by the operational system of the platform called the spirit.

We have the same choice - Do I live by my soul or do I live from my spirit. The dominant domain in which we choose to live in will shape the world of our existence.

V.46 : Yet the spiritual is not first. When Adam chose to function from the soul, God chose that to happen even though that was not His order.

It may not necessarily mean that the natural is a sinful man. The natural man may be good – but ‘good’ is not what God is looking for.

V. 48 : The first man may have been formed from the dust. Jesus’s body was made up of dust – it was a material body. Jesus was not docetic. Adam, created from the dust, made a decision to live from the dust even though he had a choice to live from another world. We have invaded the Earth – we are from another realm. Jesus, on the earth, was governed by a heavenly perspective.

John was born to parents that could not have a child, yet John was a man sent from God. He was earthly – he had a lineage – within the Levitical priesthood – yet God would say he is from heaven. Melchisedek had a mother and father even though he was ‘without father and mother’. I personally believe that Melchisedek was Shem – he was probably present when Isaac was born. When you come out of God, you are endless and timeless.

Jesus is referred to as being a part of the order of Melchisedek. He was “supposedly the son of Joseph”. To be heavenly, you don’t have to be mystical – it has got to do with a representational principle.

v. 49 : We will bear the image of the heavenly. We are not just human. We have the DNA of the heavens locked up within us. We are sons of God as well as son of man. In the Book of Revelation, John sees one like as the son of Man = he is clothed in splendour of divinity – but He is a man in that context.

v. 50 : Much of Kingdom theology has to be redefined. The culture of the day can shape the purest revelations from God. Kingdom theology in the west has been influenced by capitalism. Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. Why do we spend so much time on the earthly when it cannot inherit spiritual things.

Believers are described as ‘spiritual’, who have chosen to live their lives from a heavenly perspective.

These individuals are led by the Spirit of God. When they are led by the Spirit – they are the sons of God. The spiritual man is a son of God because he is led by the Holy Spirit. If sonship was based on immaturity or simple affiliation to Christ – then the groaning of the Earth should have been cured long ago. Woe to the land whose king is a child. As long as the heir is a child – He is under custodians. Only mature sons can rule over the Father’s estate.

Flesh and blood cannot inherit the things of God. Only spirit can possess Spirit. Each son of God is expected to function in a manner compliant with the expectation of God. Righteous living is according to the heavenly standard based on the proceeding Word of God. This kind of righteousness will cause people to walk with God like Enoch did. Also Noah – sustained in judgments. Such righteous people will avert judgment. Righteous living builds a standard that is compliant with the heavens.

- **Spiritual man = one new man in Christ**

Eph 2:10-22
(AMPLIFIED BIBLE)

- 10 **For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship),** recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].
- 11 Therefore, remember that at one time you were Gentiles (heathens) in the flesh, called Uncircumcision by those who called themselves Circumcision, [itself a mere mark] in the flesh made by human hands.
- 12 [Remember] that you were at that time separated (living apart) from Christ [excluded from all part in Him], utterly estranged and outlawed from the rights of Israel as a nation, and strangers with no share in the sacred compacts of the [Messianic] promise [with no knowledge of or right in God's agreements, His covenants]. And you had no hope (no promise); you were in the world without God.
- 13 But now in Christ Jesus, you who once were [so] far away, through (by, in) the blood of Christ have been brought near.
- 14 **For He is [Himself] our peace (our bond of unity and harmony). He has made us both [Jew and Gentile] one [body], and has broken down (destroyed, abolished) the hostile dividing wall between us,**
- 15 By abolishing in His [own crucified] flesh the enmity [caused by] the Law with its decrees and ordinances [which He annulled]; that He from the two might create in Himself **one new man [one new quality of humanity out of the two], so making peace.**
- 16 And [He designed] to reconcile to God both [Jew and Gentile, united] in a single body by means of His cross, **thereby killing the mutual enmity and bringing the feud to an end.**
- 17 And He came and preached the glad tidings of peace to you who were afar off and [peace] to those who were near. [Isa. 57:19.]
- 18 For it is through Him that we both [whether far off or near] now have an introduction (access) by one [Holy] Spirit to the Father [so that we are able to approach Him].
- 19 Therefore you are no longer outsiders (exiles, migrants, and aliens, excluded from the rights of citizens), but you now share citizenship with the saints (God's own people, consecrated and set apart for Himself); and you belong to God's [own] household.
- 20 You are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself the chief Cornerstone.

- 21 In Him the whole structure is joined (bound, welded) together harmoniously, and it continues to rise (grow, increase) into a holy temple in the Lord [*a sanctuary dedicated, consecrated, and sacred to the presence of the Lord*].
- 22 In Him [*and in fellowship with one another*] you yourselves also are being built up [*into this structure*] with the rest, to form a fixed abode (dwelling place) of God in (by, through) the Spirit.

v. 10 We are God's handiwork – his workmanship ; recreated in Christ Jesus – born anew.

Eph 2:15 By abolishing in His [*own crucified*] flesh the enmity [*caused by*] the Law with its decrees and ordinances [*which He annulled*]; that He from the two might create in Himself one new man [*one new quality of humanity out of the two*], so making peace.

Do not fall into the trap of pity in your trial. If you are mandated to do God's will, simply do it. The thing that will settle you, is the revelation that you are a SON OF GOD. You can fight the biggest wars, and yet know the greatest peace and rest. You are a son and your daddy is in control of everything. You are SON OF GOD and belong to a FAMILY. Our FATHER is the creator of the heavens and the earth. Rest in this. Rest yourself in that thought. Sonship is the ultimate position.

v.20 - "Foundation of apostles and prophets."

'Foundation' is the same word used to describe the seed deposited in Sarah's womb. Recall she laughed = joy. Apostles and Prophets lay the doctrine of Christ into the womb of your spirit. They drop the seed of the Word into your dead womb – its ignited by the Spirit – then you produce the Isaac generation in the Earth. When you remove apostles and prophets (Luke 11) – you take away the keys of knowledge and your house becomes desolate.

v.21 – "built into a Holy Temple" – the ultimate reformation is us, the temple of God. Is everything in spirit, soul and body accurately positioned?

v.22 - One new man is built up in the Spirit

The "spiritual man" is that community of people, as a new order of humans, distinct from the rest of humanity in race, gender, culture, etc. The new order is a reclassification of the human race and thereby brought under and into the family of God. You are part of God's family and you are spirit. You are classified by how He defines you. We are part of a heavenly culture. In this respect, the new man represents the new human race in the earth. This race is defined by 'grace'. The one new man is set against the old man. Do not define and classify yourself culturally or racially, etc.

The spiritual man is legally officially the Body of Christ on the earth. The church is the mystical body of Christ in the earth.

[Analogy of a lay-bye in purchasing]. God wanted to make us His house. Abraham wanted to buy a piece of land in Hebron - Macpelah (double cave) – he paid a price for it. He wanted his wife to be

buried in it. Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Leah would be buried here. He paid a price for the people that would live in covenant with Him. God paid a price also. There are three persons in Deity. God said I will give you the Holy Spirit as a down payment, as a guarantee on the deal. One third of the persons in the Godhead is given, because in that one third, the other two will come to dwell in you, by the Spirit. All of God reduced Himself to a seed and dwelt within the womb of Mary. You can contain all of the infinity of God within you.

God created all three parts of us – spirit, soul and body – all three parts are holy. The soul is not evil. It fell into sin. But it is not sinful. The body too is important – that is why there is a resurrection. We are built for immortality. All three parts of us function seamlessly, synergistically and symbiotically. The spirit, the soul and body function for His glory.

The seating of the church is in heavenly places – you are located heavenly in a governmental position. You do not have to go to heaven to be seated in heavenly places. The greatest spiritual experience happens within the body. Jesus did not have an outer body experience. On the Mount of Transfiguration – it was an ‘in-body’ experience. John the Revelator never left his body when things were shown to him. With our soul we touch the earth; with our spirit we touch the heavens – all whilst still in our bodies.

You have to crucify the flesh:

Gal 5:24-26

24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus **have crucified the flesh** with its passions and desires.

25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

26 Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

We have to kill the flesh. Overcome fatigue – subdue your flesh. Train your flesh how to invest financially. Your survival does not lie in how you accumulate things. Our flesh has desires, lusts, etc. It loves status, it wants self-gratification; flesh has illusions of grandeur – it has to come to a place of dying.

The church is then fed with spiritual food that comes from Christ. “My meat is to do the will of him that called me.” 1 Cor. 10 – the spiritual rock – Christ – clothed them in the wilderness.

The Spiritual Man – Part 4

WE need to create a credible apostolic witness in strategic places and cities in the earth.

- **The spiritual man is a son of God.**

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

Led = to be captured – to be taken into exile – describing one who no longer has the freedom to follow his or her own will. How much of your life does God lead? Unless you are led by God, you cannot legitimately function as a son of God. There are many that claim ‘sonship’ yet are not led – brought into complete control by the Spirit.

Joh 1:12 But as many as **received Him**, to them He gave the **right to become children of God**, even to those who believe in His name,

Joh 1:13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, **but of God**.

Received = embrace – to become one with. Those who receive Him ,He gives the RIGHT to become the ‘teknon’ of God. This speaks of your legal position in God. Your right to function does not automatically mean you enjoy the privileges of that position.

Gal 3:26 For you are **all sons of God** through **faith in Christ Jesus**.

We are justified by faith = our position before God. Positionally we may be sons of God , but not functionally.

Galatians 4:4-7

- 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.

“Abba Father” implies a deep level of intimacy. By Roman Law – in adoption, the adopted son is exposed to fathering he never previously enjoyed. A man could contest his obligation to father a natural biological son - under Roman Law. But when a man adopted a child into his family, the law stated that the adopted child is a fully fledged son. The adopted son enjoys the same privileges as

natural children. Also, Roman Law insisted that once adopted, a child could never be disowned. The only way the child could be disconnected was if the child chose to be. "Abba" = is a groan. It is inexpressible love. The evidence of being filled with the Spirit – where your Spirit cries out "My Father My Father". The first evidence of becoming a spiritual man is knowing your identity in Christ. Many are in the family of God but behave like orphans.

V.7 : We are no longer slaves but son – and if a son – the heir through God.

Our inheritance is not the earth only or something in heaven. Our inheritance is the very essence that defines who God is – it is God Himself. Our greatest inheritance is God. He owns everything. Do not chase things. Many have a capitalistic consumerist perspective and inclination. Things should follow you.

If you are mandated to do things for God, then do it – He will provide resource for every vision. Your daddy will never ask you to do something if he will not grace you for it.

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.

The first man is a model or type for us. He was a son of God.

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

God breathed into Adam – God put His Spirit into the body. At that point, I am certain there was a cry "Abba father". Adam would have recognised that the Spirit of His Father was in him. Adam then was supposed to substitute for God – to manage His affairs.

Predestination = prohorizo = from 'horizo' - has to do with boundaries. Before horizons or boundaries were created, God determined that before time began, He decided that He would have son in man to represent Him.

God made the infrastructure (heavens and earth) for man to inhabit. Creation wondered who made them. On the sixth day, God made man who would explain Himself to the rest of creation in a visible way.

John 1:12-18

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name,
 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.
 14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we **saw His glory**, glory as of the only begotten **from the Father**, full of grace and truth.
 15 John *testified about Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'"

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

Glory = the reputation, stature of someone. It involves recognition of the stature. Sonship amplifies or projects glory.

Jesus prayed, "Father give me the glory that I had – so that in them we may be glorified". The WORD comes to us and gives expression to glory. Glory is full of grace and truth. Truth = altheia = what is inside of you comes out of you. Truth is the externalisation of something within you. Jesus, FULL OF GRACE, said 'I am the truth'.

No one and nothing has seen God – not even angels. He is a mystery – indescribable. But the son EXPLAINS Him. God can only be seen in His Son – and His son explains everything about the invisible God. Outside of sonship – no order of creation will know God. Salvation comes through the Son. If you do not appreciate sonship – you will not be able to explain and reflect God to others.

Explain = exegiomia = to lead out. Exegesis is the science of biblical interpretation. God explains Himself through the visible son. Sons of God explain to all of creation. Sonship is the horizon of God – a virtual boundary – the furthest your eye can see. Your horizon is the furthest you can see. The furthest God can see is called SON. God has no sight outside of the economy of 'son'.

The son explains God through a culture of WORKS. Work is not cursed – the ground was cursed. He has ordained us for good works. Works = doing the will of your Father and to finish the works. We are called to manage the graces that God would give to us. We must administrate grace, wisdom and the power of God.

We represent God as sons in whatever occupation or work we are engaged in – thus, in a sense, we all are in 'full time ministry'. The spiritual man functions in every domain of life.

How was Jesus declared the son of God?

John 1:31-34

- 31 "I did not recognize Him, but so that He might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing in water."
 32 John testified saying, "**I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him.**"
 33 "I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.'
 34 "I myself have seen, and have **testified that this is the Son of God.**"

The Spirit descends upon you like a dove (it is gentle – not dramatic). The Spirit 'REMAINED' on Him and never left. The Spirit must come upon you and remain. Others should be able to objectively testify and verify that you are a son of God.

Jesus in the womb of Mary was full of the Spirit.

When the Spirit remains on you – he discloses the things of God to you.

Rom 8:14-17

- 14 For all who are being **led by the Spirit of God**, these **are sons of God**.
15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry **out, "Abba! Father!"**
16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,
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*.

The testimony of the Spirit is the cry of the son. Your spirit is informed by the Spirit that you are a son of God.

The Spiritual Man – Part Five

The Constitution of the Spiritual Man

Our manner of creation is linked to God's purpose of creation – i.e. that we would function as sons. Every part of us is fundamental to our function to demonstrate who God is. Each part of our construct is significant and created to play a critical role in the visual representation of Deity in the Earth.

Every component in the constitution of the human, i.e. the body, the soul, and the spirit – these three elements are equally important in accordance with the mission of God. Our creative construct is pretty complex. The visualisation of God is directly linked to how God made us.

There are three parts of us – or three natures within us – this is not multi-personality. You have more than one nature. **Nature = the complex of emotional and intellectual attributes that determines characteristics, actions and behaviour; the essential qualities by which one is recognised. 'Attribute' is a constructive, whereby objects or individuals can be distinguished.**

Man is trichotomous : Sarkikos (Body); Sukikos (Soul);Pneumatikos (spirit)

Luke 1:46-47

46 And Mary said: "**My soul** exalts the Lord,
47 And **my spirit** has rejoiced in God my Savior.

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

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the **division of soul and spirit**, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

One of the greatest prejudices in human history is the prejudice concerning how we are constructed. This took place at the point of the fall. Before the fall there was no division – man just functioned harmoniously. At the point of the fall he developed certain prejudices. A house divided against itself will not stand – so we must not be divided within ourselves in terms of our spirit, soul and body.

Previously we inaccurately believed man is a spirit, possessed a soul and lived in the body. Definition determines behaviour. What does this definition imply? This implies spirit is superior to soul and body. We fall into gnosticism. Gnostics separated the world between spirit and matter and taught that all matter was evil. This shapes eschatology – the rapture theory then becomes plausible – you desire to escape from the earth because your view is that the earth is evil. Also, it results in the

abdication of responsibility over the Earth. (The tribe of Levi – no possession of land – hence Moses, from the tribe of Levi, could not possess the land – Levites function in the wilderness – creating environment – a picture of Pentecost – but no land possession).

Every part of us is equally important. The motive of God is that He wants to be represented in a certain way. God is invisible – He is Spirit. You can feel the effects of the wind but you cannot see it. God is non-material – He is transcendental. The substance that God is made up of must become visible. We were created to live to two realms – earth and heaven.

God constructed the human body (sarkikos) from the dust . The flesh – our bodies is not evil per se. We are expected to love ourselves. God needed a tent – a body – a house through which He could be glorified. Start to appreciate your body. You cannot despise your body.

God breathed into Adam. God is constructing 'son'. When He breathed into the man, two categories came about within the man. His breath is non-material – transcendental. Firstly the man possesses a spirit. And secondly a soul. These are two platforms or fields.

For this man to become the visible representation of God, this man must be able to live in two environments – these are introduced to us as the Heavens and the earth.

The 'heavens' does not refer to space – but to the unseen elevated world – the spirit world. Heaven is not God's home. Earth is the physical material world. Both these two realms are linked to the pivot of His creation, i.e. man. Heaven and earth should be seen in the corporate son.

Pro 25:1-3

- 1 These also are proverbs of Solomon which the men of Hezekiah, king of Judah, transcribed.
- 2 It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.
- 3 As the **heavens for height and the earth for depth, So the heart of kings is unsearchable.**

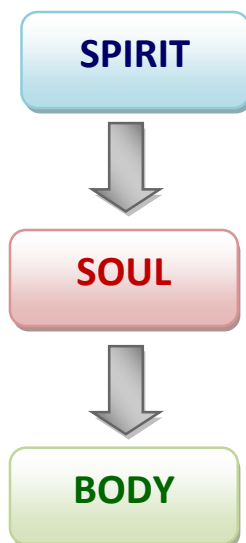
Matter = dabar

V3 : When you have the heart of a king you are not satisfied until you raid the heavens and search it out.

Raid the heavens and the earth. God remains hidden – and will reveal Himself to you if you seek Him.

God gave you two platforms to engage these two environments. With your spirit you engage the heavens. The spirit in the body of man was created to engage the heavens. The spirit has a mind and emotions. The spirit has tastes, senses and feelings – but in a world unrelated to the physical world. Our spirit is the only platform which He has to feed Himself to us. But we have a soul – which engages the earth (soul has heart, intellect, etc.). God built the body to engage two realms.

Pauls says of the order: spirit, soul and body. (1 Thess. 5:23)



Spirit informs soul and soul informs body and body informs in a visible way, what it has received from the spirit. Three are equal yet there is submission. Submission does not imply inequality. If James covers Lucy who in turn, covers Val, who do you see ? You see James, the one who first covered. Father covers Son who covers Spirit. Jesus always drew attention to the Father. Your spirit covers the soul which covers the body – but ultimately you see ‘spirit’ – this is the spirit-man – the spiritual man.

All of God comes to us in the form of the WORD by the Spirit. If you reject the Word, you reject the Spirit. If I am covered by all of God I am immersed in the Father, Son and Spirit.

Practical Application :

Heaven was created to be the resource centre to man in the Earth – Spirit to spirit. The Earth feeds man in his natural being. By this, man will enjoy the best of two worlds. The heavens is not one construct – there are various categories of the heavens. In each strata of heavens, there are aspects of God’s nature hidden there. The man must raid the heavens to feed his spirit. He operates from the fourth dimension – operating from the throne.

Raiding the heavens is like unveiling a garment or cloak – you array yourself in this and this is what you clothe yourself with to function in the earth. When you exhaust another chapter in the book of secrets – you can say “This is that...” = fulfilment of what you have in the heavens and clothed yourself with. This happens progressively until the entirety of the heavens is depleted and we see Him face to face.

Read Gen 1 and Gen 2:1-4

Gen 2:1-4

- 1 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts.
- 2 By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.
- 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.
- 4 This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made earth and heaven.

On the son of man angels ascend and descend. Man is the interface between heaven and earth – angels ascend and descend. We must not separate the heavens and the earth. All of heaven wants to come and live in us. This is the Melchisedek order: God, possessor of heaven and earth.

Work = malaka = everything represents God to serve His purpose in us.

V4. Heavens feeds the earth – earth is the recipient of the heavens – the centre is all that God wants to do is the earth.

Heaven is His Throne – the place from which He executes His will – Earth is His footstool – on earth he stands – earth makes Him visible. He stands = giving movement and momentum to the progression and execution of His will in the earth.

Adam, the son of God, had a beautiful relationship with God. God came to Him in the cool (ruach) of the day. God came to him in the revelation of the day (no night). You drink revelation from your 'gullah' (spiritual father or set man). Before the soul sinned, the eyes of the soul were opened only to see the light. In sinning, the eyes of the soul were opened to the realm of reasoning.

The spiritual man lives from His spirit – and speaks life. Words become flesh and dwells among us.

Session 2Sam Soleyn***Understanding God***

The key question in the current season is, “What next?”.

In the earth, the ‘old’ is being killed and being run to the ground. As new orders come, with them come considerable confusion. In moments of change, do not be quick to orchestrate the form of change that should come. Reflect upon what has not worked – and do not seek to recreate it in a different form.

Look to the Spirit – look into what it means to walk in the Spirit. We have to revisit this as to its actual meaning. What does the Kingdom of God mean in this season?

Look at God Himself first. What is your comprehension of God. God is expressed as three persons. When we know who He is, then we understand who we are, and our purpose in relation to His intent.

In the strength of the manifold expression of grace, we will see more fully who God is.

Gen 1:1 – In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth = SINGULAR
 Gen 1:26 – Let US make man in our image = PLURAL

Gen 1:1,2

- 1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- 2 The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.

In the beginning = a point that has to do with something other than God. This is the beginning of creation. When He begins creation, He has in mind the purpose for creation – ‘after OUR image and OUR likeness’.

John 1:1-6

- 1 In the beginning **was the Word**, and the **Word was with God**, and **the Word was God**.
- 2 **He was in the beginning with God**.
- 3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.
- 4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.
- 5 The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.
- 6 There came a man sent from God, whose name was John.

What was the state in which God existed prior to the beginning? Prior to it, there is only a reference to the SINGULAR God. But at the point of creation God separates into **two representations** – observable in the act of creation. The two are **Spirit and Word**. In Creation, the **WORD says ‘let there be’**, and the **Spirit executes the command of the Word of God**. This Word becomes flesh and

dwells among us and we behold His glory as of the only begotten of the Father = 'only begotten SON'. God, who is Spirit chose to manifest in two distinct manifestations at the point of creation. The purpose of this separation is so that God is going to put a representation in the earth.

The relationship between **WORD** and **SPIRIT is defined by the terms FATHER and SON**. The Word manifested as the SON. The Spirit of God hovered over the waters. The word proceeds from the Word to the Spirit. The Word speaking is Christ and the one to whom He is speaking is the Spirit. The relationship between these two is the relationship between Father and Son. He sets the creation up foundationally upon the principle of father and son.

Is the Holy Spirit in you? Yes. He is in all of us at the same time. The rule of nature is that the same object cannot simultaneously occupy two different spaces. The residence of the Holy Spirit – all of Him – living in all of us – cannot be explained rationally. All of who He is simultaneously present in each of us – this is experientially true.

Analogy of the game PONG – only a two dimensional game. Imagine someone comes from 3-D into a 2-D world. In a 2-D world, UP would be going north. Describing someone in 3-D as going UP a set of stairs – the person does not move at all – appeared stationary – yet he went up. The greater dimension assumes into the lesser dimension. The lesser dimension is absorbed into the greater dimension.

But what if you were in 3-D – and you watch someone walking on the water – there would be no rational explanation for this from a 3-D perspective. Such is the realm of Spirit. We do not have the language or the mechanical rules or concepts that define us in the realm of God. That is why we feel the need to define God in our image and according to our limited frames of reference. Thus it makes sense to us from our limited perspective to perceive of God as Father, Spirit and Son.

What is wrong with this sequence: 3, 4 ,5 ,7 ,9 ?

The answer is 4 because the other numbers are odd numbers.

What is wrong with this sequence: Father, Son and Spirit?

The answer is Spirit cause father and son speaks to a relationship.

Father and Sons is the relationship defined in Spirit. God is a Spirit who comes as father – and also as Son. But before there was a father and son, there was Spirit. God is the father of our spirits. The Son is the Spirit of God who manifests the perfect meaning of sonship.

[John 17:25 -26](#)

- 25 "O righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me;
- 26 and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

Jesus asked for two things:

1. The love You have for me may be in them.
2. That I myself may be in them.

Jesus shows the love that God has for the Son. The works of the Father were inherent within Jesus. Jesus never showed Himself independent of the Father. An echo is the exact reproduction of the original sound. It is not independent of the sound. Jesus is the echo of the Father's love.

Jesus was leaving – so he asks for this – so that just as the world saw the Father in Him, the world would see the Father in them.

How could this be?

Romans 8:12-17

- 12** So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh--
- 13** for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.
- 14** For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.
- 15** For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received **a spirit of adoption as sons** by which we cry out, "**Abba! Father!**"
- 16** The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,
- 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*.

You are born again – of water and of the Spirit. When you receive the Spirit – you receive the Spirit of sonship. "That I myself may be in them " = this is the SON - the perfect picture of sonship.

The Word was manifested as 'son' . When Christ is formed in you, who are you? You are the perfect son. The one who came as the son is able to impart to you sonship. When the Spirit comes to live in you, He is both Father and Son.

A different dimension and economy comes to you when the Spirit comes to you – this is fourth dimensional. Consider Jesus walking on the water. When the fourth dimension enters the third dimension, it is the dominant reality. In the third dimension, the disciples strain against the wind because this is their reality. When He enters their boat, His reality became theirs. They were suddenly on the land where they were straining to get to. When His reality comes into your boat – His reality controls what governs your life.

There is the law of the Spirit vs. the law of sin and death. If you live apart from the Spirit – you are governed by the law of death (if you sin you die).

The concept 'three persons in one' is a Greek concept.

Before the creation there was Father and Son.

John 17:1-5

- 1 Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, "**Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You,**
- 2 even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, **He may give eternal life.**
- 3 "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.
- 4 "I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do.
- 5 "Now, **Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.**

What time is He going back? He was made the son. His entire purpose is to put the FATHER on display. There is no purpose for the designation of FATHER. A son's singular purpose is the representation of the Father.

In the resident Spirit within us, we are endowed both with the Spirit of the Father and Son. We represent the Father and behave as Jesus, the Son.

1 Jn 2:12-14

- 12 I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven you for His name's sake.
- 13 I am writing to you, **fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning.** I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I have written to you, children, because you know the Father.
- 14 I have written to you, **fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning.** I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

John – I write to you fathers, because you have known him who is from the beginning. The only biblical definition of Father is someone in whom the love of the FATHER is. When it reaches its zenith then the son may give life to whomever he will.

Regard no- one from a worldly point of view

2 Co 5:16 Wherefore 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.

From what point of view are we to look at everything and everyone? We can do this, for in us we have the Spirit of the Father and the Spirit of Son.

We must function by the law of the Spirit of Life. We are used to dealing with each other. God is ramping us up to deal with the world.

Thamo : The present revelation on Father-Son – cannot be domesticated. Pneumatology gets redefined. We have also domesticated the Holy Spirit according to our personal greed. We have a narrow view of the Holy Spirit.

Understanding God the Spirit

We should be inside, looking out. The view is very different

Phil 3:10-16

- 10 that I may **know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;**
- 11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.
- 12 Not that I have already obtained *it* or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.
- 13 Brethren, **I do not regard myself as having laid hold of *it* yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead,**
- 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
- 15 Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you;
- 16 however, let us keep living by that same *standard* to which we have attained.

The goal – is to attain to the resurrection of the dead.

Resurrection = ‘Ek-anastasis’ = out resurrection. In this passage it is the only time this word is used here. Paul is not speaking of the dead being raised at the end of the age.

The ekanastasis = is a view of being seated on the Throne of God. It is a position attained in maturity. This is the ‘huios’ position. To this one, the Father commits all judgement to. This is the prize – this place of maturity – operating from the seat of judgement in heaven itself. The Lord whom we seek will suddenly come into us – His temple.

Much of our discussion has been a preparatory understanding. Decode the mysteries so that we might ascend. The mature functioning corporate son is ascended with Christ, seated to rule. From heaven, things look very different. We would have to have a different mind-set to engage this school. **We will see the suddenlies of God. I believe we have walked through the door of a suddenly.** Once you have walked into it the act of possessing it will continue. And then we will continue to function out of it.

In my last session, we began with looking at God Himself. God is SPIRIT.

In John 17 Jesus prayed, “let the same love in You be in them, and I myself also will be in them”. We opened up something of the fourth dimension. When you speak from the fourth dimension you have to be seated on the Throne.

In the first three chapters of Revelation – it speaks of things to happen immediately. From chapter 4 onwards – it speaks of things to come.

Revelation 4:1-3

- Rev 4:1 After these things I looked, and behold, **a door standing open in heaven**, and the first voice which **I had heard**, like *the sound* of a trumpet speaking with me, said, "**Come up here**, and I will show you what must take place after these things."
- Rev 4:2 Immediately **I was in the Spirit**; and behold, **a throne was standing in heaven**, and **One sitting on the throne**.
- Rev 4:3 And He who was sitting *was* like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and *there was* a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance.

From chapter 5 – the focus shifts to the one who sits on the Throne.

Rev 5:1-14

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

John is the last living apostle of the twelve and is called into heaven – to witness a change in the order of heaven as that order governs the earth. They sing a new song in heaven. 'New' is a

reference to a 'sequence' – has no time element. Heaven can emphasize new things as it relates to the earth.

It's about 40 years since Jesus has gone back to heaven. All of the apostles other than John are dead. The temple was fallen. God waits for a generation to fulfil His will to come forth.

Until now, the emphasis was divided one between Jew and Gentile. That was removed. God could now refocus – with the generation that would take from John.

The origin is of things in the heavens significantly affects the functioning of the mandate on the earth. What would be your bench mark for human history? The mandate for heaven is the destiny of earth itself.

How do things look when one is in heaven?

In the scroll – what was written was critical of human history. Entrance into the understanding in the scroll was barred – this overwhelmed John – he wept. The **LION** of Tribe of Judah is worthy to open the scroll. He looked and saw the **LAMB**. He heard one thing and saw something else. In heaven things do not mean the same as they mean on the earth. We must operate and see from the fourth dimension and logic does not help us. Lion is the overcomer. There are two lions. Satan – the roaring Lion seeking whom he may devour – intimidating with force and fear. Jesus, our Lion does not overcome in that manner. But rather He overcomes in the construct of the Lamb. It's about the methodology of God – the docile unresisting Lamb.

Rev 7:4-9

4 And **I heard** the number of those who were sealed, **one hundred and forty-four thousand** sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:
 5 from the tribe of Judah, twelve thousand *were* sealed, from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand,
 6 from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand,
 7 from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand,
 8 from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand, from the tribe of Benjamin, twelve thousand *were* sealed.
 9 After these things **I looked**, and behold, **a great multitude which no one could count**, from every nation and *all* tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches *were* in their hands;

Note John HEARD the numbers which were sealed – a definite number. When he LOOKED – he saw numbers which cannot be counted – and these are references to the same group.

So from heaven things look different. The lion is a lamb. The perfect nation is numberless.

Rev.5:9,10

- 9 And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood *men* from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.
- 10 "You have made them *to be* a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."

The reigning on the earth is the destiny of God's people – from every nation, tribe, people and language. "You HAVE MADE THEM" = a finished work. Their destiny is to serve God by reigning on the earth. The priest of Levi served the people – by presenting the sacrifices of the people to God. Of the priest of Judah, they served God on the Earth – so their destiny is to reign. You cannot serve God without *s e r v i n g* God = dispensing HIM. Reigning is the manner in which you do that.

We ought to be dispensers of God in the Earth, as He comes into us in the form of Spirit. In Spirit - is the Spirit of Father and Son. The classic essential of the nature of God is love (John 17). The Spirit of the Father comes into you - the ability to function as God is brought to you by the Spirit who is God. He comes to give you the ability to function as He is.

Jesus said 'that I myself may be in them' = this is the Son – the Word made flesh. In the Spirit is the ability to love. Also, there is the ability of the SON = you then can be reduced to sonship if you are willing. The Spirit that was in Him was the spirit of sonship. By the spirit of sonship – you cry Abba Father. It's not about you trying to be a son. The Spirit comes within you to perfect within the image and likeness of God. "The one who called is faithful and He will do it". We simply have to believe.

Paul said I am straining to the prize of this calling – the out-resurrection. The evidence of it is the seal of the blessed Holy Spirit.

The Comforter :

What does the Spirit do when he comes. Our natural minds think of comfort in relation to us being impoverished in some way, e.g. distress because of death.

John 16:7-11

- 7 "But I tell you the truth, **it is to your advantage that I go away**; for if I do not go away, the **Helper will not come to you**; but if I go, I will send Him to you.
- 8 "And He, when He comes, **will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment**;
- 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me;
- 10 and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me;
- 11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

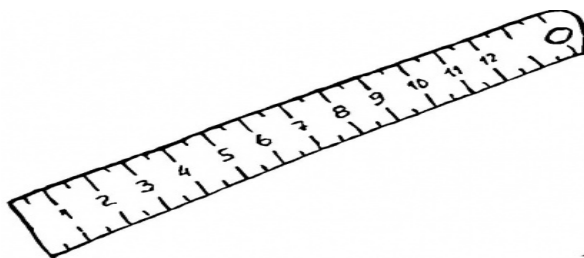
This is the comfort of judgments – about ruling in the earth. Why don't we take up rule in the Earth? Because of unbelief that we born of God. Concerning us, what is the primary function of the Holy Spirit? He confirms our sonship. He confirms our right to act by the authority of the throne of God. Jesus functioned by the authority of the one who sent Him. We function BY THE ONE WHO SENDS

US. Judgment has been committed into the hands of the son – we are seated in heaven now – a new position of authority.

How do we rule? The attitude that keeps us out of the concept of rule needs to be redefined. In Psalm 2, God said to the kings of earth who rebelled to the rule of God – that He has established His rule/son on His mount. Kings rule by decrees. The established King’s mandate is to give expression to the intent of God. Whatever he sees the Father do that he will do. You have to obey the one who sends you.

The authority of a king is constituted by his position on his throne of his father. Jesus came in humility.

A ruler is a king with power and authority to rule. A ‘Ruler’ is also 12 inch stick, which pictures the principle of a ‘standard’. Ruling is about being the standard. Our standard does not need the approval of men. Our standard is God who lives in us in the form of Father and Son.



I believe in Spirit, Father and Son – but not in the order of the Nicene Council.

If you representing the Father and the Son, then here is the standard of your behaviour as representing the Father. Not everyone represents the Father. A true father represents the Father better than immature sons. Your competence in this is arrived at through many trials.

John writes to young men – because they have overcome the devil. Young = immature – they preoccupied with the devil. John writes to Fathers because they have known Him who is from the beginning. The preoccupation of the mature is GOD.

A first fruit company has already arisen on the earth. We have to put the glory of the Father on display.

Here in scriptures below is standard to represent the standard.

Eph. 1:19-23

- 19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. *These are*
 in accordance with the **working of the strength of His might**
- 20 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated
 Him at His right hand in the heavenly *places*,
- 21 **far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is
 named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.**
- 22 And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all
 things to the church,
- 23 which is His body, **the fullness of Him who fills all in all.**

The church is the FULLNESS OF HIM. The 'complete'!

Eph 2:6-7

- 6 and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,
7 so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Col 3:1-4

- 1 Therefore if **you have been raised up with Christ**, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
2 Set your **mind on the things above**, not on the things that are on earth.
3 For you have died and your **life is hidden with Christ in God**.
4 When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

How do you put this standard of God on display? Here is a list of the characteristics of God :

Exo 34:6-7

- 6 Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "**The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave *the guilty* unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations.**"

The Lord FORGIVES. He forgives a woman caught in the act of adultery; He forgives the paralytic man in Mark 5; He forgive the thief on the cross.

John 20:21-23

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

Jesus stayed with the disciples long enough to impart to them the nature of Father and Son. As the Father sent me – so I am sending you. "Receive the Holy Spirit" = "Let us be in them". Then He gives them power to forgive sins. It is the nature of the Father to forgive sins.

Ruling involves the matter of judgment. You cannot rule without judging things. Ruling requires a standard. Judgement is the application of the standard to the situation at hand. The foundational mandate of the Son is to obey the Father. Our judgement is supposed to be righteous. When the standard of judgment is applied you determine innocence or guilt. E.g. of Belthshazzar – the hand writing on the wall. "You have been weighed in the balances" = judgment . Conclusions are issued after judgment. The one who conducts the judgment is Himself the standard.

What does it take to remedy the condition you have judged. There is no remedy in the Belthshazzar case. In the case of the woman taken in adultery – mercy overcame judgement. You see no one from a world point of view. In the natural, she was condemned to hell; Jesus saw why she did what she did. Conduct judgment from the view of the Throne of God. When people are introduced to the nature of our King – they get a sampling of the nature of our King. You must discern when mercy is to be given in specific situations.

Husbands must rule in their house, so too must employers. etc

2 Co 5:16-21

- 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.

We have been given the ministry of reconciliation – we do not count men’s sins against them. The Roman Catholic took this – and we shyed away. It is time for us to take this back. There will come a time when we will forgive nations their sins (cf. the council at Jerusalem – the gentiles are admitted in the Gentile into the kingdom).

We are able to judge because our judgment is just – we are the righteousness of God in Christ.

Ruling From The Throne

The Lord, whom we seek, has suddenly come into His Temple. Things are happening quickly. We speak and it is so. We are co-labourers with Christ. When he gets into the boat with us, we will get quicker to where we want to go. The mature are beginning to appear. We are at the front of the army – not in the front of the parade (celebratory). In Greek times, after war, they had funeral games – competitive to see who would replace fallen heroes. The first line in army must be the strongest. If the first line breaks, then the slaughter begins. We rule from the Throne.

Paul's intent was to be seated on the Throne while he occupied a point of space in time. This is the ek-anastasis. Our bodies is the connection between heaven and earth.

Phil 3:12-16

- 12 Not that I have already obtained *it* or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.
- 13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of *it* yet; but one thing *I do*: forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead,
- 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
- 15 Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you;
- 16 however, let us keep living by that same *standard* to which we have attained.

The prize is the out-resurrection – to gain the prize of being simultaneously occupying the Throne while living on earth. In verse 15 – it says – “This is for the mature”.

It is wrong to be less than you are in the Lord – it is a sin of being unprofitable – if your level is 5 and you produce – you are unprofitable.

v.15 The mature are not confrontational – simply states the facts and allow God to reveal the rest.

The Lord never patronises me – when He disciplines you must adjust and become mature.

v.16 God requires you to live up to the measure you have attained. Do not revert back to issues you have passed through and perfected – live up to that expectation – live up to that standard.

When you are mature – God gives the most difficult assignments.

Whenever you are given the assignment you never feel competent.

Analogy of the Sam's visit to the gypsies in the Ukraine. These were displaced warriors - became thieves and there were in-fighting ; they partied; they became vagabonds.

Live up to the measure of what you have already attained! Handle the affairs of heaven in the earth. The world will respond to the Word made flesh. God will hand to you rulership over nations. God will

send you into the bosom of nations – and they will be blessed or cursed dependent on how they receive you.

The world does not know what its yearning for – but when they see it in us they know it.

The message comes through the sent one and it pierces the heart of the hearers. Rule your own soul first before God will allow you to rule nations. From nepios to Huios – and beyond is Pater – father. Now God sends a Father to a nation. When you come, you are the face of God's grace to them.

Exercise as easily as breathing – your rulership from the Throne.

Don't judge the unbeliever – forgive their sins. Leave the unbeliever alone if they are not applying for citizenship in the Kingdom. When they come in, you must find who they are supposed to walk with as spiritual father. Do not waste your time – do not become weary with activity. Do not extend grace to someone who will trample grace underfoot. We are not called to rule over the unbeliever.

After entrance into the Kingdom, people are baptised into the Body of Christ – then help them find the one to whom they should be joined.

Do not take anyone that God has given you. Do not desire one more than what God has given you

Ruling : the common aspect of your rule comes as an automatic as the greater not been extinguished by the lesser. Light can never be extinguished by darkness.

Vicar - from the word vicarious – God appearing as another.

In the WORLD we are examples. God then joins them to specific spiritual father.

IN THE HOUSE OF GOD – it is the matter of bring sons to maturity or glory. The older you get, the greater the complexity becomes. God has an order for the development for His house. Father and son is the most unit of the house of God. In families you learn how to love your brethren. Families comprise households. These households function within a city. Elder of households become fathers in the city. There are clans (regional) and then tribes among nations. Israel was a nation for nearly 300 years – but it was not a Kingdom – they chose a King (Saul – A Benjamite). Later, from Judah, David is coronated King at Hebron (cause those buried at Hebron). Israel went from a nation to a kingdom. David turned the nation to build a Temple for God. What we are attempting to perfect is a vision of God living in a people. When the fathers of the tribes come together – we invite the people to become a nation under God. We will be formed into a functioning dwelling place of God. Grow up into maturity for this is the inheritance of the mature.

Identity and Functionality

There has been a convergence of two themes in this Apostolic School:

1. The issue of **IDENTITY**
2. The issue of **FUNCTIONALITY**

Identity shifted to another level from previous schools. Our level of identity will support the functionality. It is summed up in 'MATURITY'. There is another level of sonship defined in MATURITY – because there is another level of sonship in FUNCTIONALITY.

Do not assign sons tasks that demand a specific level of maturity that they do not possess. When you are a child you function as a child. God does not hand over the rule of His house to teknon.

1 Cor 2:1-2

1Co 2:1 And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come **with superiority of speech** or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God.

1Co 2:2 For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, **and Him crucified.**

Paul possessed superior wisdom. But because of the condition of the Corinthians Paul says he had to scale it down and just speak on Christ but not beyond his cruxifixion.

1 Cor. 3:1-6

1 And I, brethren, **could not speak to you as to spiritual men**, but as to **men of flesh**, as to **infants in Christ.**

2 I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able *to receive it*. Indeed, even now you are not yet able,

3 for you are **still fleshly**. For since there is **jealousy and strife among you**, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?

4 For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not *mere* men?

5 What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave *opportunity* to each one.

6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth.

'Fleshly' or 'carnality' is synonymous with immaturity. You cannot speak profound things to the immature. Never feed children the food of the mature.

We have a mixture of mature and immature in the house of God. God is treating some as mature. They function out of a higher order of understanding. Things of God remain hidden until the mature arise to receive them. On the platform of superior revelation and insight God entrusts a level of functionality consistent with that maturity. There will come a summation of all things in Christ. An

identity sufficient to a function. We are handling 'living' matters. We are meant to put the glory of the invisible God on display. Expect an impartation of truth in this Apostolic School of Ministry TO SUPPORT YOUR FUNCTIONALITY. You are seated on the Throne of God while you are functioning in the Earth.

We began to look into the very nature of God. God is Spirit. I am for MORE of who God is – also with to regard to functionality. As long as we see God as three persons, we don't get it. God is Spirit. Everything pertaining to God is contained within Spirit. We are going to have to put off the mind of children. Let this mind of Christ be in you. You can never function in God if you do not understand who God is. You can never function from the place of the Throne if you are alien to that realm. In Him we live and move and have our being.

The Holy Spirit is simultaneously in all of us as we all are simultaneously in Him. In Spirit, is the authority to function in the earth. God comes out of the eternal into time. The Kingdom of heaven is righteousness peace and joy IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

This Spirit defines the Father and the Son. This is wisdom for the mature.

Recall Jesus prayed that the same love that was in the Father would be in us and that He Himself would be in us. (John 17:25-26) The love of the Father and the nature of Son are in us because we have been given the Spirit, who testifies with our spirits that we are sons of God. The Spirit of the son, (the Word made flesh) has been put in us that we might respond authentically as sons. The Spirit is not finite – He may be 'here' and 'there'. So too – the Spirit can manifest the love of the Father through us all within the construct of the nature of a son. There is a time to ascend into a different reality that allows you to function as a mature son. Jesus was from above talking to people from 'below'.

This corporate son must represent the Father. We represent God to men and not men to God. We must press forward – challenge ourselves to throw off conventions of the 'comfortable' that are less than accurate. This ASOM defines the watershed between where you have been and where you are going.

THE SPIRIT OF SON AND SPIRIT OF THE FATHER

Our human construction was meant to contain heaven and earth in one space. In us the issue of the Throne of God are resolved and implemented. Within the Spirit is Father and Son. The Father speaks to son who executes His purposes.

God will be ALL IN ALL.

I appreciate the mastery of God working in Thamo to push the envelopes of definition. Angels trouble the water and challenge us also about our FUNCTIONING. You cannot function apart from an identity.

Within the same being is the Spirit of the Father and the Spirit of the son. The Son came to work from the place of rest in the Father. Toil is taken out. **When the certainty of the end of a process is**

sure - you commence working at the start of the process from a place of REST, since you are convinced and confident of the outcome. The Father does not work – the son works on behalf of the Father. The priest wore linen garments – not woollen garments which would cause them to sweat. The finished is accomplished from the finished perspective. Work from a place of rest and not toil. The Shalliah – the one sent works towards what the other has already accomplished. You become the visible manifestation of the realms of God.

In the person of Jesus you had both the spirit of Father and Son. At one point he said, “Do you not believe that the Father is in me and I in the Father – then believe me because of my works (functionality)”. He said also, “If you have seen me you have seen the Father”. The Father came in the Son and gave the Son. The Son is in total trust and obedience to the Father and obeys. He knew His end would not be the grave. There had to be a resurrection. “He will not leave my soul in hell”. In the person of Jesus, we are beholding and becoming. We become the thing that we are shown. In the son was a clear comprehension of the nature of the Father.

Exodus 34:6

- 6 Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "**The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth;**
 7 **who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave *the guilty* unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations."**
 8 Moses made haste to **bow low toward the earth and worship.**

This passage highlights the LOVE of God. To punish the wicked is also love. If sin is not addressed in the Earth He would have to destroy the whole the Earth. Everything about God is LOVE! God permits adversity on us because He loves us. Now we rejoice in our suffering. When you walk in the authority of a mature son, you will carry the weight of God. God will deal with you as a mature son until you can carry more of His glory. This is His love.

The love of the father is in us by the Holy Spirit. Whenever the son responds to the Father – you see the love of God on display. Let men see your good works and glorify your Father. The nature of the works in the Son put the Father on display.

The coming of the patterned Son would be among and in the midst those from Adam. But if you approach it as out from Adam - you would not recognise it. How would you be like the Son, without knowing Him. To bring many sons to glory, there has to be an accessibility of grace. Jesus is the the patterned Son. He by the Spirit, transforms us into the image and likeness of the Son.

We are given visions into heaven that help us. The vision of heaven is not static. When a man is taken into heaven he is given a vision of God that he could relate to the earth. He uses types and symbols. Physical things speaks of limits. God shows him representational things so that he would have the language to convey, e.g. street of gold and tree of gold is a symbolic showing. In Spirit is limitless. In any reference to physicality – it is inherently limitless.

God is Spirit - limitless.

The presence of God is a person. Understand reality from the perspective of the unseen realm of the Spirit.

There are things that you can handle when you are old that you cannot handle when you are young. Sons should not fight battles their fathers have fought. Press towards the execution of the divine mandate in your generation so that the generations after you can pursue their mandate.

The 'Patterned Son' (Jesus Christ) comes and carries with Himself that which can be transferred to the corporate son, who were side-lined in Adam. Whatever the patterned carries is available to the all the sons.

The veil is not the barred access into God's presence. Faith comes by hearing (not seeing) the Word of God.

John in heaven saw something like Zechariah saw – pictures of the Holy Spirit. He speaks of the seven Spirits of God. Seven lamps are blazing = seven Spirits of God. Zerrubbal was the King-Priest in the book of Zechariah. Joshua, the priest is crowned as King. A picture of the Melchisedek order (King-priest).

When a son comes into the earth, look at what he carries.

Mat 1:1 The record of the genealogy of **Jesus the Messiah**, the **son of David**, the **son of Abraham**:

This son is born of the Abrahamic order. David is the fulfilment of the Abrahamic promise

Isaiah 11-6

- 1 Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit.
- 2 **The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.**
- 3 And He will delight in the fear of the LORD, And He will not judge by what His eyes see, Nor make a decision by what His ears hear;
- 4 But with righteousness He will judge the poor, And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked.
- 5 Also righteousness will be the belt about His loins, And faithfulness the belt about His waist.
- 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.

From the stem of Jesse - a stump - but new growth proceeds out of human lineage.

1. Spirit of Lord – authority RULE
2. Spirit of Wisdom'
3. Spirit of Understanding'
4. Spirit of Counsel

5. Spirit of Power
6. Spirit of Knowledge
7. Spirit of the Fear of the Lord

These are 7 characteristics of the Spirit. We are given the spirit of sonship. Within the spirit of sonship is the seven-fold Spirit of God.

Ephesians 1:3-14

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

You were brought into Christ by the Holy Spirit; and in the Holy Spirit is the spirit of sonship. The seven Spirits of God in Jesus are given to us as sons so that we may be the competent recipient of the Father. The spirit of the father allows you to wear the face of the Father to others.

The Internal Culture

Every 7th year Israel was required to read the law – they were to rehearse it (Deut. 31:9-11). We need to listen again. We must be a people of the Spirit. If you start in the Spirit, you must continue in the Spirit. In terms of economics, it's a bleak picture in the world – but a tremendous season for the church. We are to rejoice in the present season.

Hebrews 9 - The Tabernacle of Moses, was so that He would come and dwell with them. It was always about God coming to man. You may not see something in Scripture because of the way you approach it in studying or teaching it. We must approach the 'tabernacle' from the inside first – and then go outward. The internal culture must be established first. The spirit of man is paramount first. On the Mount of the Transfiguration – the spirit of Jesus came out and encased His body.

Heb 9:1-5

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

Your internal culture established by the Holy Spirit is pictured by the contents of the Ark of the Covenant. This is a 'throne of grace' and the High Priest establishes the principle of mercy and faithfulness. Hence we ought to be merciful and full of grace. We become a blessing – a ministry after the order of Melchisedek. Also it is a place where forgiveness is constantly released. The ministry of reconciliation is a ministry of blessing and forgiving.

The Contents of the ARK : **(the internal culture)**

The two tablets of the Law : See Rom 8 and Hebrews 8. This law is written on our hearts and minds. God called the people to the Mount; the people wanted Moses to go; God wanted to relate to them as a Father (many passages picture Israel as a son – see Hosea). They sent Moses. They traded relationship for law. Moses broke the tables of law after coming down from the mount.

When he goes back, he has to write it for himself. They went from 'God speaking' to 'God writing', to a 'man saying what God originally wrote'. The table in the ark pointed to a memorial. Also it is the installation of the Word.

The Golden Pot of Manna: They murmured against the provision. They said, "What is this?" When God begins to feed us from a different perspective, we must not murmur against it. Manna was

only transitional food. The manna lasted for forty years. Note the phrase : 'A potful of manna because of their murmuring.'

Aaron's Rod: Some (Korah) challenged the authority of Moses. When we are developing people we create in them a desire to reproduce. Release with blessing sons that are ready. God settled the challenge against Moses with the budding of Aaron's almond rod = contains representation of resurrection.

Tablets = Protocol
 Pot = Provision
 Rod = Priesthood

What happens in the spirit of man? It's Christ IN YOU the hope of Glory. This is the nature which is installed in every son of God.

Acts 20:35 In everything I've done, **I have demonstrated to you** how necessary it is to work on **behalf of the weak and not exploit them**. You'll not likely go wrong here if you keep remembering that our Master said, **'You're far happier giving than getting.'**"
 (Message Bible)

Romans 12:9-10 : Message Bible

- 9 Love from the **centre of who you are**; don't fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good.
 10 Be good friends who love deeply; **practice playing second fiddle**.

In Acts 20, Paul said to the Ephesian elders, "The Holy Spirit has made you overseers of the flock". The term 'overseers' also is translated 'bishop'. They are to feed (poimen = pastor) the flock. There is no such thing as a Bishop over a group of pastors.

Elder = is not a novice; not a new beginner.

Rom. 12:16-19 : Message Bible

- 16 Get along with each other; don't be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; don't be the great somebody.
 17 **Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone.**
 18 If you've got it in you, get along with everybody.
 19 Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. "I'll do the judging," says God. "I'll take care of it."

2 Co 2:6-9

- 6 Sufficient for such a one is this punishment which *was inflicted* by the majority,
 7 so that on the contrary you should **rather forgive and comfort him**, otherwise such a one might be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.
 8 Wherefore I urge you to reaffirm *your* love for him.

- 9 For to this end also I wrote, so that I might put you to the test, whether you are obedient in all things.
- 10 But one whom you forgive anything, I *forgive* also; for indeed what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, *I did it* for your sakes in the presence of Christ,
- 11 so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.

Ephessians 4: 25-32

- 25 What this adds up to, then, is this: **no more lies, no more pretense.** Tell your neighbor the truth. In Christ's body we're all connected to each other, after all. When you lie to others, you end up lying to yourself.
- 26 Go ahead and be angry. You do well to be angry--but don't use your anger as fuel for revenge. And don't stay angry. Don't go to bed angry.
- 27 **Don't give the Devil that kind of foothold in your life.**
- 28 Did you used to make ends meet by stealing? Well, no more! Get an honest job so that you can help others who can't work.
- 29 Watch the way you talk. Let nothing foul or dirty come out of your mouth. Say only what helps, each word a gift.
- 30 Don't grieve God. Don't break his heart. His Holy Spirit, moving and breathing in you, is the most intimate part of your life, making you fit for himself. Don't take such a gift for granted.
- 31 Make a clean break with all cutting, backbiting, profane talk.
- 32 Be gentle with one another, sensitive. Forgive one another as quickly and thoroughly as God in Christ forgave you.

Prayers were made - not prayed. Prayer is as incense. The ingredient of the spices produced the incense. Prayer is not stoic – but the fervent effective prayer of the righteous avails.

The apostles gave themselves to Prayer and the Word (Acts 6).

'Prayer' and the 'Word' are the book-ends of the culture. The apostles are governing borders. The church is one bread and one loaf. The bread on the table is YOU. The purpose of the fruit of the Spirit is for others.

Get back to installing the culture of the apostolic in your house.

After a certain period of development, apostles leave people. The early apostles did not invite God to come into their midst – because He was always present. God was living fully in them. Christ in and among us all is the hope of glory. Christ manifested is the glory.

John 14 – If you love me , keep my Word ----- and my father and I will come and make our abode in him.

The Divine Nature

Deut. 31: 9-11

- 9 So Moses wrote this law and gave it to the priests, the sons of Levi who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and to all the elders of Israel.
- 10 Then Moses commanded them, saying, "At the end **of every seven years, at the time of the year of remission of debts, at the Feast of Booths,**
- 11 when all Israel comes to appear before the LORD your God at the place which He will choose, you shall **read this law in front of all Israel in their hearing.**

Here we have the 'association' and the 'theology' requirement that Dr Segi alluded to..

Deut 31:12-13

- 12 "**Assemble the people**, the men and the women and children and the alien who is in your town, so that they may **hear and learn and fear the LORD your God, and be careful to observe all the words of this law.**
- 13 "**Their children**, who have not known, will hear and learn to fear the LORD your God, as long as you live on the land which you are about to cross the Jordan to possess."

Note that even the children were included.

Hear And learn And fear the Lord Your God And observe to do all the words. We hear with an intent to obey.

2 Peter 1:3-4

- 3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.
- 4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

We are partakers of His heavenly nature. **He became us so that we together could become the expression of Him.** This is not an invasion into Deity. The outcome of this 'sharing' is how you escape the corruption that is in the world.

- a. It is God's divine power that has GIVEN US all things. It comes through the knowledge of Christ.
- b. This is in accordance with the knowledge and power given to us – through PROMISES – those connected to life and godliness.
- c. We are partakers of this nature – we are free from base appetites.

What is the divine nature?

1. **God is ONE** – this oneness speaks to **His state of being.**

Gal 3:20 Now a mediator is not *a mediator* of one, but **God is one.**

2. **God is Spirit** - speaks to **His substance**

Joh 4:24 God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

3. **God is Love** – speaks to **His nature**

1 Jn 4:7,8 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for **God is love.**

4. **God is Light** – speaks to the **demonstration of His reality**

1 John 1:5-9 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that **God is light**, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

5. **Our God is a CONSUMING FIRE** – speaks to **His energy or force by the Spirit**

Heb. 12:28,29 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our **God is a consuming fire.**

This is the divine nature. God's nature is LOVE. Loving and forgiving is essentially who God is.

When you partake of divine nature, it becomes natural to you. The person that is born of divine sperm. It was not a one-time birth – but rather 'being' born. **The divine sperm carries a God-kind of DNA = Divine Nature Activated into our Humanity.**

God has to have visibility. He had to have a prototype. When the Word became flesh and dwelt among us – this was God exeging Himself out loud.

1 Tim 3:16 By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness: **He who was revealed in the flesh, Was vindicated in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Proclaimed among the nations, Believed on in the world, Taken up in glory.**

Message Bible: This Christian life is a great mystery, far exceeding our understanding, but some things are clear enough: He appeared in a human body, was proved right by the invisible Spirit, was seen by angels. He was proclaimed among all kinds of peoples, believed in all over the world, taken up into heavenly glory.

Jesus knew exactly who he was – he had no identity crisis.

Phil 2: 5-11

- 5 Think of yourselves the **way Christ Jesus thought of himself.**
 6 He **had equal status with God** but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what.
 7 Not at all. When the time came, **he set aside the privileges of deity** and took on the status of a slave, became human!
 8 Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he **lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death**--and the worst kind of death at that: a crucifixion.
 9 Because of that obedience, God lifted him high and honored him far beyond anyone or anything, ever,
 10 so that all created beings in heaven and on earth--even those long ago dead and buried--will bow in worship before this Jesus Christ,
 11 and call out in praise that he is the Master of all, to the glorious honor of God the Father.

Eph 1 – we were chosen in Him before the foundations of the world. Foundation = lego (verb = Logos (noun)). God is manifesting Himself through us as a collective.

What is the message that God wants to present to the world?

1 John 4:7,8

- 1Jn 4:7 Beloved, **let us love one another**, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
 1Jn 4:8 The one who does not love does not know God, **for God is love.**

1 Peter 1:22-25

- 22 Since you have in **obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart,**
 23 for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.
 24 For, "ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF,

25 BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER." And this is the word which was preached to you.

Message Bible:

22 **Now that you've cleaned up your lives by following the truth, love one another as if your lives depended on it.**

23 Your new life is not like your old life. Your old birth came from mortal sperm; your new birth comes from God's living Word. Just think: a life conceived by God himself!

24 That's why the prophet said, The old life is a grass life, its beauty as short-lived as wildflowers; Grass dries up, flowers droop,

25 God's Word goes on and on forever. This is the Word that conceived the new life in you.

God wants to produce Himself in the earth. He wants representation and resemblance. God is looking for Himself. God is looking for God in us. It is seen in the manner and the way in which we love.

James 1:16-18

(Message Bible)

16 So, my very dear friends, don't get thrown off course.

17 Every desirable and beneficial gift comes out of heaven. The gifts are rivers of light cascading down from the Father of Light. There is nothing deceitful in God, nothing two-faced, nothing fickle.

18 He brought us to life using the true Word, showing us off as the crown of all his creatures.

Heb 2:11-13

11 Since the One who saves and those who are saved have a common origin, Jesus doesn't hesitate to treat them as family,

12 saying, I'll tell my good friends, my brothers and sisters, all I know about you; I'll join them in worship and praise to you.

13 Again, he puts himself in the same family circle when he says, Even I live by placing my trust in God. And yet again, I'm here with the children God gave me.

Acts 17:28-29

Act 17:28 We live and move in him, can't get away from him! One of your poets said it well: 'We're the God-created.'

Well, if we are the God-created, it doesn't make a lot of sense to think we could hire a sculptor to chisel a god out of stone for us, does it?

The standard of Love – we are to be **perfect in love** just as God is. Real love is connected to sacrificial and selfless living.

1 John 4:9-11

- 9 By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.
- 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.
- 11 Beloved, if God **so loved us, we also ought to love one another.**

Message Bible

- 9 This is how God showed his love for us: God sent his only Son into the world so we might live through him.
- 10 This is the kind of love we are talking about--not that we once upon a time loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they've done to our relationship with God.
- 11 My dear, dear friends, if God loved us like this, we certainly ought to love each other.

Rom. 5:6-9

- 6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
- 7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die.
- 8 **But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**
- 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

Eph 5:1-2

- 1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children;
- 2 and **walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.**

In the present order LOVE requires us to lay our lives down. There is no veil between the soul and spirit. A merger and union has taken place. With each other – we should live with no veil. Do a detailed study of all the ONE ANOTHER Scriptures. The language of unconditional love is what the world is waiting to hear.

Light, Life and Love – these three are one expression.

Representing God

Men everywhere all over the world are speaking the same things in God. The Wright brothers were not the only ones thinking about flying at the time when they applied their minds to inventing a flying machine.

The concept of receiving both the Word and the Ministry of Reconciliation is a functional part of our sonship. The Son of man came not to be ministered unto but to minister. Minister = diakona = deacon.

2 Co 5:20 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.

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

Ambassador = presbeuō.

Huios = mature sons – these calibre of sons release the ministry of reconciliation.

3 Terms of Judgements

- Criteria – The standard by which you judge
- Crisis – When the situation reaches a critical point.
(“Now the judgment of this world has come”)
- Krima – A decision made – but not necessarily at the point at which judgement is released. (Jesus was crucified before the foundation of the world.)

John was on the isle of Patmos – ‘the place of my killing’. ‘The place of our killing’ – we are reminded of that each time we partake of the killing (Table of the Lord). His killing on the cross is our killing as well - so we can live His life.

Rev. 1:8-20

8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

9 I, John, your brother and fellow **partaker in the tribulation** and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet,

11 saying, "Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands;

- 13 and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash.
- 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.

Verse 8: "Who is, who was and is to come" = The one who is ever coming.

There are seven major nouns with over 40 verbs to convey the 'COMING' of the Lord.

In terms of the language of the Tabernacle, John was at the table – then he turned and saw the candlestick. God was in the midst of the candlestick.

Part of the ministry of reconciliation is not to impute to men their trespassers anymore. After God had reckoned every sin, He chose not to impute sin to men anymore. We must not hold anyone hostage any longer.

Satan contended for the body of Moses. 2 Cor. 3 – the era of Moses is called a ministration of condemnation; and the administration of the new covenant is one of glory.

In the world of economics, there is a restoration of the 'gold standard' globally – unmixed. We must not mix gold and brass in our hearts. Operate from 'spirit'. The view is completely different when we function within and move outside. The standard for judging is the gold standard – not the standard of mixture. The issue of SIN has been settled at the cross. There are provisions for us if and when we sin. When your brother sins, rebuke and correct for the purposes of redeeming and re-setting him for his journey.

There are some things that apply only to apostles and prophets. Example: 2 Cor 10 – about warfare. Imagine an ant having the physical structure and brains of a man – living in the world with humans – and then going back to being an ant and trying to communicate to the rest of the ants what it saw.

Initially God said to John, "COME UP"; later He says "COME HITHER" = closer. You have to come up to come close. None of this is barging into holy things. It only comes by invitation. There are many unauthorised ministries. Others must bear witness to your calling.

All true apostles are called by God. They usually do not aspire to apostleship. They are invited into it. The first mission is Submission – then you are commissioned.

God will take His time to rain and prepare you into an accurate ambassador to administrate the ministry of reconciliation.

Often God speaks to you through your wife and children. Like Jacob – we must all cross our Jabbok – where he was alone. God initiates the wrestling to bring us to a place of confession. God asks Jacob, "What is your name" he responded 'Jacob' = supplanter - deceiver. Then the angel – "No longer" – The intent of the confrontation is redemption and not condemnation.

The ambassador in the Old Testament was the Shallah. Eleazar was sent by Abraham to get a wife for Isaac. The Shallah was the most experienced servant in the household. He was the governor of the oath. He sets himself to the Word released to him. He is authorised to execute the task. The messenger is authentic only to the degree that he imbibes the sender.

God will not send paupers to represent Him. This is a season of tremendous wealth. After Gen 1 it is the 'LORD GOD' who speaks – He owns ALL.

The Shallah executes his masters will without adding or subtracting. The Shallah was never dependent upon human strength to accomplish the mandate. The Shallah was a worshipper. He modelled brokenness and humility. He refused to be distracted and was committed to his task.

Eleazar's passion was for the WORD from Abraham. In that sense, Eleazar becomes Abraham. Today we call it power of attorney. You make decisions on behalf of the sender. Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, so send I you". God is sending multiple expressions of Himself. All apostles are not planters; some are waterers (cf. Paul and Apollos). But God gives the increase.

The Shallah principle is the picture of THE ANGEL OF LORD. Moses saw the Lord. John said no man has seen God at any time. Paul said no flesh of man can even approach the immutable. The only begotten Son has declared Him. Jesus as a man had not seen the invisible but he exegeted HIM. Pharaoh empowered Joseph to be his Shallah. All Egypt even bowed their knee to Joseph.

We in this day, with His Word, the clarity of His presence, His ministers – as we go, it's as though He is going forth. (cf. Psalm 8:2)

In the context of the Old Testament priesthood, the one who brings the sacrifice for sins leaves it – but he is represented within the sacrifice given. He who knew no sin became sin so that we could become the righteousness of God in Christ.

The Supply Shock

2 Kings 7: 1 - 20

- 1 Then Elisha said, "Listen to the word of the LORD; thus says the LORD, 'Tomorrow about this time a measure of fine flour will be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.'"
- 2 The royal officer on whose hand the king was leaning answered the man of God and said, "Behold, if the LORD should make windows in heaven, could this thing be?" Then he said, "Behold, you will see it with your own eyes, but you will not eat of it."
- 3 Now there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate; and they said to one another, "Why do we sit here until we die?"
- 4 "If we say, 'We will enter the city,' then the famine is in the city and we will die there; and if we sit here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us go over to the camp of the Arameans. If they spare us, we will live; and if they kill us, we will but die."
- 5 They arose at twilight to go to the camp of the Arameans; when they came to the outskirts of the camp of the Arameans, behold, there was no one there.
- 6 For the Lord had caused the army of the Arameans to hear a sound of chariots and a sound of horses, even the sound of a great army, so that they said to one another, "Behold, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us."
- 7 Therefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents and their horses and their donkeys, even the camp just as it was, and fled for their life.
- 8 When these lepers came to the outskirts of the camp, they entered one tent and ate and drank, and carried from there silver and gold and clothes, and went and hid them; and they returned and entered another tent and carried from there also, and went and hid them.
- 9 Then they said to one another, "We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news, but we are keeping silent; if we wait until morning light, punishment will overtake us. Now therefore come, let us go and tell the king's household."
- 10 So they came and called to the gatekeepers of the city, and they told them, saying, "We came to the camp of the Arameans, and behold, there was no one there, nor the voice of man, only the horses tied and the donkeys tied, and the tents just as they were."
- 11 The gatekeepers called and told it within the king's household.
- 12 Then the king arose in the night and said to his servants, "I will now tell you what the Arameans have done to us. They know that we are hungry; therefore they have gone from the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, 'When they come out of the city, we will capture them alive and get into the city.'"
- 13 One of his servants said, "Please, let some men take five of the horses which remain, which are left in the city. Behold, they will be in any case like all the multitude of Israel who are left in it; behold, they will be in any case like all the multitude of Israel who have already perished, so let us send and see."
- 14 They took therefore two chariots with horses, and the king sent after the army of the Arameans, saying, "Go and see."

- 15 They went after them to the Jordan, and behold, all the way was full of clothes and equipment which the Arameans had thrown away in their haste. Then the messengers returned and told the king.
- 16 So the people went out and plundered the camp of the Arameans. Then a measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the LORD.
- 17 Now the king appointed the royal officer on whose hand he leaned to have charge of the gate; but the people trampled on him at the gate, and he died just as the man of God had said, who spoke when the king came down to him.
- 18 It happened just as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, "Two measures of barley for a shekel and a measure of fine flour for a shekel, will be sold tomorrow about this time at the gate of Samaria."
- 19 Then the royal officer answered the man of God and said, "Now behold, if the LORD should make windows in heaven, could such a thing be?" And he said, "Behold, you will see it with your own eyes, but you will not eat of it."
- 20 And so it happened to him, for the people trampled on him at the gate and he died.

There is a new level of clarity attendant with the truth of what we are hearing. The phrase "Thus saith the Lord" is there to distinguish the voice of the Lord from other voices.

Samaria is experiencing extreme famine. There is a famine in the church. There is a famine of hearing the Word of the Lord. There is bankruptcy in the church because of bankruptcy in LEADERS. In the days of Ezekiel – God allowed him to see beyond the walls to the true sick state of the leadership.

Assyrians had besieged Samaria. Thus the famine resulted. There was a spirit of containment. **Break out of containment.** Do not become so conditioned to your containment that you cannot proceed to the greater dimension because you are too familiar with your contained environment. The devil said to Jesus, "If you are the son of God turn the stones into bread". Adam did not know fully who he was. If you do not know who you are you, you become subject to performance. Jesus responded out of the state of being, of knowing that He was the Son of God. John the Baptist was present to show the Son of God. Jesus was not performance oriented. He did measure Himself by someone else. There can no comparisons.

The land is about to experience a supply shock. When you have nothing and the market is flooded with what you need – this is called a 'supply shock'.

2 Ki 7:1 Then Elisha said, "Listen to the word of the LORD; thus says the LORD, 'Tomorrow about this time a measure of fine flour will be *sold* for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.'"

God is giving us a supply shock in this present season

2 Ki 7:2 The **royal officer on whose hand the king was leaning** answered the man of God and said, "Behold, if the **LORD** should make windows in heaven, could this thing be?" Then he said, "Behold, you will see it with your own eyes, but you will not eat of it."

Elisha was the only man in this situation standing under an open heaven. From an open heaven you see things from the God-position – a proactive position. Elisha released the heart of God. An outstanding miracle is about to take place.

Lord = shalish = a high ranking general

He is stating that he is opposed to the prophetic word of supply; and by virtue of his influence, he will persuade many of his conviction.

Go home – do as the cow eats – eat – regurgitate – eat again. Truth is sweet – but by the time it's get into your belly it is bitter – it will test you.

Four lepers reason that they will stay in their present place and die. The present church has failed to produce the purposes of God through Calvary. Death has been masquerading illegally. There must be a generation that has received life in their spirit – but this vile body must also experience life – immortality. This is the final kairos.

These lepers made a decision. They decide to go to a place they have never gone before – without the mixture. It starts in the spirit – in the Throne room.

Because of the famine, they were eating children = a spirit of consumerism. They consumed their future. When Israel was Egypt they produced Pharaoh's commodities. In the wilderness, they were consumers – they did not produce a thing. Only in the Promised Land, they became creators of wealth. God gave them power to get wealth. Once they produced, they could consume it totally – they were to circulate it. Even the edges of their cultivated lands - they could consume. They were not to forget the Levite in the gate also.

As slaves they had significant potential to produce under Pharaoh. But now, think about what they can produce as free men. Understand the clarity of identity. Jews understand their destiny in reference to wealth.

Create vocabulary to identify your current status in God, e.g. 'WEALTH'.

v.5 They started at twilight – embrace thing in the evening so that you can walk in them in the morning.

A slave mentality will always defer inheritance to the future. Appropriate it now. We are not just 'human' – we are 'man'. Engaging God as human is just a shade of our reality. We are not just a man! We dropped from 'Ish' (representative of God) to 'enosh' (mortal man). In between these two you have 'gibbor' (hunter – like Nimrod).

Adam speaks of origin from the dust. God called Adam 'ISH'. God's intent was never to reduce us down to mortality. Our Father has the only right to declare to us what our name is.

When lepers decided to move, they found out God had precede them. God needed their feet. They found the Assyrian camp vacated. There is a release that coming that will require the sweat of man. If you move toward the instruction of God, it will release unprecedented finances. The lepers were least qualified to get this, yet they were chosen.

v.8 They act selfishly. The brethren in the king's house had nothing. They had to become 'other people'- centred. Focus on what the will of God produces in others through you.

They carried a report. If they had gone to the porter and then the house of the King, the king would have been suspect of this as an attempt to destroy them. The lepers need evidence to sound convincing. The early apostles had evidence that the living Christ was in them. Bring the right Word and the right demonstration. Heal the sick, raise the dead – supplant all the anti-dominion forces. Show forth the evidence of God in your life. Do not just TALK.

Evidence is soon to come that a living Word has truly come through a living prophet. Have 'goods' to supplement the good news. The lepers became a critical mass – a tipping point in the favour of God. The download we have received this week has TIPPED us favourably. We need to join creation to their rightful father

The kings sends out ... all the way to the Jordan – all the way to death – and find death possesses nothing (Jesus has the keys of death)

They come back with the band wagon effect.

There is coming a **supply shock**. It will find its way into a youth movement – an eleventh hour church. The first hour workers did not get the job done. The eleventh house workers are not just the last workers, but they are the ones who have the potential/grace/resource/capacity to FINISH. Babylon comes down in one hour.

Supply Shock

- My God shall supply all your need.
- Supply = pleoroe = to fill to the fill ;
- We will have a supply shock of Spirit
Galatian church – a supply of the spirit working miracles among you.
- We will have a supply shock of the Christ Himself being assimilated into the Body.
- We will have a supply shock of life.
- We will have a supply shock of true joy and full of glory
- We will have a supply Shock of Grace
- We will have an economic supply - especially to missions – the grace of giving. Learn to become a releaser. Arise into the GRACE of giving.
- We will have a supply shock of a new and different generation.

The owner of the vineyard hired idle workers – and when it was paying time, the last was first and the first was last. We must not emasculate the next generation – we must empower them. The generation may not look like you – yet God is in them. Connect to what is continuing because that is where you find God.

Session 3Segi Govender***Dry Bones*****Eze 37:1-10**

- 1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; and it was full of bones.
- 2 He caused me to pass among them round about, and behold, *there were* very many on the surface of the valley; and lo, *they were* very dry.
- 3 He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know."
- 4 Again He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.'
- 5 "Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones, 'Behold, I will cause breath to enter you that you may come to life.
- 6 'I will put sinews on you, make flesh grow back on you, cover you with skin and put breath in you that you may come alive; and you will know that I am the LORD.'"
- 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone.
- 8 And I looked, and behold, sinews were on them, and flesh grew and skin covered them; but there was no breath in them.
- 9 Then He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they come to life.'"
- 10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they came to life and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Four reason why bones dry up – these are bones without marrow ?

1. **MAN-MADE TRADITIONS**

Matt 23:27-28

- 27 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.
- 28 "So you, too, outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

Dead men's bones = Pharisees.

Mar 7:7 'BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.' "Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men."

Reason for the dry bones are the traditions of men.

Sunlight is essential for your bones. Sunlight aids vitamin metabolism. It is essential to get at least 15 to 20 minutes of sunlight per day. Vitamin D is more important than vitamin C. Vitamin D confers a resistance in your immunity. Vitamin D is also responsible for your emotional state – hence people who lack Vitamin D are prone to depression.

When bone marrow diminishes, your red blood (oxygen; revival) and white blood cells (fight the bugs; reformation) decrease.

Demons are attracted to the dryness - the dry place. Sunlight is powerful picture of doctrine. Doctrine is responsible for your immunity. Doctrine is responsible for revival and reformation. The traditions of men dries up your bones.

Traditions : e.g.

- The dress code – Pentecostal bishops with specific vestments, chains; we have a plague of bishops in the house of God
- Age Codes : children, young adults, etc. In Scripture everyone heard the same Word.
- Gender Code
- Educational Code
- Intense Fasting for Blessing
- Clergy-Laity Distinction
- Membership vs. Sonship
- Hierarchical Leadership : In the father-son wineskin – avoid hierarchy. Your sons are also your brothers.
- Titular Culture
- Concept of Church : Ask someone to start a church and their first thought is music instruments. The Church is really about family. God’s concept of church was never a mega-church. Music is not worship.
- Systems of church government (Presbyterian, Episcopalian, independent churches, etc.) There are some networks which are cults – a cult has got exclusivity. Love your brothers.

Prov 15:30 The light of the eyes rejoices the heart; a **good report makes the bones fat.**

A good report = the Word of God

2. **ENVY**

Pro 14:30 A sound heart *is* the life of the flesh, but envy the rottenness of the bones.

ENVY = rottenness to the bones. The marrow loses its structure.
Saul envied David; Cain envied Abel; Envy causes strife and contention.

3. SIN

Unfaithfulness, excessive speech, restrain moral conscience, etc.

John 16:8,9 "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me;

Sin is the rejection of Christ

Psalm 31:10 For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my **bones are consumed.** (KJV)

Psa 38:2-3 For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore. *There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither is **there any rest in my bones because of my sin.*** (KJV)

Pro 3:7-8 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and **depart from evil.** It shall be health to thy navel, and **marrow to thy bones.** (KJV)

Those who partake of the table in an unworthy manner – some of you are weak (asthenia = muscle and bone weakness). Children can take part of the table of the Lord.

The Corinthians worshipped the god Mithra (a god who supposedly died and rose again – and had twelve disciples – similar to Jesus) The Corinthians partook of both the table of Mithra and of the Lord. This kind of sin causes dryness and weakness of the bones.

4. A BROKEN SPIRIT – A Prayerless Life

Pro 17:22 A joyful heart is good medicine, But a broken spirit dries up the bones.

Broken spirit is a fractured spirit – lost its frequency – lost its communication with God. When your prayer life is depleted, your bones will dry up.

This is the violation of the four pillars of an apostolic community

Psalm 102: 1-7

- 1 Hear my prayer, O LORD! And let my cry for help come to You.
- 2 Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my distress; Incline Your ear to me; In the day when I call answer me quickly.
- 3 For my days have been consumed in smoke, **And my bones have been scorched like a hearth.**
- 4 My heart has been smitten like grass and has withered away, Indeed, I forget to eat my bread.
- 5 Because of the loudness of my groaning **My bones cling to my flesh.**
- 6 I resemble **a pelican of the wilderness; I have become like an owl of the waste places.**
- 7 I lie awake, **I have become like a lonely bird on a housetop.**

See verse 6: A pelican is not meant to be in the wilderness but the sea; and the owl for the forest – not the desert. The wilderness and the desert here indicate that the habitat is wrong. The right place is the culture of 4 pillars of apostolic communities

From Ezek 37, you can see the four pillars:

1. **“Prophecy!” = This APOSTOLIC DOCTRINE** . Prophecy is not telling people their ID numbers. The highest level of prophecy is Scriptural exegesis. The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of Prophecy. This is apostolic doctrine. Personal prophecy is personal.
2. **‘The bones came together’ = FELLOWSHIP** = the joining to bones
3. **Flesh and sinews coming together = TABLE OF THE LORD**
4. **“Come O breath and breathe on the bones”**. Breathe refers to **PRAYERS**.

Then life came to the bones. There will be no army until we get this culture right. Culture means habit. The four pillars must become culture and not event.

Acts 2:41-42

- 41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.
- 42 They were continually devoting themselves **to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.**

These four pillars must be practiced EVERYDAY.

The crisis in Somalia is a reflection of violation of the principles of Acts 2:42. Where there is no father and son, the earth shuts down. When Joseph’s brother sold him , the earth responds with a famine. Why did the tree dry up when He cursed the tree? Because a mature son cursed it.

We are to Gentile in our thinking. **What are you continuing with steadfastly?**

Be willing to engage at the level of four pillars every day.

In Ephesus it happened every day for more than two years. Paul brought order into chaos. He did not fight the chaos – he simply established the culture.

In Hinduism , males were bonded to their mothers – worldly culture is anti-Kingdom culture.

E.g. Pastors have a tremendous respect for death. Jesus said let the dead bury the dead.

Jews have tremendous discipline.

The Result Of Apostolic Culture

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.

The Lord added to His culture.

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

The grace manifested because of their continuance within a specific culture.

Nebuchadnezzar invasion of Israel was a destruction of this culture. He took

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| Candlestick | = | Doctrine |
| Table of showbread | = | Fellowship and Table |
| Incense | = | Prayer |

There are many examples of apostolic culture in the Word of God.

(David, Solomon, Elijah on Mount Carmel, Joshua, Queen of Sheba's visit; 2 men on the road to Emmaus,)

Where this culture is violated – you get dry bones. Every local church that does not install this culture will become the dwelling place of demons.

The One-ness of God

All devout Jews recite the SHEMA daily. It comprised of three passages, viz. Deut. 6:4-9; 11:13-21 and Numbers 15:37-41.

Deut 6:4-9

- 4 "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the **LORD is one!**
- 5 "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.
- 6 "These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart.
- 7 "You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.
- 8 "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead.
- 9 "You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The instruction 'Hear' implies three things:

1. Listen
2. Understand
3. Do

One = echad = united One – a composite unity = united One. There is the implication of the binding together of the chords of a rope. Israel was to listen, understand and do the UNITY of God.

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

There is a plurality in the Godhead :

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| <u>Gen 1:26</u> | Let US make man. |
| <u>Gen 3:22</u> | The man is become of US |
| <u>Gen 11:7</u> | Let US go down |

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

Psalm 104 :30 You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the ground.

The Father creates.

Gen 18:1 Now the **LORD appeared** to him by the oaks of Mamre, while he was sitting at the tent door in the heat of the day.

Three persons appeared to Abraham. He called the three persons, 'LORD'.

1 Jn 5:7,8 For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the **three are in agreement.**

There are three separate persons in one God. The issue of plurality of Godhead is valid and established.

- **The echad in Marriage:** Man and wife become ONE FLESH.
- **The echad in the nation of Isreal**
 - 2 Chron 5:13 – nation as one
 - Ezra 3:1-4 – nation as one man
 - Nehemiah 8: 1 – they gathered as one man
 - Israel was to reflect the oneness – the unity of God.
 - Israel's Feasts – they had to come together as one man.

The unity has to be manifested in their theology. They all had to believe the same commandments. They all had to become a kingdom of priests. The image of God is oneness. God's glory was only manifested in oneness.

There are four demands that are deeply entrenched within UNITY:

1. **ASSOCIATION** : The Father, Son and the Spirit are all present equally.
2. The Father, Son and Spirit are equal in **CHARACTER** – righteousness, holiness, wisdom, truth and love, etc.
3. All three have the same **DOCTRINE/THEOLOGY**
'ANOTHER' COMFORTER – 'another' = another of the same kind
4. Same **STATURE OR PURPOSE**
e.g. united in baptism (matt 28); in benediction; indwelling the believer; in regeneration.

We have to demonstrate the principles of association, character, doctrine and stature/purpose.

Examples:

- **In the prayer of Jesus**

John 17:6-11

- 6 "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.
- 7 "Now they have come to know that everything You have given Me is from You;
- 8 for the words which You gave Me I have given to them; and they received *them* and truly understood that I came forth from You, and they believed that You sent Me.
- 9 "I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom You have given Me; for they are Yours;
- 10 and all things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them.

11 "I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, *the name* which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We *are*.

1. **Association**

In John 17, the words, 'THEY' is used 18 times; and the word 'THEM' is used 20 times. This we have a total of 38 times. This is a "they or them" company.

2. **Character**

Joh 17:12 "While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and I guarded them and not one of them perished but the son of perdition, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.

The 'name' refers to 'character'.

3. **Doctrine**

Theology is the same.

John 17:14 "I have given them **Your word**; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

We all must believe the same thing.

4. **Stature or Purpose**

John 17:23 I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.

▪ **IN THE BOOK EPHESIANS**

1. **ASSOCIATION**

Eph 4:2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance **for one another** in love,

2. **CHARACTER**

Eph 4:2 with all **humility and gentleness**, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love

3. **DOCTRINE**

Eph 4:4-6 *There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, **one faith**, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.*

4. STATURE OR PURPOSE

Eph 4:13-16 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. 14. As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; 15. but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, *even Christ,* 16. from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

▪ IN GIDEON'S LIFE

1. ASSOCIATION : 32000 came together
2. CHARACTER : Those who were afraid went home
3. DOCTRINE : Everyone that drinks water like a dog from his hand
= WORD of God
4. PURPOSE/STATURE : The One Loaf

▪ In the Book of Revelation 21

There is a shift from 'father-son' to 'brideship'. This implies greater intimacy. The son's problem was the devil, the wife does not have a problem with the devil – she is positioned in heaven. The Jerusalem in heaven is the mother of us all. This Jerusalem has twelve gates and twelve foundations.

1. ASSOCIATION : This Jerusalem has twelve gates and twelve foundations.
2. CHARACTER : It is transparent glass.
3. DOCTRINE : In the city there is no need of the sun or the moon – the Lamb is its LIGHT = theology
4. PURPOSE/STATURE : Laid out as a square : length = breadth = height

We the church must demonstrate unity.

- **THE STORY ON THE TWO TO THE ROAD TO EMMAUS**

Luke 24:32 – They said, “Did not our heart burn within us. Two people – with one heart. They went eventually with the 120 in the upper room. They were in one accord.

Act 2:1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were **all together in one place.**

The principles of unity demand great sacrifice. There is no city in the whole world where you can get 120 people in one accord. The glory came because unity and stayed before

Act 4:24 And when they heard *this*, they lifted their voices to God with **one accord** and said, "O Lord, it is You who MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM,

Act 4:32 And the congregation of those who believed were of **one heart and soul**; and not one of *them* claimed that anything belonging to him was his own, but all things were common property to them.

Act 8:6 The crowds with **one accord** were giving attention to what was said by Philip, as they heard and saw the signs which he was performing.

Phil 2:2 make my joy complete by being of the **same mind**, maintaining the **same love**, **united in spirit, intent on one purpose.**

You do not need all the people for this level of unity. Before Jesus came, John had to make the way straight. We need a representative company. Once there is a first fruit – God reckons as the whole harvest.

This is beyond the local house. The local gathering is not the church – it is part of the church. There is a church in the city called the temple. The constitution of this temple will determine the kind of glory your city will have. The prosperity of the city is determined by the temple in the city.

- **TABERNACLE OF MOSES**

The Tabernacle had three rooms but four dimensions. In the Holy of Holies, there was another place – a secret place – the Ark of the Covenant – inside it there was a space.

David operates in the fourth dimension. The tabernacle had become a person:

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| Candlestick | (Thy word is a lamp); |
| Table of showbread | (He ate the bread); |
| Incense | (let my prayer come before you as incense). |

The Ark had the mercy seat. On top of the box were two cherubims. Cherubims are unique messengers. They are a picture of city grace carriers. City grace carriers should have straight feet (righteousness); the hand = 5 fold anointing; must be governmental in his operating system;

consistently brings new revelation; commissions people to the nations; are able to assemble leaders in their city on a regular basis.

The mercy seat had a parameter of 8 cubits. The mercy seat and cherubs were made of one piece of gold. He operates with MERCY. He is not judgemental. He is rooted in Christ (8 cubits parameter). He stands on the manna, rod and tablets of the law. God speaks from above the mercy seat between the cherubs – the highest concentration of the glory was located here.

The structure of the cherubim. They are to be **FACE TO FACE**. Look for the other cherubim. The glory will not come on one cherubim. God spoke to Moses face to face. This implies an equal plain.

Face to face implies a capacity to listen. All the revelation is not contained within one person only

The cherubim had to see each other '**EYE to EYE**' = they had to agree on some stuff. The squint was allowed. It's about understanding. Isaiah – they shall see eye to eye when the Lord brings back Zion. King Zedekiah and King of Babylon came 'eye to eye' (an inaccurate unity) – the king of Babylon plucked out the eye of Zedekiah. Prioritise finding the other cherubim, not the king of Babylon.

The cherubim were **wing to wing (HAND TO HAND)** = a metaphor of DOING. When cherubim come together

They were also **FEET TO FEET** – making one complete circle.

Isolation is insanity. Begin to relate to other cherubim within your own city.

In the Holy Place – You have a linear mentality. In the Holy of Holies – there is the fourth dimension.

The Four Pillars of an Apostolic Community are also depicted here:

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| Apostle doctrine | : | In the box; |
| Fellowship | : | feet touching each other |
| Table of the Lord | : | Blood on mercy seat |
| Prayers | : | Hand to hand = a picture of prayer. |

This picture is vertical not linear.

Many are not standing on the box. The glory will manifest and the glory works despite us.

The Gullah

The 'Temple' is the church in the city.

You must build trans-locally. There must be steps in your local church that leads to the Temple.

Our physical BODY is the Temple. Also, the Temple is the church in the city. The Lord will suddenly appear in His temple (not in your local church).

Whenever you get involved in Temple building – you attract certain principalities

Enemies :

1. Your first enemy will be **Mixture**.

Ezra 4:1,2

Now when the enemies of Judah and Benjamin heard that the people of the exile were building a temple to the LORD God of Israel, they approached Zerubbabel and the heads of fathers' *households*, and said to them, "**Let us build with you**, for we, like you, seek your God; and we have been sacrificing to Him since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assyria, who brought us up here."

2. The second enemy is **Discouragement** for various reasons.

Ezra 4:3

But Zerubbabel and Jeshua and the rest of the heads of fathers' *households* of Israel said to them, "You have nothing in common with us in building a house to our God; but we ourselves will together build to the LORD God of Israel, as King Cyrus, the king of Persia has commanded us." Then the people of the land **discouraged** the people of Judah, and frightened them from building,

3. Thirdly, the spirit of **Frustration**

Ezr 4:5

and hired counselors against them **to frustrate** their counsel all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

Note : Ezra 4:6-8

Now in the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, they wrote an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem. And in the days of Artaxerxes, **Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel** and the rest of his colleagues wrote to Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the text of the letter was written in Aramaic and translated *from* Aramaic. **Rehum the commander and Shimshai** the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to King Artaxerxes, as follows--

4. Fourthly, **False Peace**. Bishlam = peace. There can be no peace between the servant of God and the enemy. This is **FALSE PEACE**.

5. Fifthly, Mithredath = Lawlessness
6. Sixth, Tabeel = Good for Nothing
7. Rheum = Master of taste and judgment = he cannot discern the Body – his mercy is misplaced.
8. Eighthly – Shimshai = son – but he is a false son

When these eight enemies came against Judah, the building came to an end. The building process was stopped for about 15 years. Zechariah and Haggai, the prophets, prophesied to stir up the building process – see book of Haggai. The people built their panelled houses and the Temple lies in ruins. Zechariah also prophesied.

Zech 4:1-11

- 1 Then the angel who was speaking with me returned and roused me, as a man who is awakened from his sleep.
- 2 He said to me, "What do you see?" And I said, "I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold with its bowl on the top of it, and its seven lamps on it with seven spouts belonging to each of the lamps which are on the top of it;
- 3 also two olive trees by it, one on the right side of the bowl and the other on its left side."
- 4 Then I said to the angel who was speaking with me saying, "What are these, my lord?"
- 5 So the angel who was speaking with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord."
- 6 Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel saying, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts.
- 7 'What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel *you will become* a plain; and he will bring forth the top stone with shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"'"
- 8 Also the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
- 9 "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house, and his hands will finish *it*. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you.
- 10 "For who has despised the day of small things? But these seven will be glad when they see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel--*these are* the eyes of the LORD which range to and fro throughout the earth."
- 11 Then I said to him, "What are these two olive trees on the right of the lampstand and on its left?"
- 12 And I answered the second time and said to him, "What are the two olive branches which are beside the two golden pipes, which empty the golden *oil* from themselves?"
- 13 So he answered me, saying, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord."
- 14 Then he said, "These are the two anointed ones who are standing by the Lord of the whole earth."

First let us look at the 'Ordinary' Lampstand in Moses' Tabernacle.



This was a picture of Christ – light in the Holy Place – made of one piece of gold. It had a central stem; three side branches ; made of one talent of gold – the one points to HIS uniqueness; also prefigures the Word of God giving light; it was beaten in the fire – it had 66 units of bud, flower and fruits = a figure of 66 books in the Bible. This also points to the church, the light of the world. Christ is the central stem with the church coming out of His side. Each side branches had nine buds, flowers and fruits = 9 gifts and fruits of Spirit. Similarly, the church is crafted in the fire – while you in the fire you get beaten – He shapes you into a bud, flower and fruit = into His image = the Word is becoming flesh. This was in the Tabernacle of Moses.

When the exiles returned they forgot the tabernacle. God shows Zechariah a different candlestick.

Zechariah's Candlestick :



Two olive trees on either side; branches drain oil into a bowl; from here, the oil drained through seven pipes into seven parts of the candlestick.

Two olive trees on either side : Olive = Christ Himself – the faithful witness

Two branches = two anointed ones = Zerubbabel and Joshua

This candlestick had a bowl, two pipes and the olive trees. This was a picture of how they would overcome.

Zerubbabel = King ; Joshua = priest; Thus here we have a King-Priest ministry.

God spoke about the **cap stone** = the finish.

The Bowl collected the oil – from the King and Priest = a Melchisedek order.

This is not anointing oil. This was just olive oil = anointing and grace.

This oil flows to a **finishing generation**.

Anointing and grace had to flow through the bowl.

Bowl = Gullah = fountain or bowl.

This Gullah is a receptacle for the delivery of grace – it flows through a human vessel of the Melchisedek order. This is the setman or spiritual father.

- ↪ Paul said to the Philippian church that they partook of grace in him.
- ↪ The Shunemite woman recognised that Elisha was a 'gullah'. She built an upper room for him. She received grace. Learn how to position the Gullah.
- ↪ Elisha had Elijah;
- ↪ Ruth had Naomi;
- ↪ Timothy had Paul.

Position your 'gullah' above your head – anointing and grace will come to you.

This candlestick did not need maintenance. This candlestick was directly connected to the tree.

The oil came directly from the tree – not the fruit – it bypassed the fruit. **It is called fresh oil.** Was not stored oil – had no contaminants. Old oil is useless. The fresh oil finishes the job and brings the cap stone with shouts of "Grace, Grace".

Psalm 92:9-15

- 9 For, behold, Your enemies, O LORD, For, behold, Your enemies will perish; All who do iniquity will be scattered.
- 10 But You have exalted my horn like *that of* the wild ox; **I have been anointed with fresh oil.**
- 11 And my eye has looked *exultantly* upon my foes, My ears hear of the evildoers who rise up against me.
- 12 The righteous man will flourish like the palm tree, He will grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
- 13 Planted in the house of the LORD, They will flourish in the courts of our God.
- 14 They will still yield fruit in old age; They shall be full of sap and very green,
- 15 To declare that the LORD is upright; *He is* my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

Fresh oil decimates your enemies (deals with Jezebel, Korah, etc.) – not by might, nor by power but by my Spirit. You will be like a Palm tree and like the cedar in Lebanon. You will flourish in old age.

This oil is **also HOLY** – no human hands have touched it. Refer to David’s anointing.

Psalm 89:20-29

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

“Not by might, not by power, but by my Spirit” – says the Lord. Oil = picture of the Spirit of God. 66 units of the candlesticks = WORD. The Spirit and the Word must agree. True worshippers worship in Spirit and Truth. David had the spirit but not the word in his desire to bring back the Ark. Jesus was led by the Spirit in the wilderness – and aligned this with the Word – “It is written”.

The Gullah confers prosperity and protection on those connected to him and brings vision into the house.

The Tassels – on the Talith

Phil 2:5-11

- 5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,
- 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,
- 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men.
- 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
- 9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,
- 10 so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
- 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

To the name of Jesus, everything bows. To him who overcomes - he is given the name of God - see the book of Revelation. Creation only submits to the SON. Whenever the son rebels, creation rebels.

Lev 18:24,25

- 24 'Do not defile yourselves by any of these things; for by all these the nations which I am casting out before you have become defiled.
- 25 'For the land has become defiled, therefore I have brought its punishment upon it, so the land has spewed out its inhabitants.

When principles of sonship are violated the earth vomits out its inhabitants.

The Son is one who is sober; is an overcomer; has the nature of the Father; has an inheritance; is intimate; is purged and scourged. God punishes his son Israel through captivity. God does discipline His son. Sons are INTIMATE with the Father.

When the son disobeys, creation rebels :

- God said to Cain, who Killed Abel, “The ground does not yield its strength to you”.
- When your relationship with your brother is violated, your domain will fail to yield fruit.
- When Adam failed, thorns and thistles resulted.
- In Sodom and Gomorrah, there was a climatic revolt.
- In Noah’s day – the waters responded with a flood.
- When Egypt violated sonship, creation rebelled with plagues.
- When Joseph was abused, a famine ensued.
- When Saul abused the Gibeonites, a famine resulted.
- The sun stood still for Joshua.
- A bird fed Elijah.

- The bitter waters of Marah reflected the state of Israel.
- When Korah revolted, the earth rebelled.
- The bear listened to David.
- The son tramples the serpent and scorpions.
- The rebellious dwell in a parched land.
- At Jesus' crucifixion the earth responded with an earthquake.
- Creation is waiting for the manifestation of sons.

In the beginning the earth was without form = chaos ; and void = empty

Without form = tohu ;

Void = bohu;

Where there is chaos (tohu) there is emptiness (bohu). Adam, the son, is placed there to heal the situation.

When they came into the promised land – God gave them the shema.

Numbers 15:37-41

- 37 The LORD also spoke to Moses, saying,
 38 "Speak to the sons of Israel, and tell them that they shall make for themselves tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and that they shall put on the tassel of each corner a cord of blue.
 39 "It shall be a tassel for you to look at and remember all the commandments of the LORD, so as to do them and not follow after your own heart and your own eyes, after which you played the harlot,
 40 so that you may remember to do all My commandments and be holy to your God.
 41 "I am the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt to be your God; I am the LORD your God."

The prayer shawl had four corners with four tassels. These remind you to be holy. Called the 'Talith' (Tzit Tzit)

In the New Testament = 'tzit tzit' is translated as '**hem of the garment**'. Also called the '**border of the garments**'. Tassels were made up of four strands – all in all there were eight strands – woven into five knots – one strand was blue. The numerical value of the tassel was $600 + 8 + 5 = 613$. There is a total of 613 commandments. One strand was long to help binding.

YHVH = Jaweh = the spaces between the five knots. Five knots = first five books of the bible.

The blue thread was linen. The blue dye came from the cherozom snail. One pound of blue dye = \$36 000. Lydia, the seller of purple, was wealthy.

Blue strand was a symbol of the glory of the Lord.

The Tassel symbolised the following :

- ✓ Glory, the anointing and the authority of God.
David cut off Saul's tassel – edge of his garment. Ruth came under Boaz' talith = authority and anointing. Saul's tassel tore = authority removed.
- ✓ The Word of God
- ✓ The Unity of God
- ✓ The Grace of God (the five knots)
- ✓ The Dominion of God.
- ✓ Obedience
- ✓ The Name of God
- ✓ The Nature of God.
- ✓ His relationship with God – he had to make his own tassel. Twisted wrapped and knotted with the Lord. The tassel developed disciplined. Daniel prayed with the 'Talith' – so did Ezra, and Nehemiah.



The Tassel highlighted three aspects of a persons' devotional life.

1. **He had to look at it** . "Looking unto Jesus" 2 Cor. 4:18; Joshua 1:8 – we look at Jesus through the Word. To deny the inclination of the heart and the eyes.
2. Binding of the threads : **The issue of 'waiting'** - Psalm 25:5; 27:14; 37:7; 37:34; 62:5 wait here means to 'twist, knot and wrap' yourself around the vine. Jesus said, "If you abide in me and I in you, you will bear fruit".
3. **Covering of God over His Son**; they would cover their heads in prayer with the Talith = covering of God; Paul said, "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh", and "Put on the whole armour of God" ; 5 knots = grace of Christ ; four spaces = apostolic culture.



One other word which refers to the **Talith = "WINGS"**:

Psalm 61:4 Let me dwell in Your tent forever; Let me **take refuge in the shelter of Your wings**. Selah.

Mal 4:2 "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.

Wing = 'kenoth' = the corner of garment. The Messiah comes with healing in His tassel.

The passage of the woman with the issue of blood. She touched the hem of His garment. She was healed. She had a bleeding problem for 12 years. She was unclean. She was not permitted to go into public places. She was not meant to touch anything – because that which she touched would

become unclean. She was prone to cardiac arrest. Her illness was a set up – because she was crawling – bent over to touch the tassel. She was healed.

This woman interrupted a process afoot. She cut the queue as it were. Because she was unclean and touched Jesus, she made Jesus unclean. Now Jairus is disappointed because Jesus, being unclean according to the law, cannot come to his house to heal his daughter. Jairus' daughter dies and thus his house is 'unclean'. This was a divine set-up as Jesus being unclean could now enter an unclean house and raise the dead. All of life is a set up.

All things happened in Paul's life for the furtherance of the gospel. Lydia gets saved, the Philippian jailor gets saved, when he was shipwrecked, the barbarians get saved. When he was tied to Roman soldiers – who heard him daily and were privy to the content of his writings. Everything in life happens for our good – it is a divine set up.

Mark 5:37-43

- 37 And He allowed no one to accompany Him, except Peter and James and John the brother of James.
- 38 They *came to the house of the synagogue official; and He *saw a commotion, and *people* loudly weeping and wailing.
- 39 And entering in, He *said to them, "Why make a commotion and weep? The child has not died, but is asleep."
- 40 They *began* laughing at Him. But putting them all out, He *took along the child's father and mother and His own companions, and *entered *the room* where the child was.
- 41 Taking the child by the hand, He *said to her, "Talitha kum!" (which translated means, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!").
- 42 Immediately the girl got up and *began* to walk, for she was twelve years old. And immediately they were completely astounded.
- 43 And He gave them strict orders that no one should know about this, and He said that *something* should be given her to eat.

How can they keep quiet about a resurrection? It is not the resurrection they were to be silent about – it was the fact that he revealed Himself as 'GOD'.

'Talitha Koum' is an interpretation. 'Talitha' correctly translated, is "ELLAYA – Talith Kouma". Ellay (El and jah) = Almighty God. This it should read, "Little girl, Almighty God says to you, ARISE". Jesus claimed deity.

Rev 1:8 - He declares "I am Almighty God"

We are to be people of renown for praise and for glory – but we have to be intimately connected to him.

The Spirit and the Bride say 'come'.

Pierre Toerien's Poetic Summation of the 20th ASOM - Nov 2011

And so, at the end of school number twenty
In year number fifty, with blessings a-plenty
Many have come, with Thamo to be
As this marks his year of jubilee

From north to south, from west to east
Many migrated towards the feast
From every colour, like a box of smarties
They came to enjoy the mother of parties

Although this idea seemed very cool
We first had to finish with the school
The introduction was the Sunday service
With a preacher who does make Thamo nervous

You're wrong if you thought it was Reggie John
(He's been so quiet, where has he gone?)
No, it was Ronald, the other one
Who showed us the profile of a son

He gave us the truth, no more and no less
Our growing in God is always in process
Raising the standard is a call to wake-up
While wisdom must be a part of our make-up

Then Monday came and **Thamo** started
With something that seemed very light-hearted
It sounded like words of congratulations
To people from the "down under" nations

It's something about sadness and tears
And someone who waited for twenty-four years
While we harbour no envy, grudges or malice
It may have to do with a lady called Alice

With that said and done, we could finally start
And Thamo shared straight from the heart
Concerning the reason for having the school
And how it's become an apostolic tool

To open the scriptures unto men
And also their eyes, but even then
Their understanding must be enlightened
So that nothing will ever leave them frightened

While reforming the church is high on the list
The real man inside is often missed
We need to walk between Gerizim and Ebal
Our journey directed straight towards Gilgal

The spiritual and the natural man
To know them apart, not everyone can
They look alike and dress the same
And both give the glory to God's Name

The one is under the Spirit's control
The other is governed by his soul
To get to the crux of what has been said
The question is easy: by who are you led

The bride has to catch the seed of the man
This is her role in the heavenly plan
It all has to do with producing his image
And the setting forth of his earthly lineage

Then there is also the fleshly man
He's always his own greatest fan
Living a life of sensuality
Thriving on lust and carnality

There is a choice that you have to make
This thing you simply cannot fake
Spirit or soul, where will you live
One will prevail and one has to give

God will never make children kings
Or give them command over spiritual things
The natural man can also live right
It's about righteous living in God's sight

God sees not the colour of your tan
In Christ we all form the one new man
We refuse to be, by the world classified
For Jesus removed all the things that divide

If you want to live as a spiritual man
You have to put your flesh in a can
Although your old man with Christ has died
He daily needs to be crucified

So if you are not led by the Spirit
 Your claim of sonship has no merit
 And if you are, you've traded your freedom
 To be captured for the sake of the kingdom

Your position is known as justification
 While your walk is called sanctification
 And when the Spirit comes into your heart
 To cry "Abba Father" is where you will start

If a woman said she carried your son
 A court could make her claims undone
 But when it comes to the case of adoption
 No court would offer you that option

A son can never think as a slave
 Although in function, he might so behave
 As earth is for depth and heaven for height
 To inherit God is what we have in sight

We, as God's sons, His habitation
 Have to explain Him to all of creation
 This God, who is so legendary
 Has set Himself a boundary

This "prohorizo" of God is called son
 Here ends His world, it's all said and done
 The Spirit of God must come upon you
 If you're His son, and remain there too

God's end determines His beginning
 That is why, in Him, we're winning
 So you're not a spirit that possesses a soul
 And lives in a body, that's not your role

Man was made to comfortably live
 In the two environs He did give
 Heaven to be engaged by his spirit
 To live in the earth, his soul given for it

Heaven would be his resource center
 That is how Adam this world did enter
 Fed from the spirit, he'd furnish his soul
 So the heavenly man would be completely whole

When **Sam** came we knew we were going to hear it
 He shared what it means to walk in the Spirit
 In a 2D boat with a 3D ghost
 You sure will be praying to get to the coast

You only can think of back and forth
 To go up means you're going north
 So in 3D you'll always have this tension
 Of how to describe the fourth dimension

Now the new, from a place of maturity
 Is a totally different reality
 For a child, the view from heaven's perspective
 Is foreign, and sometimes even deceptive

We took a peak from the throne with Sam
 While you look for a lion, all you see is a lamb
 The time has come to see God's suddenlies
 And function as sons, from the heavenlies

We have to set forth our Father's rule
 A merciful God who cannot be cruel
 If you truly represent Him out there
 You'll never need the sinner's prayer

Although, in the flesh, he was Paul from Tarsus
 This man pressed on for the ek-anastasis
 While living on earth in flesh and bone
 He desired to be ruling from the throne

If you, as a son, want to bring God pleasure
 You should be living up to the measure
 Of what you have already attained
 If you keep starting over, nothing's gained

So if you should ever visit the gypsies
 You're going to need some traveling mercies
 Here's some advice, keep your eyes in their
 sockets
 Or let's make it plain, keep checking your pockets

This school has dealt with identity
 From which then flows functionality
 Now do you think there is any merit
 In a golden street enticing a spirit

You can only work from a place of rest
 If you already know the result of the test
 So God had promised, His Son to save
 That is why Jesus could not stay in the grave

Dry bones, a shortage of vitamin D
 That is what **Sagie** helped us to see
 And while we can all gain by some sunlight
 Many pastors still only come out at night

We heard of a demon that makes you feel good
 And that bones have a lot to do with your food
 Like an owl in the desert, your habitat's wrong
 If you think that to worship is singing a song

Not one of the pillars can be an event
 But must be the lifestyle of someone sent
 So don't think a prophet is very great
 If he prophecies your number plate

Listen, God's soldier, saying "nothing can harm me"
 Only the culture can produce God's army
 Your car can rather miss a spare and a jack
 Than have mamma in front and the wife in the back

If you do not do, you have not heard
 This is how Israel treated God's Word
 To hear is to listen, understand and do
 That is what it meant to the Jew

God's favour was not a formality
 They had to **do** His unity
 In this there were four demands involved
 That is how Gideon's problems were solved

We looked at the ark and the cherubim
 At David, how God is restoring him
 Be careful to see the King of Babylon
 You might lose your eye if the meeting is on

If you build the temple you'll have your woes
 They'll soon manifest as construction foes
 But please don't stress or do a handstand
 For God has an answer – it's called a lampstand

It all has to do with the king and the priest
 The one through whom fresh oil is released
 If you want a reason to dance and jabula
 Just get connected to your spiritual gullah

Like Solomon I punished my soul
 To sort out this thing about the bowl
 Could the goulash be the wife of the gullah
 If so, then his father must be Abgullah

The woman who built a room with a bed
 Positioned the bowl above her head
 If all of your labours have become static
 God has a lampstand that's automatic

In the midst of psuchikos and pneumatikos
 Sagie's sarkikos cried out for potjiekos
 And when he began with the szit-szit
 Like manna we all said, 'what is it?'

Like Noah, who ordered the beasts one by one
 Creation can only respond to a son
 So when there is chaos that God wants to fix
 He places them right in the midst of the mix

Whenever God's son in the earth would rebel
 Creation's chaos would reach a new level
 This led to the teaching about the tassel
 And how it would solve the Messianic hassle

Although the Messiah could seem disguised
 There is a way He could be recognized
 So the Jews, who searched in so many things
 Failed to see the healing that was in His wings

But now there's a problem facing Jairus
 It's Jesus who could have picked up a virus
 The Messiah has really become unclean
 When somebody touched him, you know who I mean

But meanwhile his daughter had also died
 And his house had become unclean inside
 On the same day the lady overcame her rejection
 Rabbi Jairus received his child's resurrection

Now Jesus was claiming His deity
 When He said to the child, "God healeth thee"
 The One with the healing will be the Messiah
 And He could have become their Jehovah Jireh

Steve said God told him that he should see
 The whole tabernacle much differently
 That's when he realized it's all about
 Not going in but coming out

While God has always been coming to man
 The enemy's tried to mess up the plan
 He got us to think we can go to God
 That's why, for ages, we've been trying so hard

God sought to relate as a father to son
 But of that the people just would have none
 Simply not moved by God sending roses
 They traded His voice for the law of Moses

So the voice of God had stopped inviting
 Moses would now have to put it in writing
 If the human nature likes to play second fiddle
 Then who is the bishop with the bubble in the middle

So if a man is born from above
 He ought to walk in unconditional love
 And if, on earth, we go through some training
 It's only to get us ready for reigning

Mature sons are those who will always be willing
 To be taken back to the place of their killing
 If we do not hear, we have to revisit
 Like when wife wants to talk, and you say: 'what is it?'

God raises up voices in your life
 Like your children, oh yes, and also the wife
 And when you realize it's all one big set-up
 You know that you simply cannot mess up

Once we were hooping and pulling the chord
 But we have been delivered, praise the Lord
 Like the city, the church has run out of stock
 Don't worry, just watch for the supply shock

And so we arrived on Friday night
 Like stars in the sky, shiny and bright
 With speeches and food, and even a band
 Oh man, this thing was really grand

And so, as one of the speakers stated
 It's a special life that we celebrated
 We came with our gifts, to Thamo to say
 Congratulations on this special day

We thank you for all you mean to us
 It's such a privilege to be on your bus
 Your grace, your example, your life and your love
 You must have been sent to us from above

Just a few comments to end this poem
 Things you can muse on when going home
 We're so glad that all the big guns came
 Sporting a new and healthy frame

Howie encouraged us to bring our moolah
 As a special offering for our gullah
 Like a tennis player needs a racket
 Sam cannot preach without a jacket

I have one very special ending
 Before we start our homeward sending
 If, on this poem, we should disagree
 This too, God will make plain to thee

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