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- **The Messenger Community**
- **Administrating Grace**
- **Prophetic Imperatives for this Season**
- **Christ - The Purpose of the Ages**
- **The Spirit of Nimrod**
- **The Seven Pillars of Wisdom**
- **Authenticity**
- **Being Established**
- **How Should We Then Preach?**

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Session 1Thamo Naidoo

Introductory Session

Understanding the Present Emphasis in the Apostolic

In this school we celebrate Christ, and not human vessels per se, although the humans are the vessels through which He chooses to work and express Himself through. You must discern grace in those that speak. This apostolic school will be very prophetic - **as the Lord speaks, so will we speak.**

This apostolic school is **structured around the spirit of family.** Go beyond your personal prejudices - step out and get to know different people. God does not celebrate individuals.

Jethro fathered Moses for a season. Jethro was the priest of Midian (which means 'strife') in the wilderness. **There is a massive shift taking place away from individualism towards a corporate family culture.** A family is not a family if the principle of fathering is not present. **We shift from celebrating individual visions to corporate purpose.** Many so-called 'vision statements' are really 'ambition statements'. God does not give individual visions – He gives one common corporate vision to a 'father' over common families. Each household will have a sense of uniqueness to what they do – **there will be diversity – yet there will be a commonality to the broad corporate vision.** **Sometimes God establishes His purposes and prepares His people in a dry place.** Jethro's other name was Reul, which means 'friend of God'. 'Jethro' means '**pre-eminent**'. Ranking does not suggest inequality. In equality there are metrons of grace. God elevates certain individuals because He wants to communicate Himself to others through them. Engage and appreciate the grace of God in others around you. We must develop a very strong environment of community. Celebrate each other. Our speech must be salted with grace. Exercise prudence, diplomacy and sensitivity. Do not be argumentative.

We have different streams of the apostolic present at this apostolic school - God is heard in the sound of many waters. Appreciate each voice of God in each speaker. We must pray for the confluence of all the streams of God.

The Word of God has a pre-eminent place in this apostolic school. The **Bible is the absolute centre and measure of everything we do.** Luke 24 illustrates this in that Jesus led Himself out from the Scripture. There is a famine of hearing the Word of God. We 'break bread' by breaking open the Scriptures. We teach apostolic doctrine that comes through apostolic agencies. There has been a pseudo-apostolic expression in the earth – where something is proclaimed as true when it is not. Grace is not just in any message displayed to us. **Apostolic doctrine focuses on Christology** – and not theology per se. Theology is an attempt to know God. Christ is the key to God. Christology is studying the fullness of God. Christology informs our theology and our understanding of fathering and sonship. True apostles do not come to build their personal networks – but they are focussed on forming Christ in every man. **Christ comes to us THROUGH THE WORD.** The Word, when it is received – is called grace. Grace manifests as TRUTH. When grace is injected into you, there is a piercing feeling (not a tickling feeling). Grace is installed into you. The basket – the container – that

receives grace – is your spirit – and then this grace is transferred to your soul. We do not want to tickle your mind with the Scriptures. Grace comes in the form of doctrine – like ‘manna’ in the wilderness. Fathers of households collect the manna and then bake it for their families. Similarly, **we who are heads of households, must break and bake bread in palatable dosages for our people.** Find ways to make it attractive to eat. Learn how to prepare your table. Do not over-feed your people. Force-feeding can kill you. Food will also be wasted.

THE VOICE AND THE EAR

All moves of God are administrated by a ‘voice’. There is the voice of God in the voice of a man. Hear God in the voice – this is when faith is generated within your heart. Whatever God gives you is what He wants to feed you at that point in time. Many of us who have studied the apostolic message, are swelling with information – yet very little influence is taking place in our jurisdictions. The accumulation of information does not mean that we are apostolic. Move from Ephratha (fruitfulness) to Bethlehem (House of Bread) – shift from consumers to producers.

This present apostolic season will become VISIBLE AND VIRAL. This season has been developing in obscure places in the earth. God had to prepare a people to model the message. This apostolic season and message has not yet attracted the attention of the large majority of people. **With the visibility of this season and its systemic influence, it will attract many to its rising glory. Some will be re-positioned geo-spirituality.** But also, **where attention or the light shines, then scrutiny comes from the domain of the demonic. Sifting and weighing will come.** We have to be found worthy. The refiner’s pot and purifier’s soap – this will be the emphasis of the Lord as well. We are on the potter’s wheels. Many have abandoned the message because they used the charismatic measure to determine success in the apostolic. All moves of God are born in obscure places (Jesus in a stable). All preparatory moves of God operates in the wilderness of the Jordan. We are on the threshold of crossing our Jordan.

We need a greater and more accurate understanding of the mysteries and purposes of God. We are **God’s best secret for the present hour.** Consider Caleb whose name means ‘dog’. ‘Dog’ is suggestive of his nature as being indomitable, faithful, heeding his masters voice, wanting to obey NOW.

Caleb was born in the year that Moses went into exile. When Moses came back, Caleb was 40 years old. Caleb emerged as the leader of the tribe of Judah. There are twelve grace configurations globally to fulfil God’s global purposes. Caleb lived in slavery for forty years – while Moses was being prepared in the wilderness. For the next forty years he is under the **leadership of Moses, who functions with a ‘Levitical anointing’.** He will learn many things under Moses. He believed God fully and completely. He was confident in their capacity and ability to go up, go in, and possess the land. Yet he had to suffer because of the faithlessness of the people. He saw much in the wilderness. **Caleb then served Joshua for 30 years. Joshua was from the tribe Ephraim (fruitfulness).** Caleb tasted many things but God kept him hidden. Then God says, **“Who will go up first”. ‘First’ represents the ‘apostolic’ principle.**

God has kept the apostolic hidden through many seasons. **The ‘apostolic’ takes the land through the edge of the SWORD - through a ‘mouth of words’.** **When we speak things will happen.** God will **harken also to our voices,** because it is essentially Him in us speaking.

We are **not better than the previous seasons**. God did things in each season. We must be confident that God is about to do significant things through us presently. All that God did previously was a set up for this big moment. **God had to change the church from an institution to a family with fathers and sons**. When you travel, only go to a 'man of peace' whom you have thoroughly investigated. **All of our previous teachings are being merged together in a more holistic way. The valley of dry bones is coming together to constitute a vibrant army**. Learn to become a man of peace. Remain strong and authoritative, yet humble. **Become the message**.

SESSION 3**THAMO NAIDOO**

The Messenger Community

Part 1

Three things are critical for us to understand.

1. **A MESSENGER COMMUNITY**
2. **THE VOICE** - THE MEDIUM THROUGH WHICH WE ARE MESSENGERS
3. **THE EAR** - THAT RECEIVES THE MESSAGE FROM THE MESSENGER

The identity and function of a 'messenger community' is encapsulated in the lives of John and Elijah. **These are preparatory to the coming of the Lord.** These individuals have references to God's methodology. These **operate in the anointing of Christ**, which has various parts to it. Anointing is specific tools for specific purposes. Our enablement is actually the Lord in us rather than we in the Lord. All anointing that has been given to us can be traced right back to Abel all the way through to John. They functioned in the spirit of Christ. They were ordinary humans like you and I who even made colossal mistakes – yet God used them. All of these individuals in the Old Covenant are dwarfed by what God has made us in Christ. **All of them cannot be compared with what God has in store for each one of us. We operate from the most intimate position from being a SON OF GOD.**

We are many things in Christ. These seem like apparent contradictions. We are **fellow workers** with God – He makes Himself visible in us in the earth. At the same time we are also His **field**. He is working on us while He works with us. Paul keeps his flesh under while preaching. At the same time we are **God's building. We are building** like craftsmen – but at the same time **He is building us** as His house. One of the things we are - we are **messengers to prepare the way for Christ.** Christ will appear **in us** as well as appear **TO us**. He raises a people to become a voice in the earth.

John the Baptist did not know he was functioning in the anointing of Elijah. Christ revealed this. All John knew was that he was a voice crying out in the wilderness. You do not draw attention to yourself. You always focus on Christ who is coming. Never draw attention to yourself.

Elijah = 'My God is Jehovah' = implying he is focussed on representing God fully. He embodies the concept of a **representative messenger**. This anointing **prepares itself for something far better that is about to materialise.**

Malachi 3:1 "Behold, I am going to send **My messenger**, and he will **clear the way** before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming," says the LORD of hosts.

The messenger prepares the way for Christ – so the messenger is not Christ. The messenger does not own people but seeks to mentor and father people into the image of God. Many are offended

when they lose a son – because they only see it as an economic loss. Fathers know that their resource comes from God and no one else.

‘THE WAY’ = the passage that holds the principles and destinies of men.
 = the mode of action to be taken
 = the road to be taken
 = the moral character of life and behaviour.

Whenever God speaks – He chooses a man through which to speak. Heb 1 – God spoke to the fathers in the prophets – mediums through which the message is transmitted.

God does not control us robotically – we make a choice to obey or disobey. You are reckoned righteous when you believe because you have heard His word.

The messenger community speaks the Word. His Word is a lamp. The written word becomes the spoken word. The written word becomes your GPS – a ‘voice’ proceeds from this. **We have to listen to the messenger who speaks.**

The Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple represented in the messengers that He sends to you. Our houses must not become desolate. If you kill those who are sent – your house becomes desolate until you say – “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord”. **Desolation in your house is caused by you not receiving who God sends to you.**

Malachi 1-18

- 2 "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap.
- 3 "He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will **purify the sons of Levi** and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to the LORD offerings in righteousness.
- 4 "Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.
- 5 "Then I will draw near to you for judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers and against the adulterers and against those who swear falsely, and against those who oppress the wage earner in his wages, the widow and the orphan, and those who turn aside the alien and do not fear Me," says the LORD of hosts.
- 6 "For I, the LORD, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.
- 7 "From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from My statutes and have not kept *them*. Return to Me, and I will return to you," says the LORD of hosts. "But you say, 'How shall we return?'
- 8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings.
- 9 "You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation *of you!*
- 10 "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.
- 11 "Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast *its grapes*," says the LORD of hosts.

- 12 "All the nations will call you blessed, for you shall be a delightful land," says the LORD of hosts.
- 13 "Your words have been arrogant against Me," says the LORD. "Yet you say, 'What have we spoken against You?'
- 14 "You have said, 'It is vain to serve God; and what profit is it that we have kept His charge, and that we have walked in mourning before the LORD of hosts?
- 15 'So now we call the arrogant blessed; not only are the doers of wickedness built up but they also test God and escape.'"
- 16 Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD gave attention and heard *it*, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who esteem His name.
- 17 "They will be Mine," says the LORD of hosts, "on the day that I prepare *My* own possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him."
- 18 So you will again distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.

We celebrate the covenantal principle. The covenant is not the commandments sprinkled with blood. **The covenant is a covenant of Sonship. The messenger community speaks about the covenant of how God establishes a corporate son in the earth that will manage His affairs in the earth.** God wants a corporate son in the earth. This son cannot fall from a tree. God has to put the son in the custody of human fathers. Jesus grew up under Joseph and Mary. Ultimately in this process, the heavens opened and God the Father declares Jesus as His Son. The pattern is the son. Jesus said "I am the way, the truth and the life": i.e. ...

- The way - the model,
- The truth - the veritable essence
- The life - things cannot die in me

Malachi 3: 1-5

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The messenger will increase the visibility of Christ. The message is the re-alteration of the mind-sets of people. **Our job presently is to change the way people think.** Our task is to bring down imaginations that exalt themselves against/above the knowledge of Christ. We have been so stereotyped that we kill the moves of God. Messenger communities face serious challenges in the spirit.

Our ministry is a transitional ministry. Part of our process is death to self - the Jordan is the lowest river. We baptise people from the wilderness here. The wilderness is a place destroyed by religion. It speaks of a wasted place, a solitary place, a dry place, a deserted place - it deprives people of aid and protection. Religion kills everything that supposed to grow. Religion stones those that God sends. **The voice comes to prepare a place in the wilderness of religion.**

Our cry is, “come see where we live and come and see our wisdom”.

Your dress code cannot be that of the world. Your appearance, like John the Baptist, is simple – there is over dressing in the church circle. But there has to also be a poise, a regality and a dignity in the spirit. In the spirit, kings were attracted to John the Baptist. In the spirit there is a cloth that is coming to the church.

Mantles never leave the earth. Elijah had to leave his clothing behind. Jesus left his garment behind. Even in the grave, that linen cloth was left behind.

Our diet is different. Like John’s was that of locusts and honey. **We eat the diet of heaven.** We do not bow our knee to Nebuchadnezzar’s diet. We eat the food of heaven. There is a mixture coming to the church even in apostolic circles. You cannot copy and paste from Google or from the Internet. John did not consume wine. Spiritually, wine speaks of the ideologies of this age/world.

John did not cut his hair. The hair symbolised the glory of God. No one could edit or tailor that which God gave him as his strength.

Also, the **principles of submission and surrender** in the spirit. Become a eunuch in the spirit. Prepare the bride as His seed in the earth.

Such messengers are **naïve to the protocols of civil society.** They confront the spirit of incest, fornication, adultery. It confronts ruling persons. It is totally naïve to worldly systems – it only wants to be the voice of God. We celebrate celibacy in the covenant of marriage.

John discerned the Christ in Jesus. John probably through his knowledge of the scriptures discovered who Jesus was. John was preparatory to Jesus, yet they were dissimilar in many respects. The ‘voice’ (John) could not drink wine and yet the Christ does; the one is half dressed and Jesus is fully dressed; the one is a loner and the other is a socialite. **You cannot stereotype moves of God.**

When John realised his mission was completed, **he should have released his disciples to follow Jesus.** John had doubts when he was imprisoned. No two moves of God can co-exist simultaneously.

John understood the workings of the Spirit. John was moved by the Spirit. Do not become a slave to your sermon but be a slave to His spirit.

Session 5Thamo Naidoo

The Messenger Community

Part 2

The predominant anointing upon us in this season is the 'Elijah grace'. It is a preparatory grace. We must understand this grace clearly - its anatomy, its character and its objective. John the Baptist and Elijah model this grace. **The Elijah company must precede any appearing of the Lord to His house.**

One of the greatest moves of God in this time will take place from South Africa. It is just one of the spots from which God will launch His divine purpose. Do not use previous revivals to measure the present move, e.g. do not use the presence or absence of signs and wonders as the yardstick to judge a move of God. **This present season will usher the fullness of God.** It will be centred in a **revival of His WORD.** God will reveal Himself in and through His Word. His presence and unveiling of who He is will occur through His Word. Even the domain of darkness can generate miracles (cf. the Egyptian magicians). We need to be technicians and craftsmen of God's Word. **His glory will manifest in and through His Word. This is important for us to administrate moves of God in the earth.** We need to know how to administrate the affairs of God that are given to us. Know your rank in the spirit.

We are messengers – individuals – who have been despatched to give a message on behalf of God. There are rankings of messengers : e.g. a kingly, or prophetic, etc.

Melek = king

Malak = one who is sent to be deputy.

The fundamental here is that we represent another. **The principle of representation undergirds everything we do.** Even as spiritual fathers, we function representatively on behalf of God. We do not own anything per se. We are called to steward things even though those things are in our name.

You will not see the Lord come, until the messenger comes **first**. 'First' = first in time, place or order. An Elijah anointing must come first. 'First' is an apostolic principle. We have been sent 'first'. Those that come first are in for a rough ride. Like John, we are coming into a dry place, hostile environments, dealing with wicked men. There is no rain (Elijah) – famine in the land for three and a half years. **But it will not always be like this. The environment is about to change – and torrential rain will come. I feel that this is a season for it.**

The **messenger proclaims a covenant** – a declaration that humans can become the sons of God by receiving Christ as their Saviour. Every human being can become a son of God. That is why there is an emphasis on fathers and sons. The church is being **reconstituted as a family.**

A nuclear/ nucleus family = father, mother and unmarried children. When kids get married, this becomes the extended family. When extended families gather together you get a clan. When clans come together you get a tribe. The same is true for the church. You cannot determine your church by the children's programme or music team. In the spirit, God draws people together. People are fathered by people in different continents. You can father them remotely. You father sons who live

by the word you release to them. A messenger community preaches family and covenant. You cannot speak covenant and family without focussing on the unique and peculiar characteristics which set that family apart. Individual visions get swallowed up by a corporate vision.

The spirit of Elijah functions in an environment in which there is an absence of fathers in the land. Either they are dead, or fathers that have not taken their rightful place. There is an absence of a fathering grace in the land.

Luke 4:24-30

- 24 And He said, "Truly I say to you, no prophet is welcome in his hometown.
 25 "But I say to you in truth, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for three years and six months, when a great famine came over all the land;
 26 and yet Elijah was sent to none of them, but only to Zarephath, *in the land* of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.
 27 "And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."
 28 And all *the people* in the **synagogue were filled with rage as they heard these things;**
 29 and they got up and drove Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city had been built, in order to throw Him down the cliff.
 30 But passing through their midst, He went His way.

Grace leads houses, not gender. In many house we have men leading but they are not fathers, but AHAH's (Uncle) – married to a spirit that seeks to rule. These houses do not produce sons.

Jethro was a priest of Midian – could not produce sons – only daughters, who did not have the grace to defend themselves. This is true for many today.

The Jezebel spirit tells you, "I am married to you, but you will not father me". Refuse to let anyone manipulate you.

Look for two things in this season:

1. Widow's Houses
2. Lepers – the spirit of leprosy is predominant in houses where there is an absent father.

v.28 - And all *the people* in the synagogue were **filled with rage as they heard these things;**
 - the spirit of religion gets angry.

In the Pentecostal era the large percentage of people that went to church were women – a sign of a widow's house. And hence we had prayer movements headed by women who did not understand spiritual protocol and covering.

James 5:18 Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit.

For three and a half years the heavens were closed. When the Elijah anointing comes, the messenger community stands up and says, "The famine is over!" A cloud the size of a man's fist is about to bring torrential rain with it. A cloud of witnesses are poised – people who are WORD-FILLED. The ground

we stand on will heal. This messenger community are ordinary people – like Elijah was an ordinary individual.

HOW DOES GOD USES A MESSENGER COMMUNITY

The primary medium that God uses is called **THE VOICE**. This is our primary **ASSET**.

Matthew 3:1-12

- 1 Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying,
- 2 "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
- 3 For this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet when he said, "THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT!'"
- 4 Now John himself had a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey.
- 5 Then Jerusalem was going out to him, and all Judea and all the district around the Jordan;
- 6 and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins.
- 7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"
- 8 "Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance;
- 9 and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father'; for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham.
- 10 "The axe is already laid at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.
- 11 "As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
- 12 "His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Brood of snakes = poison people and bring people into a serpentine behaviour.

Matthew 11:1-18

- 1 When Jesus had finished giving instructions to His twelve disciples, He departed from there to teach and preach in their cities.
- 2 Now when John, while imprisoned, heard of the works of Christ, he sent *word* by his disciples
- 3 and said to Him, "Are You the Expected One, or shall we look for someone else?"
- 4 Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and report to John what you hear and see:
- 5 *the BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM.*
- 6 "And blessed is he who does not take offense at Me."
- 7 As these men were going *away*, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?"
- 8 "But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft *clothing*? Those who wear soft *clothing* are in kings' palaces!

- 9 "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and one who is more than a prophet.
- 10 "This is the one about whom it is written, 'BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU.'
- 11 "Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen *anyone* greater than John the Baptist! Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.
- 12 "From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force.
- 13 "For all the prophets and the Law prophesied until John.
- 14 "And if you are willing to accept *it*, John himself is Elijah who was to come.
- 15 "He who has ears to hear, let him hear.
- 16 "But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market places, who call out to the other *children*,
- 17 and say, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'
- 18 "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon!'

John's garments were different – so is our garb.

Children sitting in the market place = in the economic sphere = boy leaders heading nations and economies.

THE VOICE:

Elijah is associated with Moses, who gave the law. Elijah prosecutes and executes the law – had a passionate desire to see the law fulfilled.

To be God's voice is our predominant function. Jesus regarded John as the greatest among all men.

'Great' = the weightiest in stature and influence. John dressed down, but was a VOICE crying. It is not our appearance but OUR VOICE that is important. **We must produce a clear VOICE.**

Hebrews 12:25-29

- 25 See to it that you do not refuse Him **who is speaking**. For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned *them* on earth, much less *will we escape* who turn away from Him who *warns* from heaven.
- 26 And **His voice** shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, "YET ONCE MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO THE HEAVEN."
- 27 This *expression*, "Yet once more," denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.
- 28 Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe;
- 29 for our God is a consuming fire.

This voice affects both realms – heaven and earth. Elijah's voice shapes movement even in the sky.

God's voice is heard in and through our voices. **We must remove the flippancy in our voice – and the culture of jest. Ensure that the well of our mouth is clean. Do not curse and bless with the same mouth.**

Voice = 'phone' (Grk.) = sound = associated with the word 'breath' = air, wind + spirit. Whatever breath comes out of you - could be hot, bad air or on the other hand, could be **wind coming out from the inner recesses of your being**. Do not find other ways to manufacture a move of God or presence of God. In this season, **the voice only speaks when He speaks**.

The word 'shake' has got to do with the stampeding of horses. The Elijah spirit operates as the chariot of God – it has horsemen – we ought to be racing with horses. If you are weary by running with footmen – how can you contend with horses. Like Elijah, we will outrun the horses of Ahab. This is the spiritual technology of Elijah. Everything will happen through a voice – not an individual voice – but a corporate voice.

Elisha must SEE Elijah when he ascends to get double portion.

He saw the fathering anointing.

He saw the chariot and horseman = mobility.

When you study 'THE VOICE' – it is not simply preparing a sermon, but **by first imbibing what you receive and then releasing it**.

'Spoke' = crematiso = to have a business affair or dealings; to manage a business in trade and many affairs; to do business with the idea of profiteering. To do business under someone's name; to be named and called; to speak or do business on behalf someone else.

When God speaks, He is implementing something. Do not be too ambitious to preach. In this season it is not about travelling, **it is being accurately positioned to speak**. You yourself have to be prepared to actually **be the VOICE** – not just the sound of your vocal cords. **Become all that you will speak**.

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The Messenger Community

Part 3

We operate as being the representative voice of God in the earth. Usually environment shapes us and influences our perspectives of things. At times in the life of Elijah, he felt estranged. Elijah functioned as a father over prophets, yet he felt alone at times. Daunting responsibilities impacted upon his world view and made him feel like a failure. It is easy to believe that you cannot be used by God. Environment and generally accepted trappings of success – do not dictate our success in God. Become GOD’S VOICE – this is the most important thing in life. God does not look for a majority to fulfill His purposes. All God is looking for is for someone who is obedient – who would literally do all that He commands. You cannot become obedient without first dispossessing yourself and live completely for God’s will. Obedience demands that you become the slave of God. Elijah was enslaved to the will of God. **Success to us means that we are GOD’S VOICE IN THE EARTH.**

THE ENORMITY AND WEIGHT OF BEING GOD’S VOICE

The voice is not your speech – or the ability to speak eloquently, nor is it positive confession. ‘The voice’ is not quoting Scriptures. It is more than just the release of sound. It is allowing the Lord to speak in us and through us. **The speech or the voice of God is the predominant way God has chosen to do business in the earth.** Whatever God speaks will come to pass. As you think – accordingly – so will you speak. As you think – you will speak. Train your mind to hear God. **All transactions in the spirit takes place through the speaking of the Lord.**

Learn how to become silent before you speak accurately.

DABAR = WORD.

Everything God created was through speech. He created all things with the Word. This same Word upholds and sustains all things created. Heaven and earth will pass away – both these spheres were created by the spoken Word.

The Hebrew word ‘dabar’ implies that **whatever God speaks, in the substance of those words spoken is the design of what He is speaking.** Therein is the **provision of the resource.** In every spoken commandment is the design for that word. The word has a **seminal nature to it.** This seed incubates in the womb of your spirit. This ‘seed thought’ becomes a harvest of thought. There is no conniving or contriving through manipulation to see things happen – there is no posturing with influencing people to bring the thing to pass.

Just be faithful to release a valid word from God. Seek to become the VOICE. You cannot hope to be doing THINGS – to make something happen. This is a season of rest. The ravens will feed you – the widow will also feed you.

God 'DABARS' and when He speaks, **in His speaking are all the tools to perform what He said**. When you are in God's will – you do not fear personal comforts – you are simply **confident that God will provide**.

When the 'dabar' of God is in your mouth - when you speak, whatever comes out from your mouth is everything you would need to get the job done. Be governed by the '**Voice**' of God that you hear. You cannot be governed by the treasurer hindering you by consulting a limited budget. The 'Voice' is your salary – your 'salary' is not your salary.

There are apostles of churches and there are apostles of Christ. Apostles of Christ are resourced by His Word. Even if you are discomfited for a season, you know it will not be an abiding thing because you have become the Word. When God speaks, in His DABAR is your resource. In this season as we execute His will, He will abundantly supply all our need. This is the season of the supernatural. It is in the spoken word (not in 'name it' and 'claim it').

The 'Voice of God' in the mouth of man is created by the Lord Himself. Many feel they do not need a man to speak God's Word to them.

Exod 4:1-17

- 1 Then Moses said, "What if they will not believe me or listen to what I say? For they may say, 'The LORD has not appeared to you.'"
- 2 The LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" And he said, "A staff."
- 3 Then He said, "Throw it on the ground." So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it.
- 4 But the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand and grasp *it* by its tail"--so he stretched out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand--
- 5 "that they may believe that the LORD, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you."
- 6 The LORD furthermore said to him, "Now put your hand into your bosom." So he put his hand into his bosom, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous like snow.
- 7 Then He said, "Put your hand into your bosom again." So he put his hand into his bosom again, and when he took it out of his bosom, behold, it was restored like *the rest of* his flesh.
- 8 "If they will not believe you or heed the witness of the first sign, they may believe the witness of the last sign.
- 9 "But if they will not believe even these two signs or heed what you say, then you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground; and the water which you take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground."
- 10 Then Moses said to the LORD, "Please, Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither recently nor in time past, nor since You have spoken to Your servant; for I am slow of speech and slow of tongue."
- 11 The LORD said to him, "**Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes *him* mute or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?**
- 12 "Now then go, and I, even I, **will be with your mouth, and teach you what you are to say.**"
- 13 But he said, "Please, Lord, now send *the message* by whomever You will."
- 14 Then the anger of the LORD burned against Moses, and He said, "Is there not your brother Aaron the Levite? I know that he speaks fluently. And moreover, behold, he is coming out to meet you; when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart.
- 15 "**You are to speak to him and put the words in his mouth; and I, even I, will be with your mouth and his mouth, and I will teach you what you are to do.**

- 16 "Moreover, he shall speak for you to the people; and **he will be as a mouth for you and you will be as God to him.**
- 17 "You shall take in your hand this staff, with which you shall perform the signs."

Exo 15:26-27

- 26 And He said, "**If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the LORD your God, and do what is right in His sight, and give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the LORD, am your healer.**"
- 27 Then they came to Elim where there *were* twelve springs of water and seventy date palms, and they camped there beside the waters.

God gave Moses a rod, which is symbolic of '**authority**'. The rod also represents '**leadership**'. Further, the rod also indicates '**a tribe**'.

"Your rod comforts me" = leaders will guide you through dark seasons of your life. If the rod is not treated right, that which is supposed to be as a sign for miracles and divine intervention becomes a serpent in your hands. Many leaders are holding a serpent and not a rod.

In your hand as a leader, you have the right to determine the well-being of your people. How you 'touch' your people could produce death – it depends on how you put your hands into the bosom of truth within you. True fathers carry a spirit of love. And love at times is hard and disciplines. How you handle leadership will determine what your people will become.

All leadership is governed by the MOUTH – the VOICE. You are shepherding the souls of people. God will work through Moses's mouth to get His will done in Israel. God makes the mouth of the messenger. God is producing a lip and a tongue. What you speak is what is going to be done in the earth. Your mouth becomes God's voice. People must hear the voice of God that comes through you.

You will also know when a man speaks as a man and when he speaks something against the principles of God. There were two voices in the Garden of Eden. God's voice came in the cool (ruach) – spirit of the DAY. Voice is 'ruach' – is a sound that produces grace. Learn how to be connected to a voice that you recognise as your father. Your father's voice is interested in you more than you yourself. Your father fathers you by the Word He releases to you. Fathers divided inheritances.

THE EAR

EAR = greek = ous = the faculty of perceiving with the mind, the faculty of understanding and knowing.

There is a shortage of comprehension in the church today. The things of God contradict what the world says. In higher learning they teach the skill of analysis – you must validate what you say through empirical evidence.

What we have to hear is what the Spirit is saying to the churches. In God's economy, one plus one is not equal to two. St Augustine said, 'Faith informs reason before reason informs faith'.

Let the spiritual inform the natural before the natural manifests the spiritual.

Mark 4:21-25

- 21 And He was saying to them, "A lamp is not brought to be put under a basket, is it, or under a bed? Is it not *brought* to be put on the lampstand?
- 22 "For nothing is hidden, except to be revealed; nor has *anything* been secret, but that it would come to light.
- 23 **"If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear."**
- 24 And He was saying to them, **"Take care what you listen to. By your standard of measure it will be measured to you; and more will be given you besides.**
- 25 **"For whoever has, to him *more* shall be given; and whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him."**

God wants to show us that which is hidden within His word. By the proportion you HEAR – by the ability you measure out – the rule or standard of your judgement – the manner in which you create the capacity will determine how much you hear – and then you become light – the Word made flesh.

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The Messenger Community

Part 4

In our previous schools much attention was given to hermeneutics and we laid the foundation for much of what we are teaching broadly now. Then, it seemed like we were creating highways through a jungle. These days our preaching is not as strenuous as the early days. When you are pioneering it is hard. Now, communicating truth is relatively easier. Now there is amplification to seed thoughts of the earlier schools. The eleventh hour worker gets the same pay as those who worked in the first hour.

Also these schools are not conferencing. Here we build line upon line and precept upon precept. The initial 'set-man principle' has now evolved to that of 'spiritual fathering'. We did not start the schools knowing everything. As we journey God shows us things.

When we teach, we let the wind of God's Spirit direct our speaking. God's Word is the breath that we are receiving.

A community of 'messenger believers' must be caricatured along the model of Elijah and John the Baptist. These anointings help to understand a specific dynamic within the nature of God. God is emphasising the spirit of Elijah in our day. It defies sociological contexts, it confronts inaccuracy, operates from the wilderness and it is a 'FIRST' anointing that must "first come".

1 Kings 17:1-2

- 1 Now Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the settlers of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, surely there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word."
- 2 The word of the LORD came to him, saying,

Elijah = God is Jah
[indicating a theo-centric or Christo-centric ministry]

Tishbite = a man who lives in captivity
[He is a prisoner of God. You need to be sure that you are prisoner of Christ]

Gilead = Rocky Mountains.
[Elijah is Christo-centric and a prisoner of Christ but also functions from the high places in the Spirit.]

Ahab = uncle
[Jezebel thrives in this environment].
[Those who do not accept spiritual fathering are prone to a Jezebel influence]

'As the Lord God lives' = the present reality of God coming to us (He presents Himself in different ways through different people in different times and seasons). Presently God is revealing Himself **in a still small voice**. Discerning the voice of the Lord is critical now. The prophets of Baal screamed and shouted. Elijah hears a still small voice.

The Lord before whom I stand = **I stand in the environment of who He is as I perceive Him at that time.** Let God stand in how He wants to appear to you in a specific dimension of his varied grace. Do not rely on your personality.

No rain or dew, except by my Word= By their word things happen. Only when He has become the Word in you, can you then speak.

If you are going to be a messenger community, you have to learn how to spend time in His presence. Learn how to **climb the mountain**. Be disconnected from this world – become His slave. **Most of our programmes and daily life schedules are not centred in HIM.**

Deut 32:1-4

- 1 "Give ear, O heavens, and **let me speak**; And let the earth hear the words of my mouth.
- 2 "Let my teaching **drop** as the rain, My speech distill as the dew, As the droplets on the fresh grass And as the showers on the herb.
- 3 "For I proclaim the name of the LORD; Ascribe greatness to our God!
- 4 "The Rock! His work is perfect, For all His ways are just; A God of faithfulness and

God instructs Ezekiel to go on a journey and drop a word on Jerusalem – as a stealth bomber.

Drop = to set a word over a nation. This word will drip like a tap. God will not work through individuals but through a corporate group. These will release a word over certain nations – it will fall like rain. It will cause certain things to germinate on that nation.

Isaiah 55:11 – God's Word is far above our ways.

We cannot be reckless with our speech. We have to be exceptionally careful. Our yes must be yes and our no must be no. **When you are convinced as to the speaking of the Lord, you are authorised to speak.** Our binding and loosening is contingent upon accurate hearing. Our 'prophecies' are too casual and callous. We are messengers. We operate through a spoken Word.

The only thing God wants is our mouth – not of an individual but through a corporate community.

Gen 11:1-9

- 1 Now the whole earth used the same language and the same words.
- 2 It came about as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.
- 3 They said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and burn *them* thoroughly." And they used brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar.
- 4 They said, "Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top *will reach* into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name, otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."
- 5 The LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.
- 6 The LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them.
- 7 "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another's speech."
- 8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of the whole earth; and they stopped building the city.
- 9 Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of the whole earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of the whole earth.

One language = one lip – one boundary, one edge. The lip becomes your boundary.

Speech = dabar [In the speech is the substance that God is made up of].

Rhema is the voice of God that speaks. 'Lip' determines boundary and banks (guiding the flow of a river). Nimrod who spawned the idea of Babylon tapped into an eternal principle, viz. **to subdue the earth – you must be able to create one mouth for the earth**. God does not want more than one corporate voice in the earth.

God confused their language to stop what they were communicating to build. God wants to broadcast Himself through us. We have to produce ONE VOICE. God created the mouth – God cleansed Isaiah's lips with fire. God shapes our speech in the wilderness of captivity. He will permit us to go into the wilderness. Sons learn obedience by the things they suffer. Suffering corrects the inaccurate in our lives. James says, if you can tame your speech you have reached perfection – and your heart has to be perfected in love. A man communicates what is in his heart. Words fitly said are like apples of gold in settings of silver. The clearest waters must come out of our mouths. We have to clean our language and hearts. How long did God take to configure Moses' mouth? 40 years and yet he still said, "I cannot speak". The people God uses have to have a stammering tongue – God is making the mouth. Learn how to keep quiet, Jesus was mute before His accusers.

The instrumentality of this move of God is just to stay in the mount in His presence and just learn to speak when He speaks in us. And our speaking determines if there is rain or famine. We need to be as timid as doves and wise as serpents. We should be slow to speak – quick to hear.

THE EAR

The ground of this season is the EAR. The entrance of God's word is the ear. Wholesome prosperity to the Body of Christ comes by the ability to hear. Our ears have to be sanctified. Your ability and capacity to contain Word is imperative. The standard by which He will do things is by your hearing. Your limit is your ear. By the measure you hear – by that measure it will be given to you.

Ex 21 and 29 highlight how a priest had to be set apart – blood applied to the right ear, right thumb and right toe. Hear right, work right, and your movement in the earth will be right. Unless they had a sense of hearing they would have communicated inaccurately. A challenge presently is a subtle shift to visual preaching – use of visual aids. This is not wrong per se but can sometimes detract from the need to hear. This season cannot come by how you see. Your hearing determines sight. Your sight does not determine hearing.

Reuben = 'to look'; Simeon = 'to hear'. This should have been reversed. Hearing comes before seeing. He that has ears to hear – let him hear what the Spirit is saying. A leper was cleansed by anointing his right ear.

The parable of the sower – is a parable of how to access the Kingdom. The 'good ground' relates to the measure you have heard. Some got 30, some got 60 and some got 100 fold. How much do you want to hear. 100 fold is not 100 percent but 100 times.

What is the first sign of the Spirit coming on you? It affects your tongue. He makes His ministers flaming fire. When they speak - the Word in them burns up the chaff. When this wind of His Word goes out from His mouth, it will 'baptise' with Spirit and fire.

Hearing of faith – the more you hear the more it encourages your faith. God wants us to ultimately to come to a place called obedience.

Obedience = attentive hearing = not casual hearing = compliance or submission to what you hear – where you rush to implement what you have heard. Train to hear God in every preacher.

Obedience = listening to superior command or force – learn how to be a subordinate to receive. God gives great grace to the humble.

Job 29:11 : For when the ear heard, it called me blessed

Rhema = that which is or has been uttered by the living voice - when God uses the breath of a man to bring His breath to you. Rhema is the sound produced by the voice. This voice will bring definite meaning to you. In the Word is Grace. Rhema is the divine matter communicated. Rhema is the subject matter of speech. In the speech is the substance.

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How Should we Then Preach?

We have an over-arching perspective of global movements and the church.

Deuteronomy. 32:46-47

- 46 he said to them, "Take **to heart all the words** I have solemnly declared to you this day, so that you may command your children **to obey carefully** all the words of this law.
- 47 They are **not just idle words** for you - they are your life. By them you will live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess."

John 1: 1-14

- 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- 2 He was with God in the beginning.
- 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.
- 4 In him was **life, and that life was the light of men.**
- 5 The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.
- 6 There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John.
- 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe.
- 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.
- 9 The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.
- 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.
- 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.
- 12 Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—
- 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.
- 14 **The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

2 Timothy 3 : 16-17

- 16 **All Scripture is God-breathed** and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,
- 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly **equipped for every good work.**

How should we then preach, in the light of all we have heard in this Apostolic School Of Ministry?

We should move beyond the general logo-rhema dynamic.

Some remarks about Worship: Any reformation in our time must be one which recovers the priority of the worship of God. The centrality of true worship is the Word. The centrality of worship is not music but the divine revelation of the Word of God. Music is not unimportant. The modern church worship is largely anthropocentric [oxy-moronic = sharply foolish]. True worship is never

anthropocentric. Worship is theocentric. It is not needs-felt. Worship is focussed on what glorifies God. With this in mind, we then must focus on how do we preach.

The church's greatest enemy is the church itself. It is given to polished pulpiteerism. The form became more important than the substance. **Preaching has degenerated into a form of entertainment.**

Aristotle taught us how to preach – he passed on homiletical skills – but lacked the revelatory aspect. **We have not yet fully understood how to engage the voice of God.** It is purely His mercy that we have some indication of fruit attendant with modern day preaching.

We need to empty ourselves of everything we know about preaching. **You dare not preach unless the Spirit configures you to do so.**

All Scriptures is given by divine inspiration = all scriptures are God-breathed. It includes the process by which the Word comes to us. The Spirit moved writers, recorded in the bible in descriptive language as 'God breathed' - this can only be interpreted by divine revelation.

A Three-fold Methodology for Viewing the Scriptures:

1. **Hermeneutical**

2. **Exegetical** – critical explanation of text.

E.g. 'Agape' (love) we have defined as a high quality love yet also this word is used in connection to lust (not just eros).

3. **Allegorical** – explaining symbols in exegetical form.

Three Issues of Inspired Writings:

a. **Causality** – Inspiration (cause and effect). God is always doing things – and this causes something to happen in us.

b. **Prophetic Agency:** God moves men. The Word comes through men. Elijah said, "By the word of my mouth".

c. **Resultant Authority** – divine authority.

This process was not by dictation. God simply inspired them. The Spirit employed the prophet's own vocabulary. Inspiration claims the Scriptures to be plenary (absolute). No part of Scripture is without divine inspiration.

Inspired = theopneustos = God breathed

Three parts : Theos = God

Pneus = meaning reed or blow; root word for WIND – translated as Spirit

Tos = suffix – always indicates something which is being done by God.

Hence = Breathed by God – or God-breathed. This is not the equivalent of blowing air into a balloon. A balloon contains stale breath. ‘God-breathed’ – not that He breathed His breath into something – nor does it mean that God tickled the reasoning of someone to inspire them to write in this sense.

God-Breathed! What does this mean?

Literally God breathed out and what He breathed out resulted in the Word. He did not breathe INTO something, God breathed OUT – and the substance of what came out from His mouth was WORD. Jesus said, “The words I speak are spirit and life”. We have belittled the Word (as a little bottle of sea water does not contain the ocean). **What is written does not fully contain God.**

The ancient Rabbinical teachers explained ‘Elohim’ as **thought, word and breathe. When we engage the Word of God, we engage the essence of the breathe of God.**

In your words, begin to articulate the breath of God. **Take the breath of God and craft it into words and import it into the spirits of man.**

‘Inspired’ is a misleading translation. The phrase from which they derived it is from a latin phrase – but the Greek does not mean this. The original text speaks of **SPIRING – means ‘breathing’.** **The word is the product of the creative breath of God. Scripture is the product of a specific divine operation.**

Psalms 33:6 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And by the **breath of His mouth** all their host.

This is the ‘dabar’ of God. The breath of God gave life to Adam – God breathed into him and he became a living being.

Job 33:4(KJV) The **Spirit of God hath made me**, and the **breath of the Almighty hath given me life.**

Just as His breath gave life to the bones in a valley, so His Word gives life. The breath is the dabar. If you speak without the breath – this is what kills. A sermon without God’s breathing produces death.

1 Peter 1:10-12

10 As to this salvation, the prophets **who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries,**

11 seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.

12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven--things into which angels long to look.

2 Peter 1:20 But know this first of all, that **no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation,**

2 Peter 1:21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but **men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.**

‘Private interpretation’.

Private = idiotes = ignorant, rude and unlearned.

No prophecy is for the rude and unlearned for their own private use. For prophecy never came by the will of man. At the time Peter was writing, there were pre-gnostic enthusiasts claiming to have a new word from God.

2 Peter 1:16 For we did not follow **cleverly devised tales** when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

Their revelations are sophisticated myths – moulded or artificial crafting of thoughts. No prophet must give his own estimate of the current state of affairs. No prophecy was motivated by man’s will.

The prophets spoke from God - They were borne by the Holy Spirit. They are under the Spirit’s direct super-intending influence. Like a ship being ‘driven along’. The prophetic is not the product of our own intelligence.

God upholds things by the power of His Word. A seed is structure. When planted it grows and brings forth after its kind. In His word is the breath. What is inside the seed? The breath of God – is within the seed. The structure and the substance. The breath of God activates the structure within the seed. The prophet activates this in the right kairos. The seed then brings forth after its kind. This is how God sustains all things. Unless you have been authorised by the Spirit to activate the seed, your ministry is in vain.

Ezekiel in the valley of dry bones. He prophesied – there was a rattling and they came together. But the bones have no life in them yet. The prophet engages the Holy Spirit. **In the corporate son we engage God. The governmental grace within the SON allows us to speak to the Holy Spirit** – and Elijah says “Come wind”. And then they stand up as an exceedingly great army.

In the Apostolic, we need to activate the Spirit of God as the breath of God and cause the army of God to emerge as the sons of God. Die to your old way of preaching.

Thamo : Ambition right now is governing pulpits. That is why Jeremiah said “I am a youth”. True servants of God run away from speaking. This is where grace steps in – “I am what I am by the grace of God”. **God wants to be the speech in you.** Empty yourself and become of no reputation.

Session 16**Thamo Naidoo**

Administration of Grace

Part 1

God transports Himself in the earth in specific seasons through messengers. Do not worship the medium through which God communicates Himself through. This year 2012 ushered in a **critical moment** in the economy of God in which the present season of the Apostolic is about to become visible. **What was hidden for at least two decades will now be made visible.** We will have to become **good custodians** of that which we have stewardship over. God is a God of absolute order. I want to present to you the way in which God's rule is executed on the earth. The government of God comes upon sons – those who are mature – they have allowed for God's Word to grow within their spirits.

Ecc 10:16 Woe to you, O land, whose **king is a lad** and whose princes feast in the morning.

Within the vision of God there is an employment for each son. **Each household of faith has a job description – you have boundary, a ranking, an emblem.** If you step out of that boundary – you will be bitten by the snake. Do not break rank. Otherwise you suffer serious negative consequences. Dress codes exist in Scripture symbolically indicating specific functions that depict different grace configurations or 'metrons' of grace.

In no way am I suggesting that we must fear the domain of darkness. We have dominion in the earth. The word dominion speaks of a domain. This domain is the earth. This earth is the centre and focus of God's will. This earth is subdivided into units or parts. We have been assigned to specific regions in the earth marked off for our administration. This is not to suggest that we become territorial. We all have regions and domains. There are different hierarchies within regions, and in each we all function differently. **We cannot covet each other's domains or functions.** There is also no competition.

The administration of whatever we are going to do is spiritual. We also do not believe in replacement theology. The kingdom of God does not come by observation. The kingdom is spiritual and must be administered spiritually. The Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. The objective of God's kingdom is to bring a government of Peace on the earth.

We must understand the order in the Kingdom of God. There is **an arrangement – an order** – this takes place in **a sequential order and pattern.** In our households or clans we celebrate our sonship – corporately. Psalm 2, Galatians 4 and Ecclesiastes 10 all indicate that **God's kingdom is administered by sons, who have evolved into a place of corporate maturity.** God has to organise His family – restoring fathers and sons. God has brought us to a place where we are the household or family of God headed by fathers. These are built by five-fold ministry – but these five fold ministers do not necessarily lead the house.

God said to Abraham, “**In your seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed because you have obeyed my voice**”. **In the obedience of the voice, the nations are blessed**. Faith shuts the eye to reason, and **obedience opens the eye to the Spirit**. Faith shuts the eye of your soul – and obedience opens the eye of your spirit. We must come to the place where we do not rationalise a commandment.

Creation has been subjected to futility waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God. Immaturity manifests itself in carnality (competition, jostling for position, etc.).

Gen 14:14 When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, **he led out his trained men**, born in his house, three hundred and eighteen, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. (NASB)

Gen 14:14 And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, **he armed his trained servants**, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued *them* unto Dan. (KJV)

Armed /led out = ruq = to pour out or to empty

Abraham poured himself out in the 318 men. Everything in you as a father must be poured out into your sons. Abraham was righteous because he believed in God. All he had was a Word which he received from God. His sons are like dust and stars – heaven and earth will be connected to seed of Abraham.

Joel 2:6-11

- 6 Before them the people are in anguish; All faces turn pale.
- 7 They run like mighty men, They climb the wall like soldiers; And they each march in line, Nor do they deviate from their paths.
- 8 **They do not crowd each other**, They march everyone in his path; When they burst through the defenses, **They do not break ranks**.
- 9 They rush on the city, They run on the wall; They climb into the houses, They enter through the windows like a thief.
- 10 Before them **the earth quakes, The heavens tremble**, The sun and the moon grow dark And the stars lose their brightness.
- 11 **The LORD utters His voice before His army**; Surely His camp is very great, For **strong is he who carries out His word**. The day of the LORD is indeed great and very awesome, And who can endure it?

The Lord leads his army through a voice. This army keeps rank – everyone knows their position. There is no disorder. **This army knows order. There is structure – there is a way of doing things**. The heavens are trembling when they are moving.

All of the tribes of Israel in the wilderness were camped in a specific arrangement. They could live just anywhere. Every detail was ordered.

The Principle of Adoption:**Rom 9:1-5**

- 1 I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience testifies with me in the Holy Spirit,
- 2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart.
- 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed, *separated* from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh,
- 4 who are Israelites, to whom belongs the **adoption as sons, and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and the *temple* service and the promises,**
- 5 whose are the fathers, and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Someone who was an orphan is now the child of God – this the spirit of adoption. God said to Pharaoh – “let my firstborn son go”. They had to live by rules that regulate sonship – **they had to administrate the issue of sonship into the corporate environment.** We are a life-giving spirit – when we open our mouths, God’s Word comes into the world. We have to live by the heavenly standard of righteousness.

THE GLORY : The glory is the stature and reputation of God Himself. We ought to administrate the glory of God within us - let the world see this. 1 Cor. 12 speaks of the gift of ‘administration’. You clothe yourself with all of God’s speakings. People are to look at us and understand the wisdom of God. Glory is to present the manifest presence of God. It is administrated in an environment of work. Work was never cursed. We ought to express His love, beauty, humility, wisdom, etc.

THE COVENANTS : The agreement. There is the general covenants and there are sub-divisions within that. God calls certain fathers to administrate aspects of His covenant.

WE OUGHT TO STEWARD GRACE**Eph 2:19-22**

- 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,
- 20 having been built on the **foundation of the apostles and prophets**, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*,
- 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord,
- 22 in whom **you also are being built together into a dwelling of God** in the Spirit.

The Greek word translated ‘foundation’ here is equivalent to the Hebrew word used to describe Sarah becoming pregnant. God laid a foundation in her womb – and so Isaac was conceived. Apostles and prophets lay the incorruptible SEED within our spirit – and when this seed comes into you – you become the superstructure of the family of God.

Eph 3:1-2

- 1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles--
- 2 if indeed you have heard of the **stewardship of God's grace** which was given to me for you;

Stewardship = dispensation = oikinomeo = the management of the property of the family; the management of a household or household affairs, management of someone else's property. The one who manages it is called an overseer.

The **property managed is grace**. If you receive grace you become the temple of God – so that God can come and **tabernacle with you**.

A Pharmacist dispenses medicine to a sick person. Paul dispenses grace to the Ephesians and as they receive it and partake of it, they are built up into something that can contain God.

How does grace comes to us?

One of the words indicating 'gift' is 'doma'. 'Doma' = the nature of the gift - determined by the foreknowledge of the giver. Fathers should give gifts to develop the child into maturity. You give the gift to benefit the person and to aid their development.

Soon we will see a distinct division between apostles of churches and apostles of Christ. Apostles of churches are appointed based on leadership ability. Apostles of Christ can distribute gifts to people.

Grace is communicated through the Word of God. You cannot receive God's Word until your ear is dedicated to the Lord. For example, if you cannot be faithful with your tithes, first fruit and offerings – you have not heard.

Eph 3:3 that **by revelation** there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief.

Revelation = apokolupto = to uncover – to remove the veil.

There was a veil in the temple, as well as a the veil over the face of Moses. Both veils have got to do with the Word. In Hebrews 10, the veil is the flesh (human reasoning). The veil that was in the temple was torn in two. When the VOICE cried, He gave up His spirit. A voice splits the veil. Moses was shining because the Word was in him. **There is a voice that has to remove your veil.**

Eph 3:4-5

- 4 By referring to this, when you read you can understand **my insight into the mystery of Christ,**
- 5 which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been **revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit;**

The Bible is open for all to read. But true revelation comes through apostles and prophets. These are the pin numbers that break seals to the Scriptures.

Eph 3:6-7

- 6 *to be specific*, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body,
and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel,
7 of which I was made a minister, according to the **gift of God's grace** which was given
to me according to the working of His power.

The gift (dona) is tailor-made in different apostles. It has a divine dispensing quality to it.

John 1:14-16

- 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.**

'Rhema' comes through a voice. You get grace by accessing revelation through the hearing of the Word.

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Administration of Grace

Part 2

One of the objectives of the Apostolic School of Ministry is that God would provoke you – so that change could come. In saying that you must support a father's vision, it is not your father's vision per se, but **the heavenly vision vested within a man.**

God apportions His will into manageable portions to specific households to steward on His behalf. The view is a communal view and not an individual view. A tribe contributes to the composition of a nation. Every house is built by design.

A family of sons is to have dominion in the world. Our duty is to steward the grace which comes from heaven. Our administration is an administration of grace. Charismata that comes from grace is the outward expression of grace but the content of grace is 'doma'. Study the etymological range of this word. Life is in a word. Life comes through a substance called grace.

Grace is 'that property in a thing'. We manage this property. A pharmacist manages the prescription on behalf of the doctor. **Apostles preach 'logos' but it is 'rhema' to the hearer, who receives the substance in the logos and when this voice hits your spirit man, it deposits grace.** The medium through which it comes is your EAR.

Leaders, your only calling is to give yourself completely to the Word of God and to prayer. We are to administrate grace – give yourself to the Word and stay in His presence. Fumigate your environment with prayer all the time. Access mercy which sits on the Ark of the Covenant (law, rod, manna). **Fumigate your life with prayer, study the Word and then come back to your household and administrate grace.**

Matthew 24:45-51

- Mat 24:45 "Who then is the **faithful and sensible slave** whom his master put in charge of his household to give them **their food at the proper time?**
- Mat 24:46 "Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes.
- Mat 24:47 "Truly I say to you that he will put him in **charge of all his possessions.**
- Mat 24:48 'But if that evil slave says in his heart, 'My master is not coming for a long time,'
- Mat 24:49 and begins to beat his fellow slaves and eat and drink with drunkards;
- Mat 24:50 the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect *him* and at an hour which he does not know,
- Mat 24:51 and will cut him in pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Give food in the proper time. Some churches are suffering from overeating. 'Proper time' = kairos. Only feed food from 'kairos' which contains grace - this is spiritual nutrients. Grace is the essence of that which constitutes God. God is full of grace. Shepherd the grace in each man.

Jesus came to his disciples after the resurrection.

John 21 “My little children – do you have breakfast – any food? He cooks breakfast for them. The church at Ephesus in the book of Revelation could see the different perspectives of Christ as He comes to the seven churches. This church has a complete view of the global church. **When God judges this church, it is about their LOVE for Him.** This church could forensically analyse other churches – apostolic churches can appraise others – AND YET they have left their first love. **Their first love (in Acts 19) was the study of the Word for three years day and night. Love God’s Word more than anything else.**

You feed lambs differently to how you feed sheep. Most sicknesses are diet-related. The church is so sick because they have been eating the wrong diet. The thing that will separate spirit from soul will be the WORD. Learn how to sit and learn how to receive the Word from your father. Faith does not come from reading – faith comes from hearing. **By the measure you hear – by that same measure it will be distributed to hear.**

THE STRUCTURE OF GOD’S KINGDOM

The Old Testament church shadows the dynamic construct of the Kingdom of God. There is hierarchy – but this does not imply inequality. **Yet equality of status as sons does not mean equality of function.** There is no inequality in the God-head, yet there **is functional diversity.** If there is equality in deity but functional diversity in deity – the same is true for the Body of Christ. The design in the ‘head’ must be the design in the ‘Body of Christ’.

Romans 9:25

- 25 As He says also in Hosea, "I WILL CALL THOSE WHO WERE NOT MY PEOPLE, 'MY PEOPLE,' AND HER WHO WAS NOT BELOVED, 'BELOVED.'"
- 26 "AND IT SHALL BE THAT IN THE PLACE WHERE IT WAS SAID TO THEM, 'YOU ARE NOT MY PEOPLE,' THERE THEY SHALL BE CALLED **SONS OF THE LIVING GOD.**"
- 27 Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, "THOUGH THE NUMBER OF THE SONS OF ISRAEL BE LIKE THE SAND OF THE SEA, IT IS THE REMNANT THAT WILL BE SAVED;

The people of God are the nation of God. We need to study the shadow which tells us who we are – i.e. study the law. You cannot be the substance without understanding the shadow. Once you believe, just exist as a SON. You ‘believe to become’.

James 1 refers to the church as the tribes scattered.

- Tribes are territorial groups – and primary social organisational units. In Israel’s social structure, tribes defined the nation of Israel.
- Tribes are a distributed part of one large entity. Each tribe is an entity of a whole. No one tribe can say “I am the nation”.
- Each tribe is identified by a father. A tribe carried a corporate personality. When you identify your father – this must not be divisive.

- Each tribe had a varying number of protective associations of land.
- Each tribe is defined by a prophetic word.

Study Genesis 49:1ff

Gen 49:1 And Jacob called his sons and said, "Gather together, that I may tell you what shall befall you **in the last days**:

The 'last days' started after the death of Jesus - the advent of the last days started with the outpouring of the Spirit. The phrase 'last days' here in Gen 49 – is a reference to a time period in our day.

Technically, there are thirteen tribes since Joseph had two sons. Levi did not get an inheritance because God was to be their inheritance.

No two tribes have the same prophetic word. Each tribe had its own mandate – twelve flows of God's prophetic grace. Put them all together and you have the completed picture. We must perceive the grace configuration in each other. **Get plugged into your spiritual father as your root – for herein is your fruit.**

When Saul consented to the stoning of Stephen – Stephen forgave – Stephen gave his mantle to Saul – Stephen saw the Lord standing on the right hand of the Father – it is a Benjamin anointing. Benjamin = son of my right hand.

Know where your grace is in this season. Discern the prophetic word and mandate over your house.

Your connection to your father is by the resonance of the sound – there must be a vibration of sound. When he speaks there should be a vibration in your spirit.

Before the baby is released in your heart, go and register in your father's house. Luke 2 – Joseph had to go look at his birth certificate – he is from the tribe of Judah and Mary from the tribe of Levi; When he goes to Bethlehem – he brings alignment to his movement and the baby comes forth.

Luke 2:1-7

- 1 Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth.
- 2 This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.
- 3 And everyone was on his way to **register for the census**, each to his own city.
- 4 Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David,
- 5 **in order to register along with Mary**, who was engaged to him, and was with child.
- 6 **While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth.**
- 7 **And she gave birth to her firstborn son**; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Exodus 24:4 And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD. And he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and **twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel.**

You need twelve pillars. Pillar also indicates someone in whom a divine principle has come to vest. Do not celebrate guest speakers, but grace carriers.

Exodus 28:1ff

Twelve stones that have engravings. Stone was also a plumb-line. Twelve different stones that measured or weighed things. God hates a false scale.

Eze 48:31a the gates of the city *shall be* named after the tribes of Israel

There were twelve gates to the city, with each gate named after a tribe. (e.g. dung gate – some tribe had to take out the dung).

Revelations 21 also speaks of twelve gates.

Numbers 1:16-18

- 16 These *were* chosen from the congregation, **leaders of their fathers' tribes**, heads of the divisions in Israel.
- 17 Then Moses and Aaron took these men who had been mentioned by name,
- 18 and they assembled all the congregation together on the first *day* of the second month; and they recited their ancestry by families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and above, each one individually.

Tribes are divided into family units.

In a family you know each other by name.

Deut 1:15-16

- 15 "So I took the heads of your tribes, wise and experienced men, and appointed them heads over you, leaders of thousands and of hundreds, of fifties and of tens, and officers for your tribes.
- 16 "Then I charged your judges at that time, saying, 'Hear *the cases* between your fellow countrymen, and judge righteously between a man and his fellow countryman, or the alien who is with him.'

All of these issues are critical to understand order and rank and knowing your limitations as you execute the will of God. Know how to work within rank. There are certain 'metrons'. There are some places to which you do not go until your people have developed in a particular realm/dimension.

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Part 3

God is literally preparing His people for something beyond the fathering of households of faith only. Wisdom builds the house. **Wisdom is the master craftsman.** God builds the house by engaging wisdom. He himself is wisdom. But God does not do this outside of an individual. Wisdom displays itself in the skill of individuals. In the building of the temples in the Old Testament, God displays in wisdom in how the structures were built. If you lack wisdom you must ask God for wisdom (James). Ask God to make you see the details in His work. Wisdom is a gift of grace from God. Wisdom is God indwelling us and arming us with specific skills. God always uses someone to build His house.

Also you need wisdom in moving people from one spiritual location or season to another. It takes tremendous ability of grace to do this. Be connected to the cloud like Moses. All the information he needed, he received from the cloud. All of this took place in the wilderness where there was a lack of resource. This cloud of witnesses has never left the church. Men like Moses, David, Daniel and Joseph – knew what wisdom was.

People give leadership by showing people how to access the cloud. **They will know when to move their people and when not to move their people.** They are sensitive to the blowing of the wind of the Spirit.

God is **raising up fathers in the earth carrying grace, glory and wisdom.** They will become God's voice to the nations. Individuals will be attracted to these houses. They will come to **buy grain** – but we will put the money back in their sacks like Joseph. God will use ordinary men in this. We are at this place. We will start to administrate the eternal plan of God. We will raise up God's family in the earth. Also, not just the earth, but all of the heavens will be subjected to us. We will have to instruct people and bring judgement to people in how they prosecute the law of God. Moses (5 books) and Elijah (34 books). Elijah represents the principle of advocacy – the prosecution and execution of the law. God will use fathers to judge the house.

We will have to teach people specific details of how to practically live for God. **The Queen of Sheba came to SEE the wisdom of God. A wise person can translate what he knows into structure and form.** She sees Solomon's internal organisation of house – e.g. the seating of his servants. Solomon had a sense of knowing the things that had to be done in his house. Joseph made his brothers sit at his table even before they knew who he was. Shadrack, Meshack and Abednego occupied key positions in Babylon. Bring back order first to your houses. **Weigh and measure your people before you give them a designated 'seat'.** One minister in Solomon's house does not sit on two chairs. Wisdom builds the house.

Tribes:

God is organising His church into family units. Where there is a consanguine joining of extended families you have a clan, and the joining of various clans constitute a tribe.

There is a geo-spiritual shift = a reorganisation of the church – a re-socialisation of church. This is by the Spirit. God is bringing the bones together. God is also connecting things so that we will see quantum shifts take place – we will see alignments take place at a new level with tribal units being formed. It will be defined by the configuration of grace in the hand.

Tribe = shebet = a people group of common ancestor
 = a rod, a staff, a sceptre, a branch, a stick = these symbolically represent the people
 = the staff that brings bread

A golfer has a bag of sticks or clubs – if you are putting – you do not use a driver. The placement of the ball determined which club I use. Use the right stick, otherwise the ball will not reach its destination.

God has got twelve sticks in His bag = twelve tribes. For kingship, God uses a sceptre. An almond rod used in the hand of a Levite. God chooses what grace configuration is needed for specific purposes. God's 'river of life' has a grace for faith and trusting God – this is a kind of stick in his hand. Moses from the tribe of Levi was chosen. This tribe is a unique stick in the hand of God. For the first 40 years – this anointing was needed. Levi means 'attached' – so Moses is not conscious of his wilderness environment. He knows how to connect to the heavens and imposes it upon his locality. Any other grace would not have been successful. Moses could bring the eternal into the temporal. Yet, Moses does not know how to take land. God takes this tribe of Levi and it leads through the wilderness. But later when they crossed the Jordan, the Levitical anointing in Moses will not fight and possess the land.

You cannot choose your tribal allotment. The Spirit decides this. Where God leads you – this is where your inheritance is. Your inheritance is connected to someone that God has placed in your life.

God chose Joshua to possess the land. Joshua – has economic power – he gives people land. He knows how to bring you into prosperity. He knows how to allot for your inheritance. But he cannot build a temple. God is presently preparing us according to structure and order. There is a positioning taking place in the Spirit.

Prophecy : *Some people will leave us because they came under the wrong pretence. Some will come back to our houses – because they went for the wrong reasons. Some who were looking will come to join you too. These are chiropractic adjustments that will have to take place. This will happen across geographical spheres globally. Some in other nations will resonate with your spirit (like a tuning fork). Powerful transactions will start to take place. Each one will have to learn their 'location' in the Spirit.*

If you study the plan of Joshua's conquest, his conquest was already defined by Moses' instructions. Moses defined the territory for each tribe already. Joshua could not just go 'carte blanche' anywhere – and just claim things. In this season, your steps are ordered of the Lord – and within these boundaries your steps are ordered of the Lord. Do not break rank. There is no ambition in this.

Numbers 33:54

And you shall **divide the land by lot as an inheritance** among your families; to the larger you shall give a larger inheritance, and to the smaller you shall give a smaller inheritance; there everyone's *inheritance* shall be whatever falls to him by lot. **You shall inherit according to the tribes of your fathers.**

Numbers 2:1-4

- 1 Now the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying,
- 2 "The sons of Israel shall **camp, each by his own standard**, with the banners of their fathers' households; they shall camp around the tent of meeting at a distance.
- 3 "Now those who camp on the east side toward the sunrise *shall be* of the standard of the camp of Judah, by their armies, and the leader of the sons of Judah: Nahshon the son of Amminadab,
- 4 and his army, even their numbered men, 74,600.

Everyone camped at their standard and emblem – this was like a distinctive badge that defined a people. There is an organisation in the Spirit. **You have to know your standard or measure.** There is a standard in the Spirit. There is a writing on you. You have a 'metron' over you that determines whether you are operating right. **Do not function from an inaccurate measure giving you a false sense of security. Your banner tells you how the Lord views you – what He has called you to do.** There are twelve distinct features to the house of God.

Even the movement of the people is determined by revelation (the rising of the sun) – and the tribe of Judah went first. Judah = apostolic tribe. The tribe of Ephraim is joined to Judah. These become one stick. Joseph (Ephraim) led the ten tribes and Judah the two.

We have an emblem. We have an ensign – an engraving – a mark – an identity – the hard drive of Spirit functions in a way. Discern the Lord's Body – and **don't criticise each other – but respect the grace in another which is different from yours.**

Gen 46:28

Now he sent Judah **before** him to Joseph, **to point out the way before him** to Goshen; and they came into the land of Goshen.

The word 'before' is the same word for 'face' – hence Judah is to be the face of God. They all knew the way, but Judah leads. Judah points out way.

Point = yara = - to go before and prepare the way and create a pathway in the Spirit; also means 'to shoot arrows' - remove all impediments. Judah was a firstborn son (1 Chron. 12:1). Leadership is determined by who prevails over his brothers. When Judah speaks, even God listens (and Joseph listens). Jesus came from the tribe of Judah. Judah points the way for the brothers to follow. We have to go as a remnant for the others to prepare the way. We know when the sun rises – when

revelations comes – we announce the night is over and the day is come.

Seventy persons from the house of Jacob makes the journey to Egypt from the promise land. 70 = a global community .

Jude 1:6 And angels who did not keep their own **domain**, but abandoned their proper **abode**, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day,

‘Domain’ and ‘abode’ indicate boundaries. When you break rank you get chained to darkness. ‘Day’ - under the light – of a virtual boundary – it is fixed. Your horizon is defined by your understanding of kairos.

Spiritual Protocol in the Kingdom

Now we focus on ‘**Entering Cities and Nations**’. Some travel out of ambition and not calling. Paul was prohibited from going to Macedonia. **An invitation to minister does not imply divine permission to go**. A Macedonian call does not validate the right of movement.

Paul was dropped from a basket from a wall. He was hidden for 15 years in the Arabian desert. He had to learn how to be formed and shaped. Eloquent speech does not qualify you.

If God does permit you to go, then apostles go first (no evangelists). Consider Philipp the evangelist in Samaria – Apostles come in to correct and bring order.

Even as an apostle, you have to be commissioned to go. Also do not just take anyone with you because they may not be ready for that level of warfare. The devil has a legal right to test you on what you will preach. Paul had a divisive disagreement with Barnabas over John Mark. – see Acts 15. Barnabas wanted to give him a second chance.

Acts 15:36-40

- 36 Then after some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us now go back and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, *and see* how they are doing."
- 37 Now Barnabas was determined to take with them John called Mark.
- 38 But Paul insisted that they should not take with them the one who had **departed** from them in **Pamphylia**, and had not gone with them to the work.
- 39 Then the contention became so sharp that they parted from one another. And so Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus;
- 40 but Paul chose Silas and departed, being commended by the brethren to the grace of God.

The term ‘departed’ suggests ‘one who withdrew from them when the battle got heated’; he preserved himself at the expense of the team.

Pamphylia = the place where every tribe was – a heterogenous place – a global principality operates here.

Even amongst apostles there is ranking and positioning. When an authentic apostle sends you, you are safe. When you move, you look for economic, political gateway cities. Significant leaders were always attracted to apostles wherever they went.

Study 2 Cor. 10; Luke 7; Matt 10 and 12; Mark 6

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Part 4

Unless you find your father's house, Christ will not be born in the right place (see Luke 2). Spiritual alignment has got to do with finding your father's house. There will be genuine movement towards fulfilling God's global will. **Do not be governed by zeal without knowledge.** Your steps must be ordered by the Lord. Be connected to a voice that will guide you. If a man makes you a slave to himself, this is an anti-Christ spirit. **The voice of your spiritual father will increase the measure of grace upon your life.** Sons are the face of true fathers. True sons want to honour their fathers by blessing them. The son wants to magnify the father and the father wants to be magnified in the son. We must produce sons in the image of God.

These sons live by wisdom. You must **be humble**. To receive grace is to receive wisdom. The humble express dependence upon God our creator. To have humility you must have a **contrite heart** – sorrowful toward sin. If you miss the mark, then you adjust immediately. Make sure your spirit is broken – not as in self-affliction – but allow God to mould His Spirit the way He wants to.

You should look like a lamb even though you have the anointing of a lion within you. The face of this move is a lamb's anointing – that is the purest offering – simplicity, innocence, vulnerability – not an ounce of pride. Be perfectly ordinary yet substantially brilliant and noble.

Only a lion decodes the scroll. Caleb issued a challenge to take Kiriath Saphar (city of the books) – he overtakes this – gets Acsah as his wife. Othniel means "mighty young lion" – he takes the city. The sceptre never leaves the Judah (the 'lion' company). When you crush grapes (revelation) you get blood – you live in martyrdom.

Going Into Cities

If you are going with an apostolic message, then you will confront powers and principalities – that you will have to contend with. Walk in the covering of the mantle of the one who sends you.

Develop character – develop gravity in the Spirit.

Matthew 10:5-11

- 5 These twelve Jesus **sent out** after instructing them: "Do not go in *the* way of *the* Gentiles, and do **not enter** any city of the Samaritans;
- 6 but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
- 7 "And as you go, **preach**, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'
- 8 "Heal *the* sick, raise *the* dead, cleanse *the* lepers, cast out demons. **Freely you received, freely give.**
- 9 "**Do not acquire gold, or silver, or copper for your money belts,**
- 10 or a bag for *your* journey, or even two coats, or sandals, or a staff; for the worker is worthy of his support.

11 "And whatever city or village you enter, **inquire** who is worthy in it, and stay at his house until you leave *that city*.

If you are saving to go – you are probably not sent.

If God is sending you into a certain jurisdiction, identify which house you are going to in a given city.

First **INQUIRE** = examine strictly – investigate by asking searching questions. Research your city first.

Identify a person who is worthy = suitable, has praise – good reputation; a person who can be weighed so that an estimate to the value of that person can be made; is the person merited to be worthy. Is the person a man of peace? If he has a church, what was the context in which he started his ministry. Not all breakaways are illegal (cf. David). Is the house a house of peace? **Do not go into the house of a wolf.**

The house you go to – in it you will find your gold, your bag, your food, etc. God will supply in the house that you have found worthy. **Assess the conversation of your potential host – assess his marriage – his ethics – his morality.**

A man of peace must be a father of a house.

Luke 10:5-7

5 "Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace *be* to this house.'

6 "If a man of peace is there, **your peace will rest on him**; but if not, it will return to you.

7 "**Stay in that house**, eating and drinking what they give you; **for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not keep moving from house to house.**

Do not go from house to house. We will lose households in this time. Some people have been bad credentials to us in some cities. Zeal drives apostles with accumulation of much knowledge – but many lack discernment. **You have to find your brother** – bring your Benjamin before you see the face of Joseph again. Look for your brother in a city before you see the face of Jesus in a city. Look for a man that is a son of peace.

'Greet this house'; GREET = embrace this house. **Work within the covering of this house.** Within this house will be your provision. **Do not be governed by economic considerations – be governed by the principle of peace.**

At all times use wisdom and grace.

Session 2SHAUN BLIGNAUT

Prophetic Imperatives for this Season

There is a lot of spiritual activity going on – lots of warfare as well.

God wants to reconfigure the apostolate. In Acts 15 – the council gathered at Jerusalem – made up of apostles, elders and brothers (church). They discussed relevant matters and authorised those that needed to be sent. There is a clear indication that God will establish an apostolate in the earth.

Streams will be headed up by apostolic fathers. False apostles will be exposed in this season. The authentication of God will come when He pulls things under in CHRIST. **One thing that constituted you as an apostle is the revelation of HIS SON within you.**

Haggai 2:6-7

- 6 "For thus says the LORD of hosts, '**Once more** in a little while, I am going to shake the **heavens and the earth**, the sea also and the dry land.
- 7 '**I will shake all the nations**; and they will come with the **wealth of all nations**, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the LORD of hosts.

Hebrews 12:25-29

- 25 See to it that **you do not refuse Him who is speaking**. For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape who turn away from **Him who warns from heaven**.
- 26 And **His voice shook the earth** then, but now He has promised, saying, "**YET ONCE MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO THE HEAVEN.**"
- 27 This expression, "Yet once more," denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.
- 28 Therefore, **since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken**, let us show gratitude, by which we may **offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe**;
- 29 for **our God is a consuming fire**.

The means by which God will shake all things is BY HIS VOICE.

God will SHAKE THINGS here and now. All dimensions of life will feel the tremors of God's shaking. God is in a 'shaking' mood. God is in a killing mood, wanting to wipe out some stuff. God wants RIGHTEOUSNESS and JUSTICE! Everything we touch must have these two aspects.

What is the Purpose for the Shaking?

1. **The disconfirming of inaccurate systems.**
2. **The relocation of the things of God to a new, divine epicentre.**

God is shaking the economic systems of the earth. There will be a flow of finances back to the house of God again. Be pure in this season.

Ezekiel 37:1-4

- 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, "Prophesy over these bones and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.'

The Voice will again activate the process.

Voice = phone = to shape things, to activate the light.

His speech illuminates the dark corridors of human minds.

Shake = to topple things, to agitate the minds.

There is a heightened decree of speech. Psalm 2 – why are the nations conspiring – God laughs at them in derision.

Psalm 2:1-5

- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar and the peoples devising a vain thing?
- 2 The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers take counsel together Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,
- 3 "Let us tear their fetters apart and cast away their cords from us!"
- 4 **He who sits in the heavens laughs, The Lord scoffs at them.**
- 5 Then **He will speak to them** in His anger and terrify them in His fury, saying,

When God disconfirms things He shifts things to a new epicentre.

Jeremiah 23:29 "Is not **My word like fire**?" declares the LORD, "and like a hammer which shatters a rock?"

My Word is like fire = a purifying symbol of God's Word.

2 Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the **elements will be destroyed with intense heat**, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

Elements destroyed by fire = Word in the mouth of sent ones.

Galatians 4:3 So also we, while we were children, were held in bondage under the **elemental things** of the world.

Basic principles / elemental things = stoikions = rudimentary things that block up the entrance of the Word. These will melt with heat.

2Peter 3:12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the **heavens will be destroyed by burning**, and the **elements will melt with intense heat!**

The destruction of the natural heavens = previous orders of revelations – canopies of truth - that God will burn. God will do it through the fire of His word.

The phrase, '**Once More**', (Haggai 2:6) does not the repetition of action, but rather **the severity by which an act is performed**; the pulling of resource together. Only things pertaining to the kingdom will not be shaken. Man made things will not stand. There is a current global shaking taking place. God is turning the heat up.

Ephesians 1:10-12

- 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.

Christ must be central again to everything we do. Nothing else but the Kingdom and CHRIST will validate you in this season. Denominationalism is religious foolishness.

God is mobilising His resources globally – all His grace carriers. **Covenantal alliances of families** will come together. Beware if you are not authentic – you will be shaken!

God is going to shake everything – Let my people go you “Pharaoh’s”. God is tired of man dominating and manipulating the church. It is not your church – it is God’s church. **The Spirit of Christ is only moving in relation to His throne and His kingdom.** If Christ is not evident in that which you are doing, then God hates it. If God is not evident in your marriage, finance, etc., it will be shaken.

God is pulling things together to create a net. God’s throne is moving sovereignly into the affairs of men. God wants to get the attention of the nations. Bring accuracy into the lives of the people that you lead.

‘Removal’ = metathesis

Meta = law or principles that govern an act.

The principles have shifted to a new place to render obsolete things of a previous season. If you do not move, you live in a realm of ‘removal’.

SEVEN THINGS – PROPHETIC IMPERATIVES FOR THE COMING SEASONS

1. There will be a focus on the global purpose – which is the nations; the reclaiming of the nations.

Psalm 2:1-9

- 1 Why are the **nations in an uproar** And the peoples devising a vain thing?
- 2 The kings of the earth take their stand And the **rulers take counsel together** Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,
- 3 "Let us tear their fetters apart And cast away their cords from us!"
- 4 He who sits in the heavens laughs, The Lord scoffs at them.
- 5 Then He will speak to them in His anger And terrify them in His fury, saying,
- 6 "But as for Me, I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain."
- 7 "I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.
- 8 'Ask of Me, and **I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance**, And the very ends of the earth as Your possession.
- 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron, You shall shatter them like earthenware."

God's promise to Abraham **concerned the nations**. Every local church must have a foreign policy because we are embassies. We come to the nations to declare the terms of their surrender. Psalm 2 speaks of a church that has matured into its identity through authentic spiritual fathers. A man BECOMES your father – implies a process of becoming through engagement through relationship.

Psalm 89:26-29

- 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.

God has relocated his 'theses' (Greek) within fathers and sons - 'You are my father'.
 'King above kings in the earth' = The context is the **exalted position of the church in the end time**. That church has come to the **recognition of the fatherhood of God** locked up in human vessels. When the church understands this, God makes His church, the **FIRSTBORN**.

Make = to ordain – to make a decree. We are superior to the devil because we are the firstborn son.

Psalm 2:7

"I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to Me, '**You are My Son**, Today I have begotten You.

"You are my son" – The internal realisation that God is your Father. When this is complete in your heart, then you can ask for the nations. Immediate and total obedience is necessary.

2. **A moving towards an integrated church life that shifts the focus from singularity/individuality toward community/corporate ownership and covenantal loyalty.**

The isolationist will be marginalised in this season.

Ecclesiastes 4:8 There was a certain man without a dependent, **having neither a son nor a brother**, yet there was no end to all his labor. Indeed, his eyes were not satisfied with riches *and he never asked*, "And for whom am I laboring and depriving myself of pleasure?" This too is vanity and it is a grievous task.

A man – had neither son nor brother – no end to his toil; no sonship nor brotherhood. The more you isolate, the more you toil. A lone ranger!

3. **A movement to integrated/joint ownership and a church without walls.**

When multiple sons come into deep covenantal relationship – based on mutual joining to a spiritual fathering grace. Corporate purpose transcends individual calling and purpose.

4. **A movement into understanding the sovereignty of God over His church, the nations in all issues relating to human life.**

Sovereignty = God holds all power and authority and can do what He wants to.

Amos 3:7 Surely the Lord **GOD does nothing Unless He reveals His secret counsel To His servants the prophets.**

The Sovereign God does nothing without revealing His secrets to prophets. A Sovereign God wants to partner with men on the earth.

God is the possessor of heaven and earth = 'EL Elyon'. God possesses all things on the earth see Psalm 24. You become a steward over the house of GOD.

Psalms 24:1 **A Psalm of David.** The earth is the LORD'S, and all it contains, The world, and those who dwell in it.

God Himself is behind the global crisis – He wants the attention on Him. In Nebuchadnezzar's day – Daniel's God was acknowledged.

5. **Movement into the Father's one thought and opinion which is Christ the Son of love.**

Christ, our life, our mind.

6. **Movement back into ETERNITY as an operational environment.**

Adam's sin caused him to fall from eternity into time. Our viewpoint is not earthly. We have the eternal perspective. Death is the veil over humanity that keeps them slaves to time.

7. **Movement to reinstitute the apostolate.**

Acts 15. They debated vigorously around the Word.

Session 8**Shaun Blignaut**

Christ - The Purpose of the Ages

Part 1

Thamo : The higher you go with the mount of revelation the more careful you need to be in taking your next step.

Shaun Blignaut :

Man has fallen out of eternity into time. Death came to all men through one man's sin. Isaiah 26 speaks of the shroud of death. There are some preachers that covenant with the death principle. We must die to our own carnality.

Prophets are builders with apostles – we are constructing something in the spirit here tonight.

Jonathan Swift – **“Vision is the art of seeing things invisible”**

The Apostolic has got to do with perceiving things invisible. You are apostolic when you are connected to the eternal – to the invisible. Christ is our means of reconnection back to the realm of the eternal. The death veil – the shroud of our mortality is preventing us from seeing God fully. Jesus rent the veil by His veil (his flesh + that which was in the temple).

The veil of our own mortality (flesh) must be torn so that with the blink of an eye we can access vision into that which is invisible. Most of us are cut off from the realm of the eternal. We are operating in the realm of eternity – this is our true reality. We ought to be of the same frequency that is transmitted from the throne. The tuning fork principle – tuning forks reverberate when struck. We ought to reverberate with the frequency emitted as that which exists in the heart of God. When God speaks, we ought to vibrate.



The mystery is **CHRIST IN YOU THE HOPE OF GLORY**. Christ is in me – set up within my spirit. Who is this Christ?

The things unseen are eternal – **living from eternity is an element of apostolic culture. You cannot be apostolic and not have an eternal view of things. We contradict the earth's reality because we are from another reality. We live in two time zones simultaneously.**

The presence of God is in us – unless of course the veil is not torn within you. Do not seek to get to God – God is living IN YOU.

John 17 – I in the Father and the Father in Me and We in you.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

- 16 Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.
- 17 For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an **eternal weight of glory** far beyond all comparison,
- 18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

The lowest form of life is living only that which your sight informs you of. When Adam fell out of time into chronology – **he lost his immortal status and the nearness of the invisibility of God**. All of us were once here also. This order of man never exists now in the mind of God. God made a new creation man. If any man is in Christ he is a new creation.

1 Corinthians 15:45 So also it is written, "The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL." The last Adam *became* a life-giving spirit.

Adam lives out of the reality of a sick soul. He became his own god and is led by an un-renewed soul that is at enmity with God. A man of the flesh cannot please God.

The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. Jesus was after the order of Melchisedek – without beginning or end. He had His genealogy outside of time. Abraham was a Hebrew – the ability to transcend – one that knows how to transcend that operates from one zone to the next – **he can jump out from and over barriers to and within himself**. When Abraham bended his knee to Melchisedek, we were all in the loins of Abraham.

Galatians 3:29 through Christ we are Abraham's seed.

Abraham was a timeless man – he submitted to Melchisedek that could not produce genealogy. He existed in the power of an indestructible life.

"After the order" of Melchisedek:

Order = dibra (from dabar) – when God speaks He releases the resources necessary to get the job done. This speaks of a WORD order – this brings forth life through the speaking of God's Word.

We too became a life-giving spirit – when we speak forth the WORD (logos becomes rhema to those that hear it). Inside of us we have the Word. We are born again by the Word of God. God imputed Himself into your spirit - came in as a seed through the Word. This seed must germinate and grow up in you after its kind. Your womb (spirit) is the receptacle of the eternal. The Word expresses something from eternity in time within your heart.

1 Corinthians 15:46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual.

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

Christ was always the first man in the mind of God, but in time – Adam was the first man. That which is first shall be last and that which is last shall be first. In which man are you a partaker of?

God has put eternity in your heart. We are eternal beings living in a time zone of chronology. Man has been reduced to mortality. But because of the new birth – there is a renewal process afoot. There is a timeless aspect being reproduced within us. Eternity is inside of you. **God wants to burst the bubble of our mortality so that eternity can come forth.** The way to do this is through the Word! In the beginning you had the Word and the Spirit. Then God started speaking – God SAID. Nothing happens until GOD SAYS. IF God did not say anything, nothing would have happened. There are two agencies – The Spirit and the Word. When we speak, **creative activity starts to take place.** God's word is in OUR MOUTH. His Word in our mouths, is like His Word in His mouth.

We speak the revelation of the Scriptures (not just the Scriptures per se). Your mortality says 'impossible', but not the eternal realm. Are you a time related being, or are you an eternal being?

Rev 4 – “Come up higher” – you ascend because of revelation – because you have seen it – you begin to ascend. You live on the earth, but the culture of the earth has no hold on you anymore.

1 Corinthians 5:48 As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly.

1 Corinthians 15:49 Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.

Romans 8:29(KJV) For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestine *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the **firstborn** among many brethren.

'Firstborn' = first in a line of descent; the pre-eminent nature of the one born first – after which we are imaged in the likeness.

ETERNITY

Concepts related to Eternity:

- Everlasting or perpetual life
- Power to live beyond restrictions of time
- Relevant in changing seasons
- When you are no longer seduced, limited or polluted by the present - Christ in you must burst out from you in reality

We are not anticipating something in the future – we appropriate it now. We are from heaven – we are not focussed on going to heaven.

Sight is essential – see John 9 – wash in the pool of Siloam – in apostolic doctrine. Bath and wash continually in apostolic doctrine. You have to be connected to an apostolic flow. You must access that which is eternal in time.

Romans 1:1 -4

- 1 Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called *as* an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,
- 2 which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures,
- 3 concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh,
- 4 who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the **Spirit of holiness**, Jesus Christ our Lord,

Revelation 22:16

"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. **I am the root and the descendant of David**, the bright morning star."

As to His deity - He is the root of David.

As to His humanity - He is the son of David.

In His humanity He was the last in the long list of kings after David - son of man.

But as Son of God – He is Lord and Christ unto David.

God brought the timeless aspect of His nature into the BODY of Jesus. He was tempted in all forms yet without sin. In the body of Jesus, the 'earth-man', God put that which is timeless.

Emmanuel = God with us. He made Himself of no reputation. This was His self-emptying – He placed Himself willingly under the authority of His Father – and did not exercise the attributes of deity without clear command and will of His father. This is sonship. He allowed His father to exercise His will in and through a fully obedient son. **Christ is in Us – 'Christ is us'** - the hope of Glory.

Matthew 1:1 (KJV)

The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

He is the son of Abraham and the son of David

Son of David - Unto Him was given the right to rule – this is our dominion mandate.

Psalm 2 – Ask of me and I will give you the nations as your inheritance. Jesus said to His disciple : I have been given all authority in heaven and earth. This is the language of Melchisedek blessing Abraham – "God as possessor of heaven and earth". Jesus served bread and wine to His disciples. So allow God to inflict your flesh – this has to do with separation. How much do you desire this Christ?

Go ye and baptise the nations in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit, i.e. 'into the nature and character – all the attributes embodied in God's nature.

Teach them = indoctrinate them.

Christ is the fullness of the Father, Son and Spirit. The fullness of the God-head BODILY.

He is the 'Lord Jesus Christ'. Jesus was the name of His humility. The man was made both Lord and Christ. This Christ is in you. Do not walk around defeated. Christ is in you. In the last days there will be many false Christ's who will say "Go to the wilderness to find this Christ".

1 Corinthians 6 :17 Those **joined unto the Lord** are **ONE SPIRIT** with Him

Ephessians 5:25- 33

- 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,
 26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,
 27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.
 28 So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself;
 29 for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also *does* the church,
 30 because we are members of His body.
 31 FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND **THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.**
 32 This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.
 33 Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must *see to it* that she respects her husband.

The two become one flesh – talking about Christ and the church. We and Christ become one flesh in one body – the Body of Christ. We are baptised by one Spirit into one body. Baptism = burial. You only bury that which is dead. We are the Body of Christ – we are the place out of which He finds expression – He manoeuvres through us.

Romans 16:25 – 27

- 25 Now to Him who is able to **establish you according to my gospel** and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past,
 26 but now is manifested, and **by the Scriptures** of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, *leading to* obedience of faith;
 27 to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen.

Paul says ‘my gospel’ – not the gospel of God as he said in Romans 1.

Two aspects of the gospel: the one in the scriptures and the one revealed to Paul.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

- 1 Now I make known to you, brethren, **the gospel which I preached to you**, which also you received, in which also you stand,
 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.
 3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
 4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

Luke 24:44(KJV)

And he said unto them, These *are* **the words which I spake unto you**, while I was yet with you, that all things **must be fulfilled, which were written** in the law of Moses, and *in* the prophets, and *in* the psalms, concerning me.

Ephessians 6:19(KJV)

And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the **mystery of the gospel**,

The 'mystery of the gospel' was kept hidden in the heart of God, not in the Scriptures.

Thamo:

The present diet of the church cannot accept teachings like this. While Christ is in us – He is also in heaven – His seed is in us so that we would be conformed to His image. **Christ appears in us and TO us**. While we are being formed into body, He is still the head!

Session 13Shaun Bliganut

Christ - The Purpose of the Ages

Part 2

Hebron is higher than Zion. Hebron is the highest place you can come to. Celebrate your brothers even though they misinterpret you. Love the brotherhood. In the God-head there is only ranking for function. We are all brothers, but there is the first amongst equals. You are only first because of function. I am amazed at the Body of Christ – there is no race, class or gender distinctions. In this economy the apostles are ranked FIRST. Second does not mean ‘second’. **The ‘second’ comes after the ‘first’ to complete it.** Apostles convey, by their voice, foundations in the mind of men. Prophets relate more to the heart. Apostolic warfare is concentrated in the mind. In 2 Cor. 10 – this is apostolic warfare, not the general warfare of the Body of Christ. Paul was describing his apostolic warfare when he said ...

2 Cor 10:3-6

- 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh,
- 4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 5 *We are* destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and *we are* taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,
- 6 and we are ready to punish all disobedience, whenever your obedience is complete

A REMINDER OF THE SEVEN THINGS I STRESSED IN SESSION 2

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2. A moving towards an integrated church life that shifts the focus from singularity/individuality toward community/corporate ownership and covenantal loyalty. The isolationist will be marginalised in this season.
3. A movement to integrated joint ownership and a church without walls – when multiple sons come into deep covenantal relationship – based on mutual joining to a spiritual fathering grace. Corporate purpose transcends individual calling and purpose.
4. A movement into understanding the sovereignty of God over His church, the nations in all issues relating to human life. Sovereignty = God holds all power and authority and can do what He wants to. There are sovereign things that will take place in a believer’s life that will only make sense with reference to and reliance upon the sovereignty of God.
5. Movement into the Father’s one thought and opinion which is Christ the Son of love. Christ, our life, our mind, etc. This is the corporate son. This is the way God fills all things with Christ.

6. Movement back into ETERNITY as an operational environment. Adam's sin caused him to fall from eternity into time. Our viewpoint is not earthly but from the eternal perspective. Death is the veil over humanity that keeps them slaves to time.
7. Movement to reinstitute the apostolate – see Acts 15. They debated vigorously around the word.
Apostles from various streams all over the world – based on covenantal love, will be joined together. God will do this sovereignly. They will discuss the great issues of the doctrine of Christ. God is right now, re-prioritising the structure of the kingdom to accomplish this great task. We all have been baptised into one 'Body'. Baptism requires 'death' first. We have been baptised into one body – we lose all race, class and gender distinctions.

Ephesians 1:9,10

- 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

The mystery of God is purposed in Christ (v.9). All of the patterns of belief that exists in Christ – only those things are the legitimate material would be built into the Body of Christ. The body must agree with the head. This defines our culture and our belief system- and this becomes a philosophy of life. This culture comes through the medium of the doctrine of Christ. Our doctrine is Christ – the person of Christ (Father, Son and Spirit). The doctrine of Christ is that of Father and Son (See 1 John 2)

In the United Nations Organisation, the 'holy nation', i.e. 'us', should also have a seat. Our nationhood comes directly out from God. We have citizenship in this holy nation in the jurisdiction of the earth. We are ambassadors in this world to represent the viewpoint of the heavenly nation in the earth. **We have an ambassadorial function.** In this sense we have been apostolically mandated to baptise the nations. We conscientise the nations to the fact that there is a higher government in rank than theirs. **This is the administration of the nations.**

Your local expression of the body becomes in a local context, the embassy for God in your jurisdiction. You transact Kingdom business. "On this rock I will build my church" = ecclesia = not just called out – but carries with it governmental overtones. The ecclesia has to do with the senate of Caesar. The senate was a called out group from the general citizenry to present the will, minds and thought of Caesar to the nation. We, as a first fruit, are the cabinet of our God. When we come together, we are about issues of government. We pass laws and legislation. The ASOM here is a segment of this global senate called to hear what is on God's heart. We go from here to execute the law in our jurisdiction.

Ephesians 1:9 And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he **purposed in Christ**,

Ephesians 1:10 to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, **even Christ**

We have been hammering our doctrine in each school (ASOM) for over 21 years.

How does God govern in a jurisdiction. What is the function of a king? He governs. He governs by the word of his mouth. He passes laws or decrees – he promulgates a law. You are a jurisdictional entity. I represent the King in matters pertaining to His kingdom. We all have been sent in this sense. **We represent the viewpoint of our government by the power of decree.** I am a king-priest. A priest is connected to the throne. If you disconnect a king from his throne – the work becomes a humanistic effort. We enforce the law of our King in our spheres of influence (e.g. places of work).

Ten Commandments – four relate to God and six relate to man. If we only focus on that which relates to men – we become a social organisation with social programmes. If man loves man without man being connected to God, then ‘man towards man’ is called humanism. Any action of love towards others whilst being cut off from the throne of God becomes humanism. Social programmes are not wrong per se, but we are to understand our priority in the God-head. Apostles and prophets bring us back to a heavenly protocol, ideology and philosophy.

Oikonomeo = from (oikos = house) and (‘nomos’ = law)

Every household must have the same law. God is restoring His lineage through households of faith. You do not carry a man’s seed in you. Our Heavenly Father impregnates in our spiritual wombs - that Christ might be formed in us. Something must be formed. In this culture a spiritual father facilitates this – to form Christ in you. Until then, no weaning can take place. He weans you back to your sonship identity with God, the Father. God has communicable attributes. We must establish human-kind within His nature. A father begets a son so that the son operates just like the father. Love, mercy, peace, grace, etc. = communicable divine attributes.

A spiritual father is one that has shown through God’s dealing in his life – those divine communicable attributes he has mastered – and he now comes to represent these to another. He becomes a steward over others who have not yet matured into the image of God. Sons imitate the father – not emulation. Imitate has got to do with how Christ is formed within you. When sons are mature you are connected to your divine sonship – and the father becomes ‘invisible’.

oikoinomeo - In every house – grace is dispensed through the release of the Word.

Authenticity

In this environment, we anticipate a corporate baptism of some kind, like it happened in Acts 2. Peter stood up with the eleven. We who preach are pursuing the same objective - to present man perfect in Christ. We must come to the place of authenticity. There are many voices in the church today – and not all are authentic.

Rev 1 - 'I heard a voice – and I turned to see the voice'. We are not preaching anymore to an uninformed audience. The sound of the proceeding word from our mouth must carry an authenticity for it to transform hearts and minds.

Jacob by deception had stolen the blessing from Esau – for many years Jacob ran with someone else's blessing and became a millionaire. There came a time when he had to meet Esau. He was scared and so he sent gifts ahead of him.

Genesis 32: 21-24

- 21 So the present passed on before him, while he himself spent that night in the camp.
- 22 Now he arose that same night and took his two wives and his two maids and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the **Jabbok**.
- 23 He took them and sent them across the stream. And he sent across whatever he had.
- 24 Then Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

Many of us are defined by things that should not define us.

Jacob sent everyone away. We can enhance the corporate dynamic by each of us individually coming to terms with who we are in Christ. Jacob wrestled all night until God blessed him.

Genesis 32:25 – 32

- 25 When he saw that he had not prevailed against him, he touched the socket of his thigh; so the socket of Jacob's thigh was dislocated while he wrestled with him.
- 26 Then he said, "Let me go, for the dawn is breaking." But he said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."
- 27 So he said to him, "**What is your name? And he said, "Jacob."**
- 28 He said, "Your name shall no longer be Jacob, but Israel; for you have striven with God and with men and have prevailed."
- 29 Then Jacob asked him and said, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And he blessed him there.
- 30 So Jacob named the place Peniel, for *he said*, "**I have seen God face to face, yet my life has been preserved.**"
- 31 Now the sun rose upon him just as he crossed over Penuel, and he was limping on his thigh.
- 32 Therefore, to this day the sons of Israel do not eat the sinew of the hip which is on the socket of the thigh, because he touched the socket of Jacob's thigh in the sinew of the hip.

God wants you alone – by yourself. Learn to practice the silence. Silence seems to be a doorway into an intimate time with the Lord. Set your mind on things above. Train yourself to focus mentally.

Cut off your phone, PC and **focus undistractedly** for an hour – and see how your mind will play games with you.

When Satan cannot withhold truth, he attempts to pollute it with the counterfeit. Satan multiplies the truth by dosing it with error. E.g. spiritual father and spiritual son is designed to bring forth Divine sonship – do not lose sight of this.

Spend time in the presence of God. Wait on the Lord with a hungry heart and an open spirit – it changes who you are. Meditation is a lost art today. The church must rescue that which has been hijacked by eastern religion. The enemy has robbed us of our legal inheritance. **We need to hear the voice of God and drown out contrary signals.**

Matt 24- as it was in the days of Noah – so shall it be in the time of the coming of the son of man. The days of Noah are linked to the days of Lot. God could see the world reaching a level of great depravity and decay. People were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage. The world is degenerating on all fronts. E.g. research into human enhancement – to create a better human being – similar to Gen. 6 – there were mighty men – men of renown.

Our only agenda is to present every man perfect in Christ. This is the goal of five-fold ministry – Eph. 4:11. Through time we only highlighted one of these in specific seasons. God is going to bring all five graces together to function together.

The East is invading the West with all of its philosophies. When God saw the condition of the earth, He was grieved for man. BUT there was Noah. Noah means REST. Learn to REST. After the defining experience of Jacob, after he wrestled with the angel – he proceeded with a limp – God slowed him down. Move slower but more strategically and definitively. You will have a limp – something that will indicate that you had a defining moment in God. Allow God to take off all the false notions of identity from you.

Noah was in rest in conditions that grieved God – Noah had a righteous walk with God. God is in rest in spite of the decay of the world. We must walk with Him.

Hebrews 11:7 By faith, Noah built a ship in the middle of dry land. He was warned about something he couldn't see, and acted on what he was told. The result? His family was saved. His act of faith drew a sharp line between the evil of the unbelieving world and the rightness of the believing world. As a result, Noah became intimate with God. (Msg)

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

Noah condemned the world by his own personal standard and by what he built.

Isaiah 4:1 For seven women will take hold of one man in that day, saying, "We will eat our own bread and wear our own clothes, only let us be called by your name; take away our reproach!"

These women were prostitutes. They wanted the name of a man to take away their reproach. They want to be apostolic – want the language – etc. but do not want to get married. They want covering without commitment.

Isaiah 4: 2 – 6

- 2 In that day the Branch of the LORD will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth will be the pride and the adornment of the survivors of Israel.
- 3 It will come about that he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy—everyone who is recorded for life in Jerusalem.
- 4 When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and purged the bloodshed of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and the spirit of burning,
- 5 then the LORD will create over the whole area of Mount Zion and over her assemblies a cloud by day, even smoke, and the brightness of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory will be a canopy.
- 6 There will be a shelter to give shade from the heat by day, and refuge and protection from the storm and the rain.

Judgment has started in the household of God.

Isaiah 66:1-2

- 1 Thus says the LORD, "Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool. Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest?"
- 2 "For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being," declares the LORD. "But to this one I will look, To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.

Isaiah 66 – the kind of people God is attracted to. “To this man will I look” – angels position themselves to serve you. Expect more of these things to happen. Give your spiritual man time to connect with God.

It took astrologers from the east to know where the Christ would be born. Our intellect must bow to the spirit of truth.

Imagine Moses stepping out into the presence of a timeless God – it felt like seconds – yet when he stepped out it was 40 days later.

1 Kings 18:30 Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." So all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD which had been torn down.

Elijah watered the entire elements of all the sacrifice so that no human manipulation could take place.

1Kings 18:36 – 38

- 36 At the time of the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, Elijah the prophet came near and said, "O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, today let it be known that You are God in Israel and that I am Your servant and I have done all these things at Your word.
- 37 "Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that You, O LORD, are God, and *that* You have turned their heart back again."
- 38 Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

Elijah recognises God as God of the fathers. The fire fell from heaven. Things will escalate .

Give serious time to waiting on the Lord.

The use of symbolism and hence symbolic interpretation is important in the present Apostolic season. Symbolism is the employment of one thing to represent another. When the plain sense does not make common sense then seek another sense.

John 6:53 So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves.

John 6:66 As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore.

When many failed to understand the symbolic language of Jesus, they left Him – prematurely. Failure to understand allegorical and symbolic references will cause many to leave us. We must become skilled in the art/science of symbolic interpretation, otherwise we will miss much of what God is trying to communicate to us.

GUIDELINES FOR SYMBOLIC INTERPRETATION

- A) **FEATURE LINK** There must be features common to both.
- B) **CONTEXT LINK** Because an object may symbolise more than one thing, the context must be examined to determine what is being symbolised (e.g. lion may symbolise satan, Jesus or an overcoming believer.)
- C) **BIBLICAL LINK** Because the Bible interprets its own symbols, the scriptures must be searched to determine the interpretation of the symbol.
- D) **CULTURE LINK** The symbol must be interpreted in its cultural context.
- E) **LANGUAGE LINK** Interpret the symbol in the language in which it was communicated.
- F) **SYMBOLIC LINK** If the verses under consideration make literal sense, then symbolic interpretation is valid if the contextual scriptures suggest this or if the Bible uses the object as a common symbol.

Example : The Church is compared to a woman – (The bride of Christ)

E.g.	The Shunemite woman =	The Resting church	-	see ABC Notes (lesson 28)
	The Shulamite Woman =	The Perfect church	-	see ABC Notes (lesson 16)
	The Bent Woman =	The Deformed church	-	see ABC Notes (lesson 11)
	The Harlot in Prov.7 =	The False Church	-	see ABC Notes (lesson 8)

THE SPIRIT OF NIMROD

Genesis 10:8-12(KJV)

- 8 And **Cush begat Nimrod**: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.
- 9 He was a **mighty hunter** before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.
- 10 And the **beginning of his kingdom was Babel**, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the **land of Shinar**.
- 11 Out of that land went forth Asshur, and builded Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth, and Calah,
- 12 And Resen between Nineveh and Calah: the same *is* a great city.

Nimrod is a descendant of Ham, who was cursed.

Gen 9:20 -23(KJV)

- 20 And Noah began *to be* an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard:
- 21 And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and **he was uncovered within his tent**.
- 22 And **Ham**, the father of Canaan, **saw the nakedness of his father**, and told his two brethren without.
- 23 And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid *it* upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces *were* backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness.

Ham saw the nakedness of his father and Noah curses his son Canaan.

What is the nakedness of your father?

Leviticus 20:11(KJV) the man who **lies with his father's** wife has uncovered his father's nakedness.

Ham slept with his mother. Out of this Canaan was born – and Noah curses Canaan.

Nimrod came from Ham. It's a spirit that covets your father's bride/wife.

There are many examples of this spirit in Scripture:

Amos 2:7-8 (KJV)

- 7 That pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek: and **a man and his father will go in unto the same maid**, to profane my holy name:
- 8 And they lay *themselves* down upon clothes laid to pledge by every altar, and they drink the wine of the condemned *in* the house of their god.

- Reuben slept with Bilhah - his father's concubine – Reuben lost his first born status.

Genesis 35:22(KJV) And it came to pass, when Israel dwelt in that land, that **Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine:** and **Israel heard it.** Now the sons of Jacob were twelve:

- Incest amongst the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 5:1(KJV) It is reported commonly *that there is fornication among you,* and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that **one should have his father's wife.**

- Absalom

2 Samuel 15:13(KJV) And there came a messenger to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom.

2 Samuel 16:21-22 (KJV)

- 21 And Ahithophel said unto Absalom, **Go in unto thy father's concubines,** which he hath left to keep the house; and all Israel shall hear that thou art abhorred of thy father: then shall the hands of all that *are* with thee be strong.
- 22 So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house; and **Absalom went in unto his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel.**

- Adonijah desired Abishag – David's concubine – in attempt to gain the throne from Solomon.

1 Kings 2:19(KJV) Bathsheba therefore went unto king Solomon, to speak unto him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand.

The set man represents the FATHER in the church. The set-man also represents God as husband. The local church allegorically is his wife. Duty is to protect his wife. This has been violated in some cases by inaccurate set-men who 'rape' the church of God.

The set-man, vicariously, is the husband to the local church. He protects the bride and will present the bride like Jesus, spotless.

Now there will be a son in the house who carries the spirit of Nimrod who does not desire the father's mantle, but the father's wife. This is the spirit of Nimrod.

Exodus 29:29-30

- 29 "The **holy garments of Aaron shall be for his sons** after him, that in them they may be anointed and ordained.
- 30 "For seven days the **one of his sons who is priest** in his stead shall **put them on when he enters the tent of meeting to minister** in the holy place.

For Aaron's sons to operate in the holy place they had to wear Aaron's mantle. Sons in your house must wear your mantle. Sons cannot design their own mantle to covet your wife (church).

How do you inherit a mantle?

For Elisha to inherit the mantle – it took him twenty years. He left Abel Mehloar – burnt his oxen – followed Elijah – Gilgal – circumcise; Bethel – house of the father; Jericho = aroma = give like the father; Jordan – descent.

Elisha was content with seeing his father's ascension. Rejoice in your spiritual father's ascension and promotion – do not be jealous.

Nimrod changed the government into tyranny. He wanted to build a tower of Babel.

Genesis 11:1-10

- 1 Now the **whole earth used the same language and the same words**.
- 2 It came about as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the **land of Shinar** and settled there.
- 3 They said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and burn *them* thoroughly." And they used brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar.
- 4 They said, "Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top *will reach* into heaven, and let us **make for ourselves a name**, otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."
- 5 The LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.
- 6 The LORD said, "Behold, they are **one people**, and they all have **the same language**. And this is what they began to do, and **now nothing which they purpose** to do will be impossible for them.
- 7 "Come, let Us go down and there **confuse their language**, so that they will not understand one another's speech."
- 8 So the **LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of the whole earth**; and they stopped building the city.
- 9 Therefore its name was called **Babel**, because there the LORD confused the language of the whole earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of the whole earth.
- 10 These are *the records of* the generations of Shem. Shem was one hundred years old, and became the father of Arpachshad two years after the flood;

Nimrod = rebellion

1. **He rebelled against God**; he brought men to depend on his power and not God. He built toward heaven but his motives were wrong.
 - His building was water-proof – impervious to the Word of God;
 - He built with brick = uniformity;
 - There is a spirit in Shinar – a political spirit – it does not want you to ascribe your happiness to God; This spirit promoted state dependence with independence – spirit of secularisation : (stops prayer in govt. facilities; promotes state control of education and moral values; opposed to home schooling; promotes abortion; promotes welfare ; promotion of same sex marriages, prostitution, loss of tax exemption, revoking of marriage licenses; promotes all religion on the same platform; reason and human thinking supercedes faith;

2 Timothy 3:1(KJV) This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2. **Nimrod was the founder of Babylon and builder of Nineveh.**

Babylon = confusion = institutional Christianity (captivity; changes your language; wants to own your diet, changes your name, makes you a eunuch – unproductive)

3. **Nimrod was a mighty hunter** – he is proud – has personal ambition, self-reliance, narcissistic personality disorder. They look for a pastor who has a dependent personality disorder. Mental illness can also affects pastors, apostles, etc. Our protection is the community and relationships.

The Targum says he **was a murderer of innocent men.** He hunted the children of men. He is a predator for the souls of men. He wants to own other human beings.

Nimrod embodied what the king of Sodom said to Abram in Gen 14: **“Give me the people and take the goods for yourself”**.

All people – all souls belong to the Lord and not to men.

Ezek 18:4 ‘All the souls are mine’

God is asserting His possession. God owns our spiritual sons.

The spirit of Nimrod operated in ...

- Pharaoh
- Jeroboam
- Diotrepes (3 John 9)
- The man of sin (2 Thess 2)

4. **Genesis 10:8(KJV)** And **Cush begat Nimrod:** he began to be a **mighty one in the earth.**

Nimrod had his own kingdom. He turned territories into his kingdom. There is no such thing as a father of a city – you are only a father of sons – not of a city. Nimrod has a spirit of territorialism. Everyone is free to go wherever they want to go.

Your sphere is only the limitations of your grace – not actual geographical territory.

Josiah thought he owned the territory. He was killed by Pharaoh Neco.

The Amorites tried to stop Israel and they entered into judgements.

The lame and the blind tried to prevent David from coming into Jebus – lame and the blind become territorial and attempt to prevent territorial advance of the Kingdom.

5. **Nimrod violates Doctrine, fellowship (people are in captivity), table of the Lord, and prayer.**

The end result of the Nimrod system is the dissipation of grace.

The Nimrod spirit perpetuates a mother-child relationship and not a father and son relationship. This operating system is still prevalent today in the church. Two thousand years later the child is still a child. The mother and child is the worship of immaturity. The child is not permitted to grow. Many church systems promote immaturity.

The present battle within the apostolic is between the mature and immature; and between older sons and younger sons. In the time of Zerubbabel's building, the older company is mourning and the younger company is rejoicing. In the Tabernacle of Moses, the battle or tension is "movement from outer court to most holy place" versus "coming out from the most holy place from God into the outer court".

6. **The Absence of the second travail for maturity** – for Christ to be formed in people.
7. **Enhances a dependant mentality** – requests constant counselling.
8. **Veneration of nursing** – driven by felt need. The gathering is a crèche and not a church.
9. **Veneration of sentimental ties.**

This is a widow's house. The grace of 'mothering' is found in the fathering. Paul said he had nursed the Thessalonians.

The Nimrod system is being judged presently. Churches built on this system are dying or are dead. God is restoring a father-son wineskin.

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Wisdom

Part 1

Apostolic Hermeneutics leans heavily on symbolic and allegorical interpretation. Apostles are stewards of the mysteries of God.

Jesus was highly symbolic. He was seldom literal. When His disciples spoke of buying literal meat to appease their hunger, He said, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me". This is symbolic. He used parables often, even with the apostles. To Peter, God gave a vision in which he saw all kinds of animals. This vision has to be worked out to understand the meaning.

E.g. The story of the prodigal son could be interpreted from different vantage points. The Evangelists' perspectives and focus is on repentance. From a pastoral perspective you focus on the loving father and the two sons - the wayward son arose and came to his senses. Two sons are in the house. One that comes to the father of the house and one that comes to the house of the father. From an apostolic perspective, the problem is an absent mother – the mothers are a symbol of the prophetic. When prophetic grace is absent in the house, the sons become wayward.

The concept of networks, fraternals and denominations can be seen in the Old Testament in symbols.

A metaphor must magnify Christ, it must edify the Body of Christ, promote holiness, oppress religious spirits and release people from bondage. Symbols can illustrate doctrine but cannot be used to generate doctrine.

Peter and John were *untrained* men / unlearned men.

Act 4:13 Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed, and *began* to recognize them as having been with Jesus.

Untrained = idiots = biblical idiots

Illogical Obedience: E.g. the offering of Isaac, Joshua walking around Jericho, Naaman dipping in the Jordan.

Denying of Danger: The disciples preached even after they were threatened; Paul still went to Jerusalem. The two spies said, "Let us go to possess the land".

Illogical in Generosity: Macedonian church gave beyond measure.

Overindulgent : especially in eating and drinking.

Talks without restraint: Peter's commitment and then denial.

1 Cor 4:10 "We are **fools for Christ**".

Fool = Moros, we get the word moron.

Paul preached and he was let down with a basket. (Paul became your typical 'basket case' – lol)

Act 9:23(KJV) And when many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel together **to kill him:**

The 'idiot' is uniquely endowed with the wisdom of God.

Proverbs 4:7 "wisdom is the principal thing" (not faith or prayer)

Wisdom brings with it many blessing and benefits to us.

Proverbs 4: 7 – 14 (KJV)

- 7 **Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore** get wisdom; Yea, with all thy getting **get understanding.**
- 8 Exalt her, and she will promote thee; She will bring thee to honor, when thou dost embrace her.
- 9 **She will give to thy head a chaplet of grace;** A crown of beauty will she deliver to thee.
- 10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; And the years of thy life shall be many.
- 11 **I have taught thee in the way of wisdom;** I have led thee in paths of uprightness.
- 12 When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; And if thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.
- 13 Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: Keep her; for she is thy life.
- 14 Enter not into the path of the wicked, And walk not in the way of evil men.

Proverbs 4: 20- 22 (KJV)

- 20 My son, **attend to my words;** Incline thine ear unto my sayings.
- 21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; Keep them in the midst of thy heart.
- 22 For they are life unto those that find them, And health to all their flesh.

Proverbs 21:20 (KJV) There is **precious treasure** and **oil** in the **dwelling of the wise;** But a foolish man swalloweth it up.

Proverbs 3:35(KJV) **The wise shall inherit glory;** But shame shall be the promotion of fools.

If you get wisdom you get promotion, honour, grace, glory, anointing, length of days, you will not stumble, health to your flesh.

Christ is the wisdom of God.

How do you get wisdom?

- Ask of God
- He who walks with wise men will be wise!

Characteristic Features of Wisdom:

Job 28:7 That path no bird of prey knoweth, Neither hath the falcon's eye seen it:

A path where there is no predator, no demons, and this path is a symbol of a way of life. There is a way of life that will confer immunity from all demons. Man is unable to find the secret path. It cannot be bought with the treasures of the earth. This secret path is not known by death. Sickness does not know this path. **This secret path is wisdom and understanding.**

1. **Wisdom is Walking Wisely.**

Ephesians 5:15-21.

- 15 Therefore be careful how you walk, **not as unwise men but as wise,**
- 16 **making the most of your time,** because the days are evil.
- 17 So then **do not be foolish,** but **understand what the will of the Lord is.**
- 18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, **but be filled with the Spirit,**
- 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;
- 20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;
- 21 and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

Walk circumspectly, walk accurately according to the steps of Christ, redeem the time, and do not waste time. Give yourself to prayer and to the Word; understand what the will of God is now.

Know what to do in your time and season:

- Noah would say, ... "Build an ark".
 - Lot would say, ... "Get outside the city".
 - Moses would say, ... "Keep the commandments"
 - John would say, ... "Repent".
 - Paul would say, ... "Believe on Jesus, be filled with the Spirit".
 - Paul would also say,... "Speaking to one another"
- [No individualism – the most dangerous pastor in the earth is the isolated pastor).

2. **Wise Master Building - Laying the Foundation first which is Christ**

1 Co 3:9 (KJV) For we are God's fellow-workers: ye are God's husbandry, **God's building.**

The laying of foundations determine the glory and the weight that the building can carry. Cheribums stood on the box in which the manna, Aaron's rod and the law were.

3. Wisdom is Good Conduct.

James 3: 13-15(KJV)

- 13 Who is wise and understanding among you? let him **show by his good life his works** in meekness of wisdom.
- 14 But if ye have **bitter jealousy and faction in your heart**, glory not and lie not against the truth.
- 15 This wisdom is **not a wisdom that cometh down from above**, but is **earthly, sensual, devilish.**

The wisdom from below is earthly, sensual and demonic, bitter, envying and self-seeking. Whenever there is envy there is confusion and every evil thing.

James 3:17-18 indicates that wisdom is about good conduct.

Jas 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first **pure, then peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without variance, without hypocrisy.**

Jas 3:18 And the **fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for them that make peace.**

4. Who is that Wise Steward

Matthew 24:42-47

- 42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.
- 43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.
- 44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.
- 45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?
- 46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.
- 47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him **ruler over all his goods.**

The wise steward gives food in due season. **He understands the priority of function and feeding the sheep of the Lord.** Jesus fed the multitude after teaching the people for three days. The modern church has shifted away from theology to therapy. The main objective of the church is to feed the Word of God. The steward must be faithful.

5. Wise Builders

Matthew 7:24-27 indicates that the wise are “those who hear the words of God and do them”.

Hear – listen, understand and do. The one who does the Word of God is a wise man. He will withstand the flood (tribulation) and the wind (the change of doctrine).

Matthew 25:1-13 (KJV)

- 1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.
- 2 And **five of them were wise**, and five *were* foolish.
- 3 They that *were* foolish took their lamps, and took **no oil with them**:
- 4 But the **wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps**.
- 5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.
- 6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.
- 7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.
- 8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.
- 9 But the wise answered, saying, *Not so; lest* there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.
- 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and **they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut**.
- 11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.
- 12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.
- 13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

The Kingdom of Heaven is likened to ten virgins. The Kingdom is past, present and future.

The Past : Matthew 25 is written in the context of the destruction of the temple, hence the allusion is to two kinds of Jews. When the temple was destroyed there was a distinction between the wise and the foolish Jew.

The Future: The wise and the foolish were in the same place but were separated. Wheat and tares also. The future separation

Present Application: Midnight – time of crisis; a time of separation from one time and another. All the virgins looked the same, but 5 did not have oil in their lamps. At midnight the foolish virgins got the revelation that they have to buy oil. Oil or anointing costs, it is not free. **Do not find out in the hour of crisis that you did not pay the price.** You can get this anointing by dwelling in unity –Psalms 133. If you are isolated then you are not paying the price. Also you have to hunger and thirst for rivers of living of water; also through relationships to an apostolic father; also through labour for the Lord. Also, walk in obedience- glory fills the tabernacle. Also, quick repentance. Also, ask for more.

6. Wise as a Serpent and Harmless as Doves.

Matt 10:16(KJV) Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

Note – ‘Sheep in the midst of wolves. Moses was wise. Moses was learned in all the Egyptian knowledge and culture but was very humble.

Daniel was in the midst of Babylon yet operated in wisdom.

Dan 5:13-14

13 Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king spoke and said to Daniel, "Are you that Daniel who is one of the exiles from Judah, whom my father the king brought from Judah?"

14 "Now I have heard about you that a spirit of the gods is in you, and that illumination, insight and extraordinary wisdom have been found in you

Daniel 6:4 – no error or fault was found in him.

Dan 6:4 Then the commissioners and satraps began trying to find a ground of accusation against Daniel in regard to government affairs; but they could find no ground of accusation or *evidence of corruption*, inasmuch as he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption was to be found in him.

WHAT IS THE WISDOM OF THE SERPENT ?

- ✚ **Be a benefit and blessing to your employer in your work place** . Paul casts the demon out of a slave girl who had a python evil spirit. Her owners were upset because she brought them much gain. If you bring your employer much gain it will be very hard for your employer to retrench you.
- ✚ Wisdom will make you **attack systems** so that you will **dethrone the system**. Daniel attacks the heel of the horse to capsize the rider.
- ✚ The snake eats its prey whole. Take **all the revelation and not just part of it**.
- ✚ Snake is able to twist itself around its prey. Your food is your prey. **Bind yourself to your task**.
- ✚ The snake asks **provoking questions** (garden of Eden).
- ✚ The snake knows how to shed its skin – **disconnect from your past**.
- ✚ The snake senses its prey, it discerns its prey. **Discern good opportunities** like Joshua and Caleb.
- ✚ It makes a quick strike – **seize the opportunity**.
- ✚ **There are certain voices that you must not hear**. Be deaf to gossip. Psalms 58:4 speaks of the deaf cobra.

Psa 58:4(KJV) Their poison *is* like the poison of a serpent: *they are* like the deaf adder *that* stoppeth her ear;

✚ The snake **recognises seasons** - it hibernates in winter and comes out in summer.

✚ It **slithers without getting hurt**.

Proverbs 30:19 “the way of the snake on a rock”.

✚ A snake has the **instinctive capacity to hide**. It prevents being noticed for many months. Know how to hide. Do not expose yourself with too many photos (e.g. on facebook – don’t provide the enemy with a GPS system on you) Moses was hidden, so was Joseph, Elisha knew how to hide. Jesus was hidden for thirty years.

✚ Certain snakes **know how to pretend that they are dead**. It has the ability to duck so as to avoid injury to its head. David ducked javelins. Avoid the stones aimed at your head. Know **how to avoid offences**. This is wisdom.

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Part 2

Symbolic interpretation is part of apostolic hermeneutics. **Symbolism is essential to understand what God is saying.** For example, you can leave a church represented by Egypt or Babylon (no apostolic culture; ownership of diet, name, language) or the wilderness (going in circles), or Saul (throws javelins at emerging Davids) or Esau (the Edomite). Jesus was symbolic. John too was symbolic - he said "Behold the Lamb of God" = personification of the sacrificial lamb.

The **wisdom from above is PURE.** This does not just mean blameless but also **ACCURATE.**

Some More Examples of Symbols:

Jesus called the Pharisees VIPERS. Vipers carry neuro-toxins that result in death through suffocation. The Pharisee's words are like this. Paul cautioned us to beware of dogs = a religious spirit (affinity for bones – dig up the past; carries rabbi's = hydro-phobia = cannot receive the Word; dogs need constant pampering; ingest vomit = live on past diet; greatest enemy is the postman).

Tree is a symbol of a believer (Psalm 1).

Lion = symbol of believer, the devil and Christ Himself.

Christian lions = Daniel; lions could not eat him. They refused to touch their first fruit (lol). The king threw Daniel's opponents into the lion's den – the lions enjoyed a harvest.

1 Kings 13 - Young prophet was killed by the lion but it did not eat him.

1 Kings 17 - Lions came and ate the people because of mixture

People on the streets constantly use symbols, e.g. 'three clips'.

Another example : Ezek. 37 = Valley of dry bones. Why were the bones dry?

Bones represent ...

- Tradition - Pharisees are tombs full of dead men's bones;
- Envy = destroys fellowship;
- A Broken spirit. 1 Cor 11: = many are weak; a broken spirit dries up the bones.

Valley of dry bones was a violation of the four apostolic pillars.

Ezekiel prophesied = the Word of God	=	Apostles doctrine
bones came together	=	Fellowship;
flesh came	=	Table;
breathe	=	Prayer.

As the culture is restored, the army is restored.

The carved image in the Old Testament was actually a penis – it was worshipped because of fertility. In the heart of most pastors, they worship church growth (fertility) more than the Lord.

Jesus said iniquity shall abound, the love of many will grow cold – look up.
Look up = get your spiritual focus right.

Pluck your right eye out if it offends you.

The mystery of the church = the union between Christ and His church. The caring relationship – Shepherd and Sheep; Vine and Branches; You are the lively stones – I am the chief stone; High priest – royal priests; Head and Body; Bridegroom - we the bride.

The whole book of Revelation is a symbolic book.

1 Thessalonians 4:17(KJV) Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be **caught up together with them in the clouds**, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

‘Caught up’ is not literally. Caught up does not make literal sense because the earth is round. If you are flying in a plane – you will be caught down. **Caught up is a symbol or metaphor of being translated into immortality – you now have a glorified body – you function between two zones easily.**

Two shall be in the field one taken and the other left. **‘Taken’ here means destroyed.**

As it was in the days of Noah and Lot, so shall it be at the coming of the son of man. In Noah’s time, the wicked were destroyed and the righteous will remained.

Parable of wheat and tares – tares are destroyed.

Proverbs 30:24-28

- 24 "Four things on earth are small, yet they are extremely wise:
25 Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer;
26 coney are creatures of little power, yet they make their home in the crags;
27 locusts have no king, yet they advance together in ranks;
28 a lizard can be caught with the hand, yet it is found in kings' palaces. (KJV :The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in kings' palaces.)

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| Ants | - | Have wisdom in that they prepare for the future. |
| Coneys or Rockbadger | - | Understands the principle of hiding in something that is stronger than itself. Rock Badger has a set man that stands on a rock so as to warn the colony of predators. |
| Locusts | - | Have no kings - but keep rank. |

Spider - Gains entrance to the kings palaces = perseverance will get you into the kings palaces.

Proverbs 9:1-6

- 1 Wisdom has built her house, She has hewn out her seven pillars;
- 2 She has prepared her food, she has mixed her wine; She has also set her table;
- 3 She has sent out her maidens, she calls From the tops of the heights of the city:
- 4 "Whoever is naive, let him turn in here!" To him who lacks understanding she says,
- 5 "Come, eat of my food And drink of the wine I have mixed.
- 6 "Forsake *your* folly and live, And proceed in the way of understanding."

Wisdom has **built her house**. : House = a dwelling place (church, family, business, marriage).

Wisdom **slaughters her MEAT**: Wisdom is not a bakery but a butchery.

Wisdom **mixed her wine** : Wine is symbolic of the Holy Spirit. Each move of God has a special wine. Wisdom is able to deliver every dimension that has been restored from the 1500's. MIX your wine. Know how to teach what past moves have restored.

Wisdom **furnished her table** : Administration.

Wisdom **sent out her maidens** : Sending to plant churches.

She **cries out from the heights of the city** : Takes position of certain places in the city.

Wisdom will build your marriage. You do not need to pray for things you can have wisdom for.

Wisdom hewns out her seven pillars:

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| 1. | P | = | Purpose |
| 2. | I | = | Immediacy |
| 3. | L | = | Lineage (tribes) This will be a focus in the next season. |
| 4. | L | = | Limitation (boundaries) |
| 5. | A | = | Anointing |
| 6. | R | = | Resolution (Established) |
| 7. | S | = | Support |



The Pillar of Purpose:

The Lord spoke to Moses from the pillar to give them purpose.

Exodus 13:21-22 (KJV)

- 21 And the LORD went before them by day in a **pillar of a cloud**, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:
- 22 He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, *from* before the people.



Exodus 33:9-11 (KJV)

- 9 And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, **the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the LORD talked with Moses.**
- 10 And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand *at* the tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man *in* his tent door.
- 11 And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

Nehemiah 9:12(KJV) Moreover thou **leddest them in the day by a cloudy pillar**; and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein they should go.

Nehemiah 9:19(KJV) Yet thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to shew them light, and the way wherein they should go.

Pillar of cloud and fire are symbols of purpose and direction.

Every church should only have one vision – “Christ-likeness”. Hence our emphasis on sonship and exact representation.

The Pillar of Immediacy

1 Kings 7:21 Thus he set up the pillars at the porch of the nave; and he set up the right pillar and named it Jachin, and he set up the **left pillar and named it Boaz.**

1 Kings 7:22 On the top of the pillars was a lily design.

Boaz= swiftness = acts quickly; Jachin = To be established



To build a strong house, you need people that can obey quickly!!!!

You need Boaz' in the house.

Matthew 4:18-22 (KJV)

- 18 And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.
- 19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.
- 20 And they **straightway** left ***their*** nets, and followed him.
- 21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.
- 22 And they **immediately** left the ship and their father, and followed him.

They Immediately left their nets and followed him. What was the pull factor for them? This was the calibre of his group.

'Immediately'

Acts 9:19(KJV) And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.

Acts 9:20(KJV) And **straightway** he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

John 13:27 Whatever you **do, do quickly.**

Agree with your adversary quickly; Reconcile quickly.

Matthew 5:21-25 (KJV)

- 21 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:
- 22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.
- 23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;
- 24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.
- 25 Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

Your brother has something against you – the context is when you come to the altar to give an offering – and you owe your brother money – first pay your brother; BUT leave your gift at the altar.

Abigail was able to act quickly.

God appeared to Abraham – he hurried to prepare a meal – Quick Offerings.

Leave Egypt quickly. Procrastination leads to lost opportunities – dreamers without decisions.

The reason for procrastination is plain laziness.

Isaiah 1:19 ... willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land.

Some were baptised immediately – and some took years to make the decision.

The Philippian jailor displayed urgency to receive Christ.

Act quickly when you hear the apostolic. (But there is a place for acting slowly – as guided by the Spirit).

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Part 3

There is a path of immunity.

Wisdom is the fear of the Lord.

Genesis 22:1(KJV) And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, *here I am*.

Genesis 22:12(KJV) And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him: for now **I know that thou fearest God**, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only *son* from me.

Abraham feared God. To fear God is to obey God. Hear and obey the Word of God.

We ought to WALK in Wisdom. That wisdom is Christ. Walk in Christ.

- ◆ Walk in the likeness of Christ.
- ◆ Walk circumspectly - walk accurately.
- ◆ Walk according to a predetermined measure which is Christ.
- ◆ Walk in love (Christ).
- ◆ Walk in the Kingdom's commandments.
- ◆ Walk in the light (Christ).
- ◆ Walk in the newness of life (Christ).
- ◆ Walk in good works (We are His workmanship created for good works in Christ).
- ◆ Walk in the Spirit (Christ).
- ◆ Walk according to the same rule (this rule is the mark of the high calling of God in Christ). I press towards the prize (not the gift which is eternal life). This prize is Christ-likeness.

Pillars of Wisdom

Prov 9 – Wisdom has built her house – hewn out her seven pillars

Wisdom's Seven Pillars

1. **Purpose and Vision**
2. **Immediacy**

Psalms 119:59 – Made haste and did not delay to keep your commandments

3. Limitation (Boundaries)

Boundaries.

Exodus 26:31(KJV)

And thou shalt make a vail *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: with cherubims shall it be made:

Exodus 26:32

And thou shalt hang it upon **four pillars** of shittim wood overlaid with gold: their hooks *shall be of* gold, upon the four sockets of silver.

Exod 26:36 (KJV)

And thou shalt make an hanging for the door of the tent, *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework.



The veil had four pillars – these separated the holy place from the most holy place. Thus symbolically, pillars, also represent ‘boundaries- limitations – demarcations’

Five pillars separated the holy place from the outer court.

Exodus 27:9-15 (KJV)

- 9 And thou shalt make the court of the tabernacle: for the south side southward *there shall be* hangings for the court *of* fine twined linen of an hundred cubits long for one side:
- 10 And the twenty pillars thereof and their twenty sockets *shall be of* brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *shall be of* silver.
- 11 And likewise for the north side in length *there shall be* hangings of an hundred *cubits* long, and his twenty pillars and their twenty sockets *of* brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *of* silver.
- 12 And *for* the breadth of the court on the west side *shall be* hangings of fifty cubits: their pillars ten, and their sockets ten.
- 13 And the breadth of the court on the east side eastward *shall be* fifty cubits.
- 14 The hangings of one side *of the gate shall be* fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three.
- 15 And on the other side *shall be* hangings fifteen *cubits*: their pillars three, and their sockets three

The wall of the outer court had 60 pillars that separated the Tabernacle from the rest of the wilderness. Pillars were not just supporting structures but also walls of demarcation. They represent a point or line of separation – they outline the boundary. The pillars would warn you that you cannot go beyond it to the most holy place.

Every believer must know his boundary or ranking.

1 Chronicles. 29: 1 – 2 (KJV)

- 1 Furthermore David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, *is yet* young and tender, and the work *is* great: for the palace *is* not for man, but for the LORD God.
- 2 Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the **gold for things to be made of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the brass for things of brass**, the iron for things of iron, and wood for things of wood; onyx stones, and stones to be set, glistening stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance.

Note the phrase: “Gold for things of gold and silver for things of silver” – this was important and could not be violated. We must observe **functional ranking**.

Cf. David’s Tabernacle restored – in Acts 15.

David had one Tabernacle in which was the Ark (PRIESTLY DIMENSION); in another tabernacle he had his Throne (KINGLY DIMENSION). David himself was the Tabernacle.

David as a person fulfils everything that the Tabernacle of Moses represented:

David fulfilled the candle-stick (word is a lamp);

David fulfilled the showbread – he ate it;

David fulfilled the incense – he prayed “Let my prayer come before you as incense”.

The men came TO DAVID. He who builds the house must have greater honour than the house. These men knew how to keep rank. Hence in the restoration of the Tabernacle of David, there must **be an understanding of boundaries**.

King Uzziah crossed the boundary and went into the temple to offer incense, a function reserved for the priest – he was struck with leprosy. There are many sick people in the church because they have crossed boundaries. You will be punished by God. God led his people into captivity. God allowed leprosy to come to Miriam and Gehazi. God can subject you to trials. God can bring famine in your land. God can even send an evil spirit to torment you. Do not cross boundaries.

Other examples :

- ☛ Two and a half tribes did not understand their boundaries – they chose the wrong side – that region was the region of Gedara – a playground for demons.
- ☛ Uzza touched the ark.
- ☛ Saul offered sacrifices;
- ☛ Shemai – dies too.
- ☛ Abner killed Joab’s brother and fled to Hebron – if he stayed there he would have been safe. But Joab suggested they meet at the gate.
- ☛ Ahimaz, son of Zadok trained to be a priest, but chooses to run to give David a message.
- ☛ Absalom aspired for the throne.
- ☛ Adonijah wanted the Throne as well.
- ☛ Korah transgressed rank.

The moment you violate your allotment – you are in serious danger.

Paul’s calling was confirmed by men. The calling of a man is manifested by the continual desire to do the will of God; Your gifts will enhance your call.

2 Cor 10 – those who compare themselves with themselves are not wise – Paul understood the issue of spheres.

The Area of City Leadership:

City government is not for just any pastor. It not determined by the size of your church. It is determined by your God given grace allotment.

How do you know if you are called for city church leadership? You must have the following features:

- a. **Governmental Grace:** The capacity to govern – A city leader must have confronted Korah, Absalom, Adonijah, Jezebel (otherwise you would become suicidal). This is high level warfare. Demonic activity and oppression is very real.
- b. **Revelatory Grace:** You must access new dimensions through the Word of God.
- c. **Grace to assemble shepherds on a regular basis.** Have the capacity to bring leaders together regularly.
- d. **Must have the capacity to commission people to the nations of the earth.**
- e. **Be Able to enable those he sends**

What is the Scriptural basis for this?

Ezekiel 1 : 1 - 28

- 1 Now it came about in the thirtieth year, on the fifth *day* of the fourth month, while I was by the river Chebar among the exiles, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God.
- 2 (On the fifth of the month in the fifth year of King Jehoiachin's exile,
- 3 the word of the LORD came expressly to Ezekiel the priest, son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and there the hand of the LORD came upon him.)
- 4 As I looked, behold, a storm wind was coming from the north, a great cloud with fire flashing forth continually and a bright light around it, and in its midst something like glowing metal in the midst of the fire.
- 5 Within it there were figures resembling four living beings. And this was their appearance: they had human form.
- 6 Each of them had four faces and four wings.
- 7 Their legs were straight and their feet were like a calf's hoof, and they gleamed like burnished bronze.
- 8 Under their wings on their four sides *were* human hands. As for the faces and wings of the four of them,
- 9 their wings touched one another; *their faces* did not turn when they moved, each went straight forward.
- 10 As for the form of their faces, *each* had the face of a man; all four had the face of a lion on the right and the face of a bull on the left, and all four had the face of an eagle.
- 11 Such were their faces. Their wings were spread out above; each had two touching another *being*, and two covering their bodies.
- 12 And each went straight forward; wherever the spirit was about to go, they would go, without turning as they went.
- 13 In the midst of the living beings there was something that looked like burning coals of fire, like torches darting back and forth among the living beings. The fire was bright, and lightning was flashing from the fire.

- 14 And the living beings ran to and fro like bolts of lightning.
- 15 Now as I looked at the living beings, behold, there was one wheel on the earth beside the living beings, for *each of* the four of them.
- 16 The appearance of the wheels and their workmanship *was* like sparkling beryl, and all four of them had the same form, their appearance and workmanship *being* as if one wheel were within another.
- 17 Whenever they moved, they moved in any of their four directions without turning as they moved.
- 18 As for their rims they were lofty and awesome, and the rims of all four of them were full of eyes round about.
- 19 Whenever the living beings moved, the wheels moved with them. And whenever the living beings rose from the earth, the wheels rose *also*.
- 20 Wherever the spirit was about to go, they would go in that direction. And the wheels rose close beside them; for the spirit of the living beings *was* in the wheels.
- 21 Whenever those went, these went; and whenever those stood still, these stood still. And whenever those rose from the earth, the wheels rose close beside them; for the spirit of the living beings *was* in the wheels.
- 22 Now over the heads of the living beings *there was* something like an expanse, like the awesome gleam of crystal, spread out over their heads.
- 23 Under the expanse their wings *were stretched out* straight, one toward the other; each one also had two wings covering its body on the one side and on the other.
- 24 I also heard the sound of their wings like the sound of abundant waters as they went, like the voice of the Almighty, a sound of tumult like the sound of an army camp; whenever they stood still, they dropped their wings.
- 25 And there came a voice from above the expanse that was over their heads; whenever they stood still, they dropped their wings.
- 26 Now above the expanse that was over their heads there was something resembling a throne, like lapis lazuli in appearance; and on that which resembled a throne, high up, *was* a figure with the appearance of a man.
- 27 Then I noticed from the appearance of His loins and upward something like glowing metal that looked like fire all around within it, and from the appearance of His loins and downward I saw something like fire; and *there was* a radiance around Him.
- 28 As the appearance of the rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so *was* the appearance of the surrounding radiance. Such *was* the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw *it*, I fell on my face and heard a voice speaking.

The following symbols in this passage have specific meaning:

30 year	=	Maturity
4	=	Apostolic
5	=	Grace
Likeness of a man	=	Fellowship
Straight Feet	=	Passion for righteousness
Brass	=	Symbol of judgement
Hands	=	Five- fold ministry
Lion	=	Dominion
Ox	=	Serve
Eagle	=	Fly in prayer
Upwards	=	Access revelation from the throne

Wing to Wing = City leaders know how to connect with other city leaders
 Wing covering body = Covers his local body
 Lightning = Speed
 Full of eyes – are not dumb = They have capacity to discern false brothers.
 v.20 they go wherever the Spirit wants them to go.
 v.22-25 A voice above them = They are connected to the voice.
 v.26-28 Must be connected to the glory

Ezekiel 2:1(KJV) And he said unto me, Son of man, **stand upon thy feet**, and I will speak unto thee.

Read verses 1-3 again : In the context of city leadership can we connect with the sent dimensions.

THE FOURTH PILLAR OF WISDOM

4. Pillar of Lineage or Tribes

Exodus 24:4(KJV) And Moses **wrote all the words of the LORD**, and rose up early in the morning, and **builded an altar under the hill**, and **twelve pillars**, according to the **twelve tribes of Israel**.

Exodus 24:5(KJV) And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the LORD



Moses erected 12 pillars. Each pillar represented a tribe. There are 38000 Christian denominations. There are true tribes and false tribes. Jezebel, Absalom, etc. are now constituted as tribes. Israel was arranged by tribes.

➡ Each tribe had its **own standard of banner** for easy identification.

➡ Each tribe had its **own blessing**.

Genesis 49:28(KJV) All these *are* the twelve tribes of Israel: and this *is it* that their father spake unto them, and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them.

➡ Each tribe had its **own Stone**

Exodus 28:15(KJV) And thou shalt make the breastplate of judgment with cunning work; after the work of the ephod thou shalt make it; *of gold, of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine twined linen*, shalt thou make it.

➡ Each had its **own allotment of land**

➡ Each tribe had its **own head or leader**.

BUT All tribes had to go to the same temple and function by the same rules and laws, and same feasts.

✳ Each tribe had a GATE.

Numbers 24:2-9

- 2 And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and **he saw Israel abiding in his tents according to their tribes; and the spirit of God came upon him.**
- 3 And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said:
- 4 He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling *into a trance*, but having his eyes open:
- 5 How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, *and* thy tabernacles, O Israel!
- 6 As the valleys are they spread forth, as gardens by the river's side, as the trees of lign aloes which the LORD hath planted, *and* as cedar trees beside the waters.
- 7 He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed *shall be* in many waters, and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted.
- 8 God brought him forth out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn: he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce *them* through with his arrows.
- 9 He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall stir him up? Blessed *is* he that blesseth thee, and cursed *is* he that curseth thee.

The Spirit of God came upon him when nations were organised by their tribes. Instead of cursing the nation, He declared a blessing. **21st century church is not divided, but disorganised.** Jesus Himself belonged to a tribe – he went to his town to be counted – to be registered.

The Corinthian church was arranged by tribes.

Peter and John – representative of two mantles – power manifests when these two walk together.

There are multiples of twelve globally today. All these tribes have the same Christology.

An example: My personal opinion. The Anglicans resemble a tribe. They all look the same globally – they are disciplined – are punctual. We have the same Christology but we differ in ecclesiology. They have a liturgy – but so do Pentecostals and so do we.

There are Twelve Models of Church:

1. Government Hierarchy
2. Evangelistic models – proclaim the gospel and win the lost
3. Social Model – emphasis on felt needs
4. Political Model – emphasis on justice
5. Fellowship Model – emphasis on socialisation
6. Devotional Model – praise and prayer
7. Deliverance – emphasis of demonic deliverance and healing
8. Charasmatic Model – emphasise the gifts
9. Prosperity Model – emphasis on wealth
10. Holiness – emphasis on morals and conduct

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| 11. Grace | – | emphasis on grace |
| 12. Sonship | - | focus on the importance of the father-son wineskin |

Why is the sonship model not appealing to many? Because it is Word intensive. Most people do not like drama but action. No single model conveys all the truth.

IMPORTANCE OF THE MANTLE

The 'mantle' is a symbol of covering, glory and identity. Joseph's death was conveyed through his coat of many colours with stains of blood.

Elisha obtained Elijah's mantle – Elisha wanted to know if he received the right mantle – so he struck the Jordan River. **The mantle is given to you by your father.** The father gave the prodigal son a new mantle. The father gives the son a new identity. Jacob gave identity and destiny to each tribe.

1 Kings 11:29-32 The mantle was torn into twelve pieces. **Each tribe on the earth today has got a piece of the mantle and not the whole mantle.** Only Jesus has the seamless mantle.

The mantle is manifested by personality, behaviour, ecclesiology, etc. Mantles are transferred generationally. Mantles do not leave the earth.

Joseph's Mantle/Tribe:

Attributes of this tribe :

- * Wears the coat of many colours – configured in it is the desire to get all of the Body of Christ together. He wanted to get Benjamin before he reveals himself – he bring tribes together;
- * Joseph operated in dreams and visions – dreams visions and allegories;
- * Despised by his brothers;
- * Your enemy will be Potiphar's wife
- * You will be protected by the obscurity of imprisonment;
- * Your wife in this tribe is safe but in a Judah tribe, your wife is not safe (Bethsheba) - Within each tribe their weaknesses are solved by strengths in other tribes;
- * Acquainted with loneliness;
- * Knows how to feed his brothers in famine;
- * Nations come to Joseph;
- * His branches hang over the wall – feed many without expectation of commitment - Gives you grain and puts money in your sack;
- * Joseph is wealthy; Joseph brings the tribes together;
- * Joseph is passionate about his father (is my father still alive?)
- * Capacity to handle sexual temptation (see next session).

Thamo : Refer to the teaching on 'Mantle of Changing Seasons' – see this teaching on the website (www.thamonaaidoo.com).

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Part 4

Joseph's Mantle Continued (see previous sessions notes).

Capacity to handle sexual temptation: See mnemonic - CHICKS

C	=	Construct your parapet (David had no parapet and he looked at Bethsheba). Avoid sexual scenes on tv, porn, etc. You have 30 seconds to put it off before a chemical reaction commences within you.
H	=	Handle Not. Don't touch a woman.
I	=	Ignore the opposite sex
C	=	Call for Help
K	=	Kick-down = Run (like Joseph – he ran when his jacket was touched)
S	=	Scream for your wife

WEAR THE MANTLE OF YOUR FATHER

Exodus 29:29 – Aarons sons could only minister with Aaron's mantle:

Exodus 29:29,30 "The holy garments of Aaron shall be for his sons after him, that in them they may be anointed and ordained. "For seven days the one of his sons who is priest in his stead shall put them on when he enters the tent of meeting to minister in the holy place.

Matthew 22:1-14

- 1 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying,
- 2 "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a **wedding feast for his son.**
- 3 "And he sent out his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding feast, and they were unwilling to come.
- 4 "Again he sent out other slaves saying, 'Tell those who have been invited, "Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fattened livestock are all butchered and everything is ready; come to the wedding feast.'"
- 5 "But they paid no attention and went their way, one to his own farm, another to his business,
- 6 and the rest seized his slaves and mistreated them and killed them.
- 7 "But the king was enraged, and he sent his armies and destroyed those murderers and set their city on fire.
- 8 "Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy.
- 9 'Go therefore to the main highways, and as many as you find there, invite to the wedding feast.'

- 10 "Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered together all they found, both evil and good; and the wedding hall was filled with dinner guests.
- 11 "But when the king came in to look over the dinner guests, he **saw a man there who was not dressed in wedding clothes.**
- 12 and he said to him, '**Friend,** how did you come in here **without wedding clothes?**' And the man was **speechless.**
- 13 "Then the king said to the servants, '**Bind him hand and foot,** and throw him into the **outer darkness;** in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'
- 14 "**For many are called, but few are chosen.**"

This a Parable of the Kingdom of Heaven. It has a past, present and future interpretation.

Historical: The father arranged a covenantal relationship. Servants = Old Testament prophets; a feast of the internalisation of Christ; The Jews killed the Old Testament messengers; The Roman army was sent to destroy the Temple. City was burnt.

Future: Hosts find a man without a garment (mantle) – not a valid believer and cast into hell at the day of judgement.

Present or Current Interpretation:

The wedding hall was filled with guests = our churches filled with Gentiles from the highways and byways. The Host = spiritual father of the house. The man with no wedding garments = no mantle which was provided by the father. This garment was provided by the host. THIS mantle was the father's mantle. At wedding feasts, mantles were provided freely for guests as they entered the door. Hence this man did not come through the door but the window (thief). If you are in the house without your father's mantle – you are a thief. You are **addressed as 'FRIEND'** – and **not 'son'**. **You cannot use the resource of the house to sow your own mantle.**

We have been too 'easy' and so people take advantage of us. Every denomination operates like this – you try and share something contrary in there and they reject you. Within the mantle of your father's house, your vision is fulfilled, but you must take on the mantle of his house.

Results of not wearing your father's mantle:

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| a. Speechless | = | loss of voice |
| b. Bound hand and foot | = | loss of competency and mobility |
| c. Outer darkness | = | ignorance |
| d. Weeping | = | depressing |
| e. Gnashing of teeth | = | anxiety |

You can discern by their speaking – they have a different voice.

You have to release your friends that are not sons. Bless them with your blessings.

We have to bring definition as to who a son truly is!

S	=	Submission
O	=	Ownership
N	=	Nature
S	=	Service and Support
H	=	Honour
I	=	Intimate Affection
P	=	Protection

S = Submission

Proverbs 23:22(KJV) Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old.

1 Chronicles 25:1-7(KJV)

- 1 Moreover David and the captains of the host separated to the service of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals: and the number of the workmen according to their service was:
- 2 Of the sons of Asaph; Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and Asarelah, the sons of Asaph under the hands of Asaph, which prophesied **according to the order of the king**.
- 3 Of Jeduthun: the sons of Jeduthun; Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeshaiiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp, to give thanks and to praise the LORD.
- 4 Of Heman: the sons of Heman; Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamtiezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, *and* Mahazioth:
- 5 All these *were* the sons of Heman the king's seer in the words of God, to lift up the horn. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters.
- 6 All these *were* under the hands of their father for song *in* the house of the LORD, with cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for the service of the house of God, **according to the king's order to Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman**.
- 7 So the number of them, with their brethren that were instructed in the songs of the LORD, *even* all that were cunning, was two hundred fourscore and eight.

The son is one who has the genetics of his father to continue with the vision of His father – because of genetics.

Solomon built the temple. The temple was David's vision.

1 Chronicles 28:2-3

- 2 Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: *As for me, I had in mine heart to build an house* of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God, and had made ready for the building:

- 3 But God said unto me, Thou shalt not build an house for my name, because thou *hast been* a man of war, and hast shed blood.

Solomon fulfilled his father's vision.

2 Chronicles 1 :8-9 (KJV)

- 8 And Solomon said unto God, Thou hast shewed great mercy unto David my father, and hast made me to reign in his stead.
9 Now, O LORD God, **let thy promise unto David my father be established**: for thou hast made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude.

1 Kings 8: 17 – 20 (KJV)

- 17 And **it was in the heart of David my father to build an house** for the name of the LORD God of Israel.
18 And the LORD said unto David my father, Whereas it was in thine heart to build an house unto my name, thou didst well that it was in thine heart.
19 Nevertheless thou shalt not build the house; but **thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house unto my name**.
20 And the LORD hath performed his word that he spake, and **I am risen up in the room of David my father**, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and **have built an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel**.

2 Chronicles 8:14(KJV) And **he appointed, according to the order of David his father**, the courses of the priests to their service, and the Levites to their charges, to praise and minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required: the porters also by their courses at every gate: for so had David the man of God commanded.

Does this mean that if you are continuing with the vision of your father –that you are lesser ? No. You take it to greater heights.

Define the boundaries of the relationship. **Those who ask you to father them are really saying “I want to continue with your vision”**.

Genesis 4:20(KJV) And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and *of such as have* cattle.

O = Ownership of Vision

Solomon took ownership of the vision of his father. Your father's enemies become your enemies. True sons do not fraternise with people that hate you. When Solomon came to power he knew all David's enemies – he killed Joab, killed Adonijah, killed Abiathar. All your father's friends become your friends. Solomon wrote a letter to King Hiram, David's friend.

N = Nature of His Father

Son imitates the father. Josiah followed the ways of his father, David. Timothy was like-minded to Paul. Like-minded = 'isopsuchos' = of the same mind. Timothy believed the same thing as Paul. A son in your house does not have an opinion different to you. Cell meetings have become breeding grounds for ambition.

Sons have the same doctrine.

1 Timothy 1:1-3(KJV)

- 1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus according to the commandment of God our Saviour, and Christ Jesus our hope;
- 2 unto **Timothy, my true child in faith**: Grace, mercy, peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
- 3 As I exhorted thee to tarry at Ephesus, when I was going into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge certain men not **to teach a different doctrine**,

1 Timothy 4:11(KJV) **These things** command and **teach**.

2 Timothy 1:13KJV Hold the **pattern of sound words** which thou hast **heard from me**, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

1Corinthians 4:16 (KJV) I beseech you therefore, be ye **imitators of me**.

Paul is saying to the Corinthians, "Imitate me – so I will send Timothy to you – he will show you my ways".

A son reminds the house of the ways of his spiritual father.

S = Serves and Supports His Spiritual Father

Sons become servants in the house.

Phillipians 2:22(KJV) But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he **hath served with me in the gospel**.

H = Honour

Ephesians 6:2-3(KJV)

- 2 **Honour thy father** and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)
3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

Malachi 1:6(KJV)

A son **honoureth his father**, and a servant his master: **if then I be a father, where is mine honour?** and if I *be* a master, where *is* my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?

Proverbs 3:9(KJV)

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

Honour the Lord with your possessions. You honour the Lord by honouring the one who He sends to you. You do this by sending your first fruit and tithe to him.

I = Intimate Affection

Joseph said , ‘Does my father still live?’ This expresses love and deep concern for the welfare of his father. Mephibosheth did not shave because he identified with the pain of David. A son identified with the pain of his father. A son will suffer false accusation because of intimate relationship with the father. Mephibosheth stayed with David because of relationship and not because of reward.

P = PROTECTION

Genesis 9:23(KJV)

And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid *it* upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces *were* backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness.

Sons know how to cover their father’s nakedness.

NEXT PILLAR OF WISDOM**A = ANOINTING****Genesis 28 : 18 -22 (KJV)**

- 18 And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put *for* his pillows, and set it up *for* a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.
- 19 And he called the name of that place Bethel: but the name of that city *was called* Luz at the first.
- 20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,
- 21 So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God:
- 22 And this stone, which I have **set for a pillar**, shall be **God's house**: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely **give the tenth unto thee**.



Jacob erects the stone as a pillar – pours oil on it and calls it the house of God. **Stone = ‘eben’** = derived from the word ‘son’. You can only build the house with sons.

The tithe existed before the law. Abraham offered the tithe to Melchisedek. Where did Jacob get the idea of tithing from? God inserted this into his mind. He makes a tithe covenant – it was within the context of the stone being transferred to a house.

There are several reasons why we should tithe. There was no need to speak of the tithe in the new Testament because the people in the book of Acts were giving 100%. The Macedonian church gave liberally. Tithing is completely supernatural. The tithe testifies of your faithfulness – it is holy – it belongs to the Lord – you have been faithful in bringing what belongs to the Lord. When you tithe – you have not given – because you are merely returning to the Lord’s what is rightly His already. You have been faithful is what is another’s. Abraham was a man of faith and he gave a tithe. Malachi said you can test God with the tithe. The tithe honours the Lord. The tithe establishes your storehouse.

The law was not abolished but fulfilled. The commandments in the law are intensified under grace. e.g. you shall have no other gods before me.

OT: Denounces idolatry	vs.	NT: Do not love the world
OT: Keep the Sabbath	vs.	NT: Take up cross daily
OT: Honour father	vs.	NT: There are additions to this
OT: Murder	vs.	NT: Anger
OT: Actual Adultery	vs.	NT: Lust in the Mind
OT: No stealing	vs.	NT: The addition of labour and giving
OT: False witness	vs.	NT: ‘yes and no’.

Jacob makes a vow to tithe. When he goes to Laban’s house – he forgets to tithe. What happens – there is no voice of God in Laban’s house. After Abraham tithed to Melchisedek, the word of the Lord came to him.

Jacob marries the wrong woman - If you do not tithe, you will marry the wrong woman/man. He had limited provision – his wages are changed ten times. Dinah, his daughter is raped. He knows 20 years of silence – no clear speaking of God to him. Your tithe is a very important part of your anointing.

Later he describes the face of God as his brother; he takes an offering to his brother; and calls him 'Lord' Esau.

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Part 5

Pillar of Anointing

Genesis 28:18-22(KJV)

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- 19 And he called the name of that place Bethel: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first.
- 20 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,
- 21 So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God:
- 22 And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.



The stone became a pillar and when he poured oil on it, it became the House of God.

Pouring of oil has two associations: Sonship (**stone = eben** = a derivative of son) and anointing - associated with the tithe. The anointing will nourish you. Olive oil was used in the anointing oil = strengthens and causes you to overcome; imparts the power to witness; brings pain relief (myrrh); anointing glorifies God and testifies of Christ; makes the believer beautiful = makes you very attractive = it adorns the believer; enhances your prayer life; adorns your worship life (psalms, hymns, spiritual songs); adorns by the gift and fruit of the Spirit; brings into your life brokenness (crushed components) – Gideon's army – the 300 men took earthen vessels with lamps on the inside – as the vessels are broken – the light of Christ shines forth.

Allegories illustrate doctrine.

Luke 15 speaks of a woman who lost a coin and searched for it diligently. In that time, when a husband suspected his wife was having an affair he would take out one coin – and she would have nine coins left on her forehead. Each coin represented a day's salary. Ten coins = ten days labour. After resurrection, ten days later the Holy Spirit was sent = the ten days of labour that Christ had given to us as our headband = our seal.

Loss of the coin = loss of anointing = you cannot see it but others can see it. Anointing affects your appearance.

See Jacob's vow to tithe:

At the promise of a blessing of presence, protection, completion of assignment, building of the house and loyalty to God, he pledged the tithe. Yet Jacob forgets to tithe at Laban's house. While at Laban's house – all of these were forfeited.

Jacob presents an offering of five instalments to his brother.

Genesis 32:13- 16 (KJV)

- 13 And he lodged there that same night; and took of that which came to his hand a present for Esau his brother;
- 14 Two hundred she goats, and twenty he goats, two hundred ewes, and twenty rams,
- 15 Thirty milch camels with their colts, forty kine, and ten bulls, twenty she asses, and ten foals.
- 16 And he delivered *them* into the hand of his servants, every drove by themselves; and said unto his servants, Pass over before me, and put a space betwixt drove and drove.

Genesis 32:17-21 (KJV)

- 17 And he commanded the foremost, saying, When Esau my brother meeteth thee, and asketh thee, saying, Whose art thou? and whither goest thou? and whose are these before thee?
- 18 Then thou shalt say, They be thy servant Jacob's; it is a **present sent unto my lord Esau**: and, behold, also he is behind us.
- 19 And so commanded he the second, and the third, and all that followed the droves, saying, On this manner shall ye speak unto Esau, when ye find him.
- 20 And say ye moreover, Behold, thy servant Jacob is behind us. For he said, I will appease him with the present that goeth before me, and afterward I will see his face; peradventure he will accept of me.
- 21 So went the present over before him: and he lodged that night in the company.

Jacob sent his gift before him – he calls Esau “Lord Esau”. That night he meets the angel of the Lord - seeing the face of God.

Gen 33:10 (KJV)

And Jacob said, Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand: for therefore **I have seen thy face**, as though I had seen the **face of God**, and thou wast pleased with me.

Jacob's gift went before him and spoke on his behalf to avert disaster in his life. His family could have been obliterated by Esau. Your tithe – your offering averts disaster.

Present = Mincah = payment of one ruler to another = a symbol of the tithe.

He declares his brother to be the Lord. You bring your tithe to the person you see the face of God in.

After releasing his tribute - Gen 35 – he went back to Bethel.

Genesis 35:9-15 (KJV)

- 9 And **God appeared unto Jacob again**, when he came out of Padanaram, and blessed him.
- 10 And God said unto him, Thy name *is* Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and **he called his name Israel**.
- 11 And God said unto him, I *am* God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins;
- 12 And the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land.
- 13 And God went up from him in the place where he talked with him.
- 14 And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he talked with him, *even* a pillar of stone: and he poured a drink offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon.
- 15 And Jacob called the name of the place where God spake with him, Bethel.

In his second appearance after releasing his tribute, he is now the head of a nation – he is no longer poor but wealthy and his twelfth son is about to be born. Previously God met him in a dream – now he meets God in reality – God literally appeared to him (Gen 35:9) – **the dream becomes reality. His breakthrough could be traced to his offering. Many pastors have not realised the power of financial seed.**

Macedonian measure! : The financial seed is rooted in how you give. **You can tell how you hear by how you give.** Tithe from your personal income and from your household of faith. Establish this principle religiously in your life. The heavens are closed to non-tithers. There is the Melchisedek Tithe – the tithe of your breakthrough. Then there are first fruits. Just do it. The first fruit brings favour – The Widow of Zarepath released her first fruit and she was sustained. The Macedonian call went out and they gave beyond their measure = they borrowed to give.

Challenge : Give something away for 40 days. True apostles are distributors of resource – including wealth.

In Leviticus – the Peace Offering was a thanksgiving offering (covenantal vow when a person is going to war). Priests would kill and spill the blood over the altar; dissect the animal; hold the right shoulder, signifying, “my strength is in You”; other parts were offered indicating “my hope is in You” and “my life is in You”. Saul presented this offering all by himself, symbolically saying “my hope and strength is in me, not in God”. The peace offering was the thanksgiving offering.

Matthew 26:7-13(KJV)

- 7 There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat *at meat*.
- 8 But when his disciples saw *it*, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose *is* this waste?
- 9 For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor.
- 10 When Jesus understood *it*, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me.
- 11 For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always.
- 12 For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did *it* for my burial.
- 13 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, *there* shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.

Jesus in the house of the leper – in Bethany. Mary breaks her alabaster box with perfume = 1 years' salary = ten years savings – she pours the perfume on His head. Jesus did not object to her extravagance – she prepared Jesus' body for his burial. Jesus places this offering on the same platform as the gospel. Spikenard = pistokos = faithfulness. Your tithe becomes 'pistokos' when you return faithfully. Same story is given to us by John and Mark.

Matthew, John and Mark – each gives a different perspective of the same offering. Matthew focuses on the fact that the offering was poured. Pouring = related to the drink offering. The pouring out of Paul was akin to a drink offering = "My life is in you!"

John focuses on the feet of Jesus and that she wipes them with her hair. Christ in you the hope of glory – "My Hope is You!"

Mark's focus: she broke the box – Jesus as the box. Breaking = the breaking of the vessel - My strength is in You."

Pillar of Establishment (Jachin)

Stability in Faith (Your belief system)

Col 2:7 (KJV) Rooted and built up in him, **and established** in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

1Thessalonians 3:2-5 (KJV)

- 2 And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellow labourer in the gospel of Christ, **to establish you**, and to comfort you concerning your faith:
- 3 That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto.
- 4 For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know.
- 5 For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain.



Stability in Doctrine

Heb 13:9(KJV) Be not carried about with divers and **strange doctrines**. For *it is* a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

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

Stability in Present Truth

1Peter 1:12(KJV) Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

Proceeding Word !

Stability in Love

Eph 3:17(KJV) That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being **rooted and grounded in love,**

Love for God, His Word and His people.

Why are we struggling to get people established?

Prov 3:19 The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; **by understanding hath he established** the heavens.

Prov 24:3 Through **wisdom** is an **house builded**; and by understanding it is established:

Prov 24:4 And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

The reason is because of a **lack of understanding**. The Parable of the Sower and the Seed. The seed that fell on good ground – the hearers who understood!

The ears of the priest being anointed with blood and oil.

The slave who is voluntarily enslaved to the will of his master through piercing of his ear.

The opening of the ears correct the speech of the mute man.

For many, the Word is falling by the wayside and the birds are coming to devour it. There is serious demonic activity that we are not aware of. Much of demonic activity has shifted from church to domestic homes – affects the family and relationships. The strategy is now to steal the Word.

Galatians 5:7 “You ran well, **who** hindered you”

In the book of Thessalonians, Paul said “Satan hindered us” (1 Thess 2:18). Be aware of the strategy of the demonic.

What are the early signs of demonic invasion of your sons? How do you know your sons are infected? You do not know you are infected until the infections manifest certain signs.

Here are some signs:

1. **Defamation /Slander** – start speaking evil of spiritual fathers; this is a mocking spirit.
2. **Egotism** – Pride – inflated opinion of one’s skill, personal ambition, entitlement

3. **Misperception** – they misunderstand what was said.
4. **Occult sins** – hidden sins – pornography – sudden withholding of the tithe.
5. **Negativity** – negative comments, critical spirit
6. **Isolation** – absence from meetings.
7. **Carelessness** – not observing boundaries.

Every son that is close to the spiritual father will be hated by satan. Jesus said to Peter – “satan has desired to sift you like wheat; but Peter I have prayed for you”. Pray for your sons as often as possible, especially those closest to you.

Session 9**Ben Kleynhans**

To Be Established

We taste and see that the Lord is good by partaking of the fruit borne in our lives. We did not choose this season - this season has chosen us. Go to 'gate' cities through which God can work into other regions. Travel strategically.

Sagie spoke about wisdom. Thamo said we have to become the voice. Sagie said Elijah functions through rest.

Proverbs 3:19 The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding **hath he established** the heavens.

Jeremiah 33:2 Thus saith the LORD the maker thereof, the LORD that formed it, **to establish it**; the LORD *is* his name;

God has established the heavens and earth by wisdom and understanding.

God establishes His order and His Kingdom.

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:7 Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, **to order it, and to establish it** with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

The government of God is on the shoulders of a son, not a child.

Note : "To ORDER it and to ESTABLISH it – i.e. the kingdom. Order comes through doctrine.

WHAT ABOUT US?

Romans 16:25 Now to him that is of power to **stablish you according to my gospel**, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,

Romans 16:26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

'Established' means the following:

1. To be firm
2. To be faithful
3. To trust (you will always have a trust issue if you are not established)
4. To be strong
5. To be courageous
6. To establish a foundation
7. To stand
8. To be
9. To become

HENCE "To establish a firm, faithful, strong and having a courageous foundation; to be or to become a thing"

The Greek-English definition implies the following:

1. To cause something to go into effect
2. To authorise in advance
3. To establish in belief.

We are not authorised if we are not established. Your life is not effective if you have not been established. You must be established in belief.

'Belief' = A religious tenant; a principle or doctrine – held as true by members of a group.

Religion = a specific fundamental set of beliefs and practices generally agreed upon by persons; something one believes and follows.

In the Apostolic we believe in the four pillars – Acts 2:42 – this is our religion – we bind ourselves to this.

Miriam Webster's Definition of 'Established':

Establish = **To rest**

Exodus 31:13 "But as for you, speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'You shall surely observe My sabbaths; for *this* is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the LORD who sanctifies you.

When we come into the rest of God we have conformed our lives to doctrines and principles.

The only thing that man knew from the beginning was the REST of God.

HOW ARE WE ESTABLISHED – HOW DO WE STAY IN THIS POSITION OF REST?

2 Peter 1:12 Become **established** in present truth.

The word establishes us.

Matthew 4:4 Man lives by **every word** THAT PROCEEDS out of the mouth of God.

Present Truth = Truth being released to us in the present time by the Holy Spirit. The truth that is present with you by the instruction of your teacher. (Matt 13:11)

God always **uses a mouth** through which to speak.

John 14:23-24 (amp)

- 23 Jesus answered, If a person [really] loves Me, he will keep My word [obey My teaching]; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home (abode, special dwelling place) with him.
- 24 Anyone who does not [really] love Me does not **observe and obey My teaching**. And the teaching which you hear and heed is **not Mine**, but **[comes] from the Father** Who sent Me.

If you hold on to what to hear – and do it, God makes His dwelling place within you.

Psalms 19:1 The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.

Psalms 19:4 Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their utterances to the end of the world. In them He has placed a tent for the sun,

Psalms 19:14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my Redeemer.

You are the heavens of God as you obey His word and listen.

Hebrews 12:25 -29(KJV)

- 25 See that **ye refuse not him that speaketh**. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more *shall not we escape*, if we turn away from him that *speaketh* from heaven:
- 26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.
- 27 And this *word*, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.
- 28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:
- 29 For our God *is* a consuming fire.

Do not refuse Him who speaks.

Matthew 3:14 (KJV) But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

Matthew 3:15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer *it to be so* now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

God, the Son, submitted to man for the purpose of spiritual righteousness.

How do we become the Voice? Through the Spirit and the Word

Ephesians 1:17 (amp) [*For I always pray to*] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He **may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation** [*of insight into mysteries and secrets*] in the [*deep and intimate*] knowledge of Him,

You get established **through wisdom** – insight into the mystery.

Ephesians 1:18 By having the **eyes of your heart flooded with light**, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones),

Wisdom is the **accurate application of knowledge**.

Proverbs 18:2 A fool does not delight in understanding, But only in revealing his own mind.

Understanding = to comprehend, intelligence, skill and dealing or handling something, superior power of discernment
= apprehension

You cannot see the kingdom if you are not born from above. Born again; again = to have the wisdom that comes from the Heavens; you must be apprehended by the wisdom of God from the heavens.

To be saved – you have to call on the name of the Lord. To be born again – you have to be apprehended by the proceeding wisdom of God.

Be apprehended!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

It is only in the application of what we receive that we will then become ESTABLISHED.

POWER = authority, rulership, influence

Ephesians 1:17-23 (amp)

- 17 [*For I always pray to*] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you **a spirit of wisdom and revelation** [*of insight into mysteries and secrets*] in the [*deep and intimate*] knowledge of Him,
- 18 By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones),
- 19 And [*so that you can know and understand*] what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength,

- 20 Which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His [own] right hand in the heavenly [places],
- 21 Far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named [above every title that can be conferred], not only in this age and in this world, but also in the age and the world which are to come.
- 22 And He has put all things under His feet and has appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church [a headship exercised throughout the church], [Ps. 8:6.]
- 23 Which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all [for in that body lives the full measure of Him Who makes everything complete, and **Who fills everything everywhere with Himself**].

He fills everything everywhere with Himself!

James 1:25(amp) But he who looks carefully into the faultless law, the [law] of liberty, and is faithful to it and perseveres in looking into it, being **not a heedless listener who forgets but an active doer** [who obeys], he shall be blessed in his doing (his life of obedience).

Paul became the gospel, that is why he could say be established according to 'my' gospel. If you met Paul, you met the gospel. If there is no outworking of the proceeding word, you cannot speak.

Psalm 105:19 – Till the word proved him true – his word came to pass.

The word will always test you.

2 Timothy 2:8 Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to **my gospel**,

The church is established through the four pillars of an apostolic community. Acts 2:42

Romans 10:13-15 (NIV)

- 13 for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."
 14 How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?
 15 How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!"

There can be **no belief system if there is no preacher who is the voice of God.**

Beautiful = horios = hora = hour = a time or a season. How beautiful are the sent ones that bring forth the proceeding word in season and in time.

Paul rebukes Peter:

Galatians 2:14(KJV) But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before *them* all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the

manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?

We **cannot compromise** present day truth.

Matthew 10:34(KJV) Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.

Hebrews 4:12(KJV) For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

This season will reveal who you truly are.

John 6:60 'This is a hard teaching'

1 Peter 2:7-8

7 Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone,"
8 and, "A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

Many stumble because they do not obey the message.

1Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Paul was so serious he was not even willing to contradict himself:

Galatians 1:8 But **even if we**, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!

2 Timothy 2:10(KJV) Therefore **I endure all things** for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

THE GOSPEL

1. This Gospel is the Power

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is **the power of God** unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Romans 1:17 For therein is the **righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith**: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

This gospel will take you from faith to faith – to a position of rest. You become the very thing that God has spoken over your life.

1 John 1:6-8 (amp)

- 6 [So] if we say we are partakers together and enjoy fellowship with Him when we live and move and are walking about in darkness, we are [both] speaking falsely and do not live and practice the Truth [which the Gospel presents].
- 7 But if we [really] are living and walking in the Light, as He [Himself] is in the Light, we have [true, unbroken] fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses (removes) us from all sin and guilt [keeps us cleansed from sin in all its forms and manifestations].
- 8 If we say we have no sin [refusing to admit that we are sinners], we delude and lead ourselves astray, and the Truth [which the Gospel presents] is not in us [does not dwell in our hearts].

The practice of this word will keep you from all manifestations of sin.

2 Timothy 1:10

but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has **brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.**

This gospel has brought LIFE and IMMORTALITY.

Titus 1:1-3

- 1 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ for the faith of God's elect and the knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness—
- 2 a faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time,
- 3 and at his appointed season he **brought his word to light through the preaching** entrusted to me by the command of God our Savior,

Thamo:

To receive wisdom – you have to hear wisdom. We need to have a voice that speaks to us all the time. We need to have conferencing and convocations – of fathers and sons – as well as summits – high moments – when heads come together. In these forums, wisdom and counsel will be found. Wisdom is a person – Christ- coming to us through a Word.

My Kilimanjaro Experience

March - April 2012

I was challenged with a major mountain in my 42nd year of walking with God. I was challenge to face my Mountain: No, not only face it, but also engage it and conquer it. At first I also prayed like the Son: *"PLEASE LET THIS CUP PASS ME"*. But later added to my prayer in surrender to Him: *"Nevertheless, not my will but Your will be done"*

On 24 August 2011, I was diagnosed with "Motor Neuron Disease." – ("MND")

I had a wonderful Neurologist-Specialist and support system (family) around me that really assisted me through this very difficult time in my life.

Above all, I felt God's presence and knew that His loving eye was watching over me. I never felt for one moment that He had let me down. I know He love me too much and I know He has better things in mind for me.

But I must admit, I did not, and still do not understand the fullness and the extend of the plans God has for me.

One thing I know from Joseph's life is: Times of suffering within purpose is a blessing.

During the last 20 years of ministry, I traveled hundreds of thousands of miles, into many nations of the world. Always challenging traditions and religious mindsets. Netta always said to me: "you always kick the cow that can give you milk."

A strange thing started to happen to me. I started to come home (Durban, South Africa) sick & always with a high fever.

My nervous system was under attack

Coming home from Cape Town in May 2010, I was so sick with fever that I started to have little blisters on my back on the left of my spine. It affected only my left side. It moved to my left arm and burned like fire. It was attacking my nerve ends. They later discovered that it was called 'shingles'. It looked like chicken pocks on steroids. This continued for about 6 weeks. Nothing helped for the pain. It felt like being burned by a hot iron. After six weeks it stopped but the scares remained even to today.

When this started to happen, I was reminded of some major attracts on my life over the years.

I started to realize that the enemy knew something about me and he feared it.

The next incident illustrates this point.

The attack of a “satanist”

The ‘satanist’ that was sent to kill me during Easter 1995:

During the Easter of 1995, I ministered at Dr. Jan Botha, a medical Doctor and Pastor of a vibrant Church. It was in a huge tent on the Eastern side of Pretoria. On that Good Friday night, I still remember it was a full moon nightclothed. A self-proclaimed “satanist” came to the meeting to kill me with a loaded 9 mm pistol. He said that his satanic coven sent him.

As I ministered he came walking to the front, he pretended to need prayer. As he approached the altar clothed with a big black coat, a very humble brother followed him thinking that this sinner needed prayer. The moment he reached the front, he reached into his pocket for the pistol. It was then when the brother gently touched him on his shoulder. He fell violently to the ground by the power of the Holy Spirit and publicly started to confess who he was and why he came.

Then with the pistol in the hand he shouted at me:

“Your God is stronger than mine!” (That I knew)

“You are a danger to the kingdom of darkness.” (This I did not fully realize)

He opened the pistol, took out he bullet that was supposed to kill me, handed it to me saying: *“Let this be the testimony of what happened here this night.”*

I took the bullet and added it to another one I already had. One I received in April 1969 When my best friend shot me and missed my heart by millimeters. That bullet the doctor gave me after cutting it out of my body.

I continued ministering unafraid, for the ministry is not for cowards.

Coming back from extensive traveling, sometimes crossing 11 International borders in just over six weeks, I started to note that my speech was slightly effected. I thought it could be because I was physically tired.

The Global Apostolic Summit July 2009- ICC Durban South Africa (“GAS”)

To me this was an historic meeting in God’s agenda for our nation South Africa and for the newly formed Judah Kingdom Alliance – JKA, an alliance of elders and their apostolic grace of influence.

During this Global Apostolic Summit, 33 nations gathered for four days to hear God’s Word and receiving His Kingdom strategy. About 2500 leaders worldwide gathered for this Holy Convocation. There I saw the restoration of God’s apostolic mandate and strategy over our lives and our CITY AND NATION. There we made a declaration into the heavenlies that I believe is now affecting the nations of the world.

Ministering on the finish and Immortality

The next year, at the 2010 Open Heaven Apostolic Summit held at Sibaya Convention Centre, Durban, I was led by the Spirit to minister on: ***'Conquering The last enemy called death'***,

For Christ has conquered it and immortality is available.

At this meeting the 'sound guys' noticed that my speech was slightly slurred.

My speech started to worsen until Dr. Sagie, one of the Apostolic Elders in our JKA team, called me and suggested I see a very good neurologist, Dr. Patty Francis.

Dr. Patty Francis and I

This Doctor is an excellent neurologist and specialist and a real believer in Jesus. She witnessed to me on the first day on how God can do the impossible. She told me how God, medically proven, healed her friend from a cancer tumor after prayer. I felt very safe in her hands.

In November 2010 she booked me into the Umhlanga hospital for three days and started with extensive blood tests. She also did a brain scan, for her initial suspicion was that I had multiple miniature strokes from all the time I spend at high altitude traveling.

After the hospital discharged me she called me back to her office. There she told me that all the tests came out not too bad. Although there were little spots on the side of the brain near the speech function, everything else looked ok. I had to lower my cholesterol and had borderline glucose intolerance. My weight was 105 kg at that stage. I was overweight. This also caused bad blood circulation.

Two days later she called me back to her office with these dreaded words: *"Come and see me urgently and bring your wife with."*

I have never been hospitalized:

Keep in mind I'm one of those radical believers that raised my wife and three kids without any medical aid for about 25 years. We had to trust God for everything. **We did not have the money to afford any unbelief.** I just had to trust Him or perish. We had no options. No alternative. No side doors, savings, or rich friends. We only had God and Him alone.

What a wonderful place to be!

I can write a book on miracles and the supernatural, and I have. It is called "Signs and wonders and the greatest reformation the earth has ever seen" (available, free on request:

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When Frans was six months old he screamed like mad and rubbed his right ear. I rebuked the pain in his ear laid him down and he slept immediately. The next morning there was blood on the pillow and a dead bug, the size of a big peppercorn. It dropped out of his ear wrapped in wax and dead.

I remember Netta, my wife, contracted tonsillitis with severe pain and all kinds of side effects every single year. I rebuked it in 1983 in Jesus Name and it has never returned until today its almost 30years ago.

And so I can go on. . **Oh how I long for that part of the “old days”.**

This is why the next part of my life is so interesting and challenging. One thing I know for sure is that He is the God of the supernatural. God has not changed and He never will!

I want to boldly proclaim it through my life!

So don't feel sorry for me I am in the safest hands you can find. My God is in full control! And He is not finish with me yet!

Prostate Cancer

Dr. Patty Francis showed us one more lab test that came back. Something totally unexpected. She spelled it out very plainly; : ***“You probably have prostate cancer”***. Further tests confirmed this diagnoses that I had prostate cancer in an advanced stage. My PSA count was 17,5 . Below 2,0 is normal.

Radiation for me?

She referred me to an Urologist that wanted to do radiation right away. He sent me to the Oncology House at Parklands. This Doctor told me that they basically implant high radiation-loaded pellets into the prostate that radiates for a period and toasts the prostate like a stone and hopefully kills all the cancer cells.

The problem for me was that although they try to be accurate I would have to come back for an additional 12 weeks for radiation 5 days a week and that could damage my rectum, bladder, intestines and other organs.

They told me all I had to do was to sign a document that stated that I take full responsibility and will not hold them liable if something does go wrong and then pay R120,000.00 for the whole deal.

By this time, fear normally grips a normal person. Your are so intimidated as you walk pass dying patients and others on drips coming for their daily treatment. When they spoke about your cancer they called it "the big C" out of respect. I despised it, for I do not respect sickness or death they are enemies of humanity and had been defeated on the Cross. Then the good doctor said: “no pressure sir. *You have the option. The choice is yours.*” What a deal!

My decision

I decided to wait on the Lord for some time. I told that doctor that my body is not mine, that I belonged to Another and I would have to get His permission. In the meantime I change my diet and started exercising. (a thing I should have done many years ago) My wife told me so.

I once asked the Lord why he did not warn me before hand and He said to me *“I did so many times but you did not listened”* He said to me: *“My voice sounded like your wife’s voice”*

I started to lose weight and felt much better. I promised my concerned wife and family that I would go for a PSA test every 30 days to monitor what was happening to the prostate and to give God my Owner the opportunity, if He wanted to heal me through any other way than medicine. For I know He can and does use doctors. Thank God for doctors! I am not against medicine at all. If I have to I'll use it without feeling I did not believe. I believe some Doctors are a gift from God, for they administer the grace of God through their talent to a suffering world. Dr. Patty Francis and Dr. Sagie Govender are some of those who are gifts.

Prostate Removal though radical operation - 18 July 2011

God divinely used good friends of ours, Pierre and Annemarie Vermaak, to get an appointment with the best Urologist in South Africa. Pierre had a similar challenge and this brilliant Urologist helped him. When Pierre heard about my situation he was in this specialist's office and secured the appointment for me immediately. Seeing a man like this is very difficult if not impossible.

Lance Coetzee is one of those I mentioned before - a true gift from God. Gifted, trained and highly professional. Dr. Lance Coetzee, in my opinion is the best urologist in this field, in our nation, if not the world. His method includes the delicate physical removal of the prostate, through a very radical operation.

When I went to see him in Jan 2011, I also told him I wanted to take six months to see what happens to my PSA count, seeing that I am changing my unhealthy eating habits and started to exercise.

After 6 months the PSA count did not come down significantly enough and I decided by clear direction from the Lord to go through with the operation.

Dr. Lance did the operation on the 18th of July 2011. He told me afterwards that the tests showed that the cancer was much more advanced than what he thought. On the scale of aggressiveness, it was a 7 and not a 4 as we initially thought.

He also told me that all the cancer was safely tucked inside the prostate and no contaminated cell reached the outer surface. He also told me that during the procedure there was minimal bleeding. This is good because these cancer cells can spread through the blood.

O how I thank God for people that God has sent my way to help me finish my assignment. They were there on my way like Simon of Cyrene, helping me when my cross became too heavy to bear.

Post operation

The operation was a great success. I kept on exercising and cutting out sugar and other unhealthy foods that were killing me. My weight started to come down over a period of seven months and was now down to about 85Kg. But my speech started to deteriorate fast.

Both the prostate and the tongue have to do with seed. The one carries the natural seed to the womb of a woman for natural birth.

The tongue on the other hand carries the spiritual seed, the word to the hearts of man and has the capacity to bring life or death. The tongue if rightly used can be our greatest asset. It is a mixer of the natural and the spiritual that brings God's Spirit and Life into creation.

I know that my natural and spiritual children and grand children are a threat to the kingdom of darkness. They are unstoppable and are spreading like wildfire, igniting the nations with the Gospel of the Kingdom. For natural children we need natural seed, and that's where the prostrate finds its main function, carrying the seed. But to create spiritual children we need spiritual seed carried by our words.

Rumors started to spread about me

I have been a public speaker for 37 years by now, traveling extensively and being on Christian TV and our local radio station and am quite known in some circles. My absence from of these activities caused some to speculate about what was happening to me. And some rumors started to surface. Some that started to spread and reached my ears was:

Did you hear?

- ▶▶ Frans is dying from cancer of the throat;
- ▶▶ He is bedridden and depressed and rarely comes out of the house and room;
- ▶▶ He is confined to a wheelchair.

These were all untrue. But how do I but it right seeing that I could not speak.

24 August 2011

When I went back to see Dr. Pattie Francis to tell her that my operation was a great success and that my PSA count is now down to 0,01, she was delighted about that but she told me she had bad news for me. She said that she studied my brain scan results again and is more convinced than ever that it was not multiple miniature strokes that affected my speech. If that were so, then other parts of the right-hand side of my face or body would have also been affected and there were no such effects.

Motor Neuron Disease - MND

Then she told us her latest assessment :*"I am absolutely sure you have a MND, the one called **progressive bulbar palsy**. You are a perfect study case."*

She told me that one of the best neurologist, a specialists in the field of MND was with her when I came in one day to the desk, and when he saw me and heard me speak, he confirmed her suspicion by saying to her: *"Who is that man? He is typical case study of MND bulbar palsy"*

Netta had studied me, and with the help of Google she started to surf the web to find out what was wrong with me but I was unaware of it. (I studied the Bible) *"Just a joke my darling just a joke!"*

When Patty said what her latest assessment was Netta started to cry for she has already Google MND and knew how bad it was. She asked the Doctor: *"What can we do, where should we go and what treatment do you suggest?"*

To all these questions Dr Patty replied: *“Nowhere! No doctor has the answer only God can help you. There is no treatment or medicine for it.”*

I remember clearly she said: ***“But speak to Father and ask Him. He still does the impossible”***

Netta started to cry after this shocking news, for I know she loves me and I always assured her I would at least live until at least 120 years.

I said to Dr Patty: *“I am glad you said that. I would rather be in Gods hands than in the hands of men and medicine.”*

“I would rather be God’s slave than man’s.”

Dr Patty gave us the following advice:

Seeing that your nerve system and muscles are under severe attack.



1. Save it as much as possible. It is like a battery with a limited life span.
2. Use it sparingly!
3. We can give you a ventilator to help you breath by putting a hole in your air pipe.
4. Give you a thickener to thicken the water you drink for you will find it progressively more difficult to swallow.
5. Put a side sack in your stomach to feed you for you will not be able to eat normally.

That’s when I decided:

I am going to climb Kilimanjaro!

This announcement sounded like a very high mountain to me. All I knew about mountains was what I read in the Bible from a young age:

- They are made to climb and conquer!
- They are there for a Summit. This is where heaven and earth connects and meet in holy convocation. (Like Elijah, Moses and Jesus did on the mount of transfiguration)
- The Church is called a high Mountain on top of all the mountains, ruling and bringing forth the Word of the Lord to the world. – Isaiah Chapter 2
- They provide protection and elevation and vision.
- They enlarge our horizons
- Moses, Aaron and Joshua climbed Mount Sinai to meet God and receive His Law.
- Abraham took his best sacrifice and traveled three days to the mountain called Moriah (its meaning is: *“Chosen by God”*).
- There on the mountain he met the angel of the Lord that told him: *“Abraham, Abraham now I know that you fear God...!”*. This happened after he already followed and obeyed God for

forty years! Abraham was 75 when God called him and now he was about 112 years old for Isaac his son was just weaned (*at 12 Jewish boys became men*)

- Many of us would quickly say to the Lord after 40 years: *“Lord you know you can trust me”*
- The question is not whether we can say it but rather, can God proclaim to us as He did to Abraham on the Mountain: *“Now I know you will obey Me !”*.
- And God trusted Him with his son Isaac. There on that mountain he learned another name of God *“Jehovah Yereh”* "The LORD GOD IS MY PROVIDER" (Gen 22:14). ***“in the mountain of the Lord it would be provided.”***
- Another man was Caleb. A man with "a different spirit". At age 84 he asked Joshua for Mount Hebron in Canaan where the greatest and strongest giants lived. He conquered it and defeated the giants and inherited the land and called it Hebron the place of covenant.
- David went up to Mt. Zion, the mountain of the Lord, occupied then by the Jebusites. God gave him divine strategy to conquer the city and the mountain and bring God’s Glorious reputation and tabernacle into it.

Mountains can also be like giants that come and challenge us to our face.

They can scream at us: Like Goliath

“What about the Word of the Lord? Where are all the promises? Where are all your dreams now? Do you really think God cares for you?”

If it weren’t for Goliath that stood on a mountain and shouted and mocked the God of Israel for 40 days they would not have known that amongst them stood a David anointed by God and a giant slayer. David did not see Goliath as an obstacle in his journey but an opportunity to prove the faithfulness of God to a fearful nation.

Elijah went to the Mountain to challenge the prophets of Baal and slaughtered them all. Today again God is looking for an Elijah company who will climb the mountain and defeat the false systems of religion.

So I decided that day that I will take the challenge and climb my mountain and I will conquer it in Jesus’ Name.

Arriving home after hearing that devastating news

We immediately called the family together and informed them concerning the *facts* of the situation. I am a very transparent person when it comes to spiritual matters. I have no hidden agendas. I always want them to hear from me and give them God’s perspective on the matter as accurately as possible. Otherwise they will hear it from another source and might be contaminated by that source’s perspective.

Then I said: “You have now heard the medical and scientific facts but the **Truth is a Person** He is called Christ the LORD AND HE ALONE IS THE TRUTH. His Word will prevail. He Has The LAST say.

HE SAID WE ARE ALL FORGIVEN AND HEALED WHETHER WE BELIEVE IT OR NOT! THE VICTORY HAS BEEN SECURED 2000 years ago.

Whether we enjoy the benefits of what He has done:

- a) Is up to us
- b) and God's **divine season and purpose** for our lives."

Climbing Kilimanjaro

The highest mountain in Africa and the highest free-standing mountain in the world.

Its height is a scary **5895m. (almost 20,000 ft)**

In the midst of all the turmoil I decided I wanted to do something that will speak for me. Like the Yellow pages - ***I'll let my feet do the talking***

Reuniting with Kobus Britz

After many years I met up again with a very good friend of mine, Kobus Britz, who told me how he traveled through Africa and Europe with his wife Marina on his BMW motorcycle.

Then he said: "*When I came to Tanzania and I saw this gigantic mountain called Kilimanjaro I decided there and then I am going to climb it.*". To which I replied: "*I am going with.*"

The Ruler Spirit of Tanzania: 1995

In 1995, I traveled into Africa and Tanzania was the first African Country, other than SA, I ministered in. I was the speaker in a conference called the "Big November Crusade".

The week before we left I had a visitation of the ruler spirit of Tanzania. That night Netta almost died.

It was about 12pm and she was already sleeping. I was awake and very excited about our trip to Tanzania.

Then I clearly heard someone coming down the steps of our room. I knew it wasn't one of our children for they were fast asleep. I had a strange sensation down my spine. I remember asking the Holy Spirit: "*Who is this?*" *The Spirit answered me: "This is the ruler spirit of Tanzania. He has come to inspect you."* "Oh", I said and turned around and slept. (I remembered how Martin Luther treated the devil when he visited him)

But I was rudely awakened by Netta who shouted: "I am dying, I am dying!"

I turned to her and asked her what was wrong. "*Something burst on the inside of me*" she replied. *I looked at her lying next to me and sweating terribly, and knew she wasn't playing games. Then she said to me: "Take me to the hospital I am dying".* I didn't know what hospital to go to and did not even have medical insurance.

I picked her up and carried her to the bathroom. I placed her on the toilet and looked at her. She really look like dying as she curled and twisted with pain. After a short while I decided to take her back to bed and then gather some clothes to rush her to the nearest hospital, probably Addington Hospital in down town Durban about 20 km away.

As I laid her in bed I was reminded of the experience I had earlier. "The ruler spirit of Tanzania! Off cause, how can I not know?" upon this revelation I turned to Netta and said: " You devil! I rebuke you leave my wife." The next moment before my eyes she fell asleep and I watched her sleeping peacefully as if nothing had happened. Eventually I also fell asleep.

The next morning we woke up and I waited for Netta to make a comment about what happened that night. But she didn't. She said absolutely nothing.

When I could not bear her silence any longer I asked her: "What about last night?" she looked at me confused and said: "What about it?" I said: "The pain you had and what you said to me."

I told her what happened and then she said that she remembers very distantly that something happened but doesn't remember the detail.

I don't think it was by coincident that I had to go to Mt Kilimanjaro in Tanzania to face my mountain!

We started to train

I told another friend, Robbie Cooke about it and he said he was going along. We climbed Mount-Aux- Sources, the highest mountain I know of in the Drakensberg to test our walking boots. Its height is 2989m. At that time I thought it was quite high. Later Robbie took us to the breathtaking Sani - Pass on the border of Kwa-Zulu Natal and Lesotho, 2898m high.

Seeing that my speech was now almost gone I was enjoying the outdoors and the training kept me fit and my mind away from negative thinking and besides all, I was loosing some ugly kilograms. I was now down from 105kg to 85kg. You can imagine how much better I looked and felt.

The funny side of it was that when I met people that haven't seen me for year or so their comment was: "*Frans you look so good, better than ever before and so young. What have you done?*". But when I open my mouth to try and explain, they would say: "*What's wrong with you!?*"

I was trying to train five days a week for an hour and also walked 12-18km twice a week. I did this quite easily.

On our way to Kilimanjaro

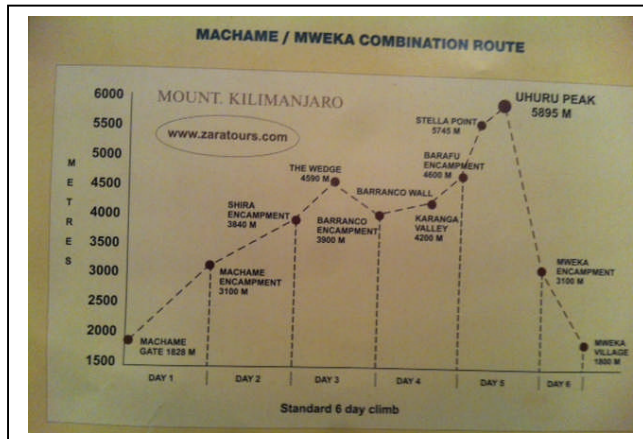
When we departed for 'The Mountain' on Thursday, 22 March 2012, we flew at an altitude of 15,000ft from Dar Es-Salaam to Kilimanjaro Airport. I saw this mountain reaching through the clouds at almost 20,000 ft and its top was white with ice. I must admit it was an intimidating sight.



We traveled from Kilimanjaro airport to a village called Moshi about 40min away and stayed in the Springlands Motel. A very nice Motel with everything you could need and especially a beautiful pool.

Starting at 35C in the rain forest at an altitude of 1800m we would climb and end on Kilimanjaro at -15- 20 C and an altitude of 5890m.

I must say we had the best guards leading us all the gruesome **100km** by foot over many mountains, hills and valleys to bring us to the Base camp of Kilimanjaro.



We were treated like royalty. We took the **Machame Route** the most scenic but also the most difficult one. They call it the Whisky route because there are other much easier routes up to Base Camp from where all must summit the Mountain. One easier route is called the Coke Cola, because in comparison with the Whisky route - it had no kick.

The Machame route would take six days up to the top and two days down back at the Gate of the **Kilimanjaro** nature reserve.

Day one.

Sunday morning 25 March 2012 – We started our climb.

We went during the low season, the rainy season. We were warned that it would rain and that would make our climb even more difficult but we never had rain - not one day. It just never rained.

It was as if God instructed the weather for us. I remember an African lady, sitting next to me on the plane on our return from Dar Es-Salaam to Johannesburg, saying to her friend: *“Isn’t it strange that we never had rain the whole week in Tanzania near Kilimanjaro where I come from?”*.



I overheard her, and wanted to tell her why, but then remembered I cannot speak.

The first day was through the rainforest. A **6 hour** walk up and up and up and up. From the Machame gate, at **1828m** to the first camp, Machame camp at **3100m** it was a **12 km** walk elevating 1300m in altitude. To put this into perspective, consider that the altitude difference between Durban and JHB is 1500m (but ascending over a distance of 600km. We did it over a distance of only 12 km.

All went well. I was very strong

All that bothered me was I did not drink enough water. Not only is my tongue effected by my condition but also my upper and bottom lips. I could not slurp up things.

I'd not have enough strength in my lips to even use a straw properly. I could not walk and drink at the same time. This was due to the paralyzing of my little tongue, the one in the back of one's throat that covers the air pipe to the lungs so that when you drink fluids it does not enter the lounges.

Although I bought a bladder-type of drinking device, I could not use it. Even when I stopped to drink I had to wait for my breathing to calm down before I embarked on the science of drinking.

Drinking liquid without getting it down the wrong pipe is an art for me. I had to master it and am still mastering it. Until!!

But I took in far too little fluid.



Struggling to signal to the others that I needed to stop so that I could use my water bottle, I started to lag behind in the amount of water that I was supposed to consume. At first I did not feel the effect of it, but it was always at the back of my mind.

As you enter the Kilimanjaro Reserve there is a notice board that says: "take 4-5 liters of water every day"

Day two

We continued up from **Machame** camp to **Shira Camp**, a rise of 700m in altitude and in distance, a climb of 7 km. We did it in about three hours. We arrived so early that we took a tour of an extra two hours along a scenic route to the Shira hut. Always upward. What a view!

Again I was not taking in enough liquid. I did not even take in a liter of water during this climb. But the scenery was breathtaking. Kilimanjaro was now very clear in our view.

Day three - My shaking

Climbing over about two mountains we reached **Lava Tower** at an altitude of **4590m; 700m** higher than Shira Camp. Then we started to descend to **Barranco camp** at an altitude of 4000m. The altitude was so high that it started to snow. The descend was quite severe. It was our first steep decent.



Until now we mostly climbed upwards but walking steeply downwards required a different skill and I knew if I missed one step in that descent, that I might injure my knee or ankle and I would be out for the rest of the climb. The falling snow clouded my multifocal lenses and I started to walk slower so that I would not miss a step on the rocky path downwards.

I am thirsty!

Everybody was in a hurry to get to the camp and to get out of their icy clothes. Whatever is cold and wet would ice that night. So they went ahead and I was happy just to walk a little slower without holding them back. It was a very long day!

Robbie and the head guard, Coleman, stayed with me. I became so thirsty that I felt like fainting. But I could not tell anybody and so I think that dehydration started to have a negative effect on me and I started to lose my focus and balance. Robbie at one stage picked me up after my legs gave in under me. He took my backpack and so we continued to the camp.

When we reached the Barranco camp after many hours and I fell into the tent totally exhausted and had no appetite from there on until the end of our journey.

I made a few mistakes that cost me dearly:

1. *Firstly*, I forced Diamox Tablets (tablets widely used for altitude sickness) into my body on an empty stomach;
2. *Secondly*, I used 2 Cataflam tablets for muscle fatigue on my empty stomach;
3. *Thirdly*, to make up for the lack of power, I added a double strength muscle building substance to my water bottle. This whole concoction was bitter as gal. My very sensitive tongue turned bitter and from there on everything in my mouth was bitter. Even water. I vomited once and there was nothing in my stomach to come out except some bitter fluid.

I knew I was in Trouble

That night at Barranco Camp we slept in front of a wall - **The Great Barranco wall**. It looked like the Drakensberg amphitheater or the Alps to me, and they told us that we would have to climb it out the next morning. In my heart I thought to myself: *"Impossible. No human could do that without ropes."*

But we did it! It took 2 hours of torture but we did it. No, I did it.

This gave me courage again. I must say that after the rest of the team started to realize that I was in trouble they did all in their power to stop more often and give me more time to try and drink water. But I struggled to drink water. I started to feel like God had forgotten me and I am all alone.

Then I got the good news from Netta via SMS. The venue for the Open Heaven Apostolic Summit that normally costs about R60,000 was given to us free of charge by the owner.

I thought to myself God loves me more than a Conference Centre, He has not forsaken me.

But then there were three more mountains to ascend and descend before we reached the **Karanga Camp** at 4250m. We walked for approximately seven hours (10 km) to reach this camp. Needless to say I fell into the tent and prayed that I would have the courage to get up the next morning.

They called me for supper that evening, even threatened me, but I slept right through it all. One good thing was that I vacuum-packed my pillow from Durban and carried it wherever I went. This made the hard floor of our tent feel like home. The next morning I got up and tried to eat the good food they prepared every, but just could not.

Last stop before the Summit that night

And so we traveled on the fifth day from Karanga Camp 4250m in altitude to **Bafaru Camp - 4550m** high, **This is the Base Camp of Kilimanjaro** from where we would summit that night at **23h00**.

The journey took 3 hours and was a very difficult one because just when you think you are there, there is another hill. Every hill looked like a mountain to me, but I guess everything around Kilimanjaro is like a hill compared to it. It was a very long day for me. Again I crawled exhausted into the tent and slept right through.

What I learned there at Kilimanjaro is that time and distance means nothing. ***"How far still Colman?"*** we would ask Colman frequently, to which he always replied: ***"Not very far now."***

Everything seemed to be suspended. I appreciated again the little things in life - small things like warm water and friends that cared and helped and asked: "How are you?"

There were two more meals before we would summit but I slept through them all. I remembered the Scripture that declared that "He gives it to his beloved in their sleep."

Kobus and Robbie called and said they are coming to fetch me to eat and Kobus even said he was going to 'hit' me with the walking stick if I do not come to eat. I did go but could not eat.

Then we got report from Debby in South Africa that the satellite weather report showed snow on the mountain on the night of our summit and that means huge trouble.

I teamed the men together and I wrote on my I Pad that if we can agree we could redirect the snow somewhere else. The previous day I read to them how my daughter Esti called back her parrot that flew away for three days and how on the third day it came from the sky and sat on her shoulder.

I told them we could greet the approaching snow storm and redirect it somewhere else.

I wrote these words and we all said it together:

"Shalom Mr. Snow storm, go somewhere else and return later when we are finished!" I took my walking stick and showed the storm which way to go just in case it needed direction.

The storm obeyed us. We literally saw from above the clouds how the approaching storm changed its course.

It had to, seeing that we have been created to rule in creation as sons and kings.

(Psalms 8:5) Tells us that we are masters and rulers, sons of the Most High God who created the heavens and the earth.

The Night of the summit was without wind, cloud, rain or snow. It was one of the most perfect days. I used all my last energy to put on all my warmest layers of clothes. I could hardly get into my sleeping bag because of all my clothes. As I lay there in the tent the scripture that came to me was

Zach 4:7 *"It is not by might nor by power but by my Spirit says the Lord." "Who are you Great Mountain you will become a plain with shouts of Grace! Grace!"*

That night the Lord spoke to me in a dream and said through a prophetic Word said to me: ***"You are far away from mother and wife. I will bring you back from hell and death to life again", Says the Lord"***

The Summit night of Kilimanjaro - Thursday 29 March 2012

Before the summit night, I said to myself that if anyone asks me what was the most difficult part of my Kilimanjaro experience, I would say:

"Getting in and out of the tent!" But that was before the Summit night.

It was very difficult getting up at 22h30, for it felt like I had not slept at all. There is hardly any oxygen above 5000 meters and as it is breathing is another skill I have to master.

I filled my two bottles with water and asked them not to add ginger or anything. (They usually put ginger in the water to assist with preventing altitude sickness). I was determined. I was going to drink more water. There were lights all over because everybody used a headlamp to summit during the night into the morning.

Slowly, slowly! - Pole, Pole! We moved upwards and upwards.

Always watching the feet of the person in front of you. We later asked the guide why we started the summit at 23h00 at night. He told us that in the past, some years ago, people used to summit in the day. But when the climbers saw the steepness and distance, their courage failed them and many refused to go up.



Colman the Champion

Colman was our chief guide and I think the best you could find. I realized that I was tiring when we were at about 5300m in altitude. I realized that I was keeping the team back and told them to go ahead and that I will come at my own pace.

I started to fall asleep as I walked

As I slowly made my way upward, I started to realize that I could not keep my eyes open. I started to fall asleep in my walk. You could say: *The journey passed like a dream.*

Everybody else also passed me like a dream.

Colman kept on standing before me and saying to me: **“Franco, don’t sleep Franco, If you sleep we go down.”** Looking him straight in the eyes and shining my headlamp in his eyes I replied: *“I am not sleeping. Let’s go up”.* And so we went - *Pole, pole! Slowly slowly! (langsaam, langsaam)* always upward.

But remember when I say :“I replied I mean animated”

What a drama on the mountain I am trying to demonstrate to a Swahili man in the middle of the night that I am not sleeping.

I remember once he stood still and asked me to pass in front of him. As I passed in front of him I wanted to look what was behind him but he said: *Franco do not look!* I think we went around a part where we were passing on a narrow edge with hundreds of meters of cleft dropping below us. He protected me.

Looking upwards for some help from above I saw massive rocks above us, and the headlamp lights of those who passed us on the way.

I was all alone on the highest mountain in Africa, like Jacob.

“Stay on the mountain and keep on going! Was all that was in my mind: Never give up!

“Its not by might nor by power but by your spirit!” I kept on repeating. I kept on saying **“Grace, Grace”** but the mountain remained.

I tried to stay on the mountain until the sunrise for I remembered the encouraging words of Debra who said:

“Remember if you keep on going till the sunrise (Which is 7 hours of climbing)

“You will probably make it to the top.”

But the sun was slow to rise that day!

I started to bargain with Coleman who said I was sleeping and I tried to convince him I was not sleepwalking. He would stand in front of me and force my eyelids open, I don't know what he was looking for.

I think he almost convinced me one time, when he picked me up from the rocks below after falling, it must have been a meter or two backwards but fortunately the Lord my Shepherd protected me and I only had minor bruises and did not break anything.

My deal with Coleman

I made a deal with Coleman. But Because I cannot speak , I had to try to demonstrate or animate to him what the deal was. I said: In sign language, Remember it is pitch dark :*"lets go 200 steps and then rest for 2 minutes and then another 200 steps."* He agreed. This carried on for some time but then tiredness came over me. Then I said lets go a100 steps and then it became 50 steps. Slowly, slowly I kept on going upwards.

What impressed me more and more was the amazing solid ice on Kilimanjaro. It was tens of meters thick on my left hand side. From way below I thought it was snow, but now realized that it was a glacier meters and meters thick.

On my right I was now above a pinnacle that looked like Everest from the bottom.

And because of the clear skies I saw way below two cities one Moshi to the left and Aurushia to the right. From this height I felt like I was watching it from the heavens.

Looking at the stars - The Southern Cross

After every 2 minute's rest, I opened up my eyes and searched the heavens for the Southern Cross. I know it very well as I am a hunter that have been looking at it for forty years.

But nowhere in the world did I ever see it so clear without any distraction.

You see in the Southern hemisphere the Southern Cross gives an accurate direction for it is always due South if you know how to read it.

I felt like one who dwelt amongst the stars. I felt in a strange way that I belong amongst the stars. I felt I could touch it for it was so clear.

I was also looking to the stars to see if there would be any sign from God for me.

I needed help that could only come from above and here on the mountain I realized I am on a Rock that is higher than I.

God gave me one sign: A shooting (falling) star. All across the sky like a display of fireworks. God was putting up a show for me. He was celebrating something. I am still not sure what it was. Maybe it was because I had come to the end of myself. That indeed calls for a celebration, It is a great victory for Him!

I felt like a falling star that lost my way. Like a lamb lead to the slather that cannot open his mouth, totally defenseless.

I climbed up and up to the place at which I thought God finished Kilimanjaro. To my surprise It went higher. I felt like David *“there is a Rock that is higher than I”*

From there onwards I cannot remember too many things. But I went up: slowly, slowly.

In some way I felt like Jacob that was left behind alone. Wrestling with myself and God all alone. I was higher than I have ever been in my life but I felt lower than I have ever been.

Then the sun arose. And a new day broke!

The sun came up over my right shoulder. It was like a whole new day that had dawned. **It was like death had left me and life have returned.**

And there on the Mountain the Lord Gave me the title of a new Book that I must write for Him

“A man called John”.

All about John the Baptist that came in the spirit and power of Elijah to prepare the way for the LORD. He gave me the title and all the chapters.

(I have started already)

And so I went up slowly slowly

By now to me it meant: Sleep, sleep! I think I entered a deep rest, a Sabbath in the Lord whom is our Sabbath.

The rest of the team went ahead all the way to the highest point called Uhuru, On their descend they found me somewhere on the mountain still crawling upwards.

They asked me: *“Where are you going? “We thought you turned back a long time ago.”* I said: *“No ways. I am going up”*, pointing upward with my walking stick.

But My three friends convinced me to stop and turn around.

I learned a valuable lesson there:

My value to them was not determined by my performance, but by who I am.



They carried me from the mountain.

Another guide called Josef joined Colman, and they started to carry me downwards.

They sent for more help to carry me down the mountain. Hanging between two guides that took me under my arms, they carried me for more than a thousand meters down the Great Mountain. I was at peace. I was satisfied. I did what I came to do. I climbed the Great Mountain. I did not fear. I dwelt among the stars. God spoke to me. I surrender to Him.

I was swinging between them all the way down. We reached camp **16 ½ hours** after I started the summit that previous night.

After resting **for one hour** we started our walk to the next camp, 3 hours downward. Although someone carried by backpack, the downward walk to **Millennium Camp** murdered me.

Then a miracle happened. At the next camp for the first time in six days there was Coke and Kilimanjaro Beer (4% alcohol). I drank two bottles without any problem. That's a miracle, for I could not drink water. It saved my life. I felt how life came back to me. It felt like I just had a great meal.

We slept there that night.

The last day

By six the next morning we started the journey to the gate. Three hours **to Highlands camp** and there I filled my two bottles. The one bottle with Coke and the other one with Kilimanjaro beer. And so we continued the **last 6 hours down** to the gate. If I say down, I mean down.

I lost seven of my toenails even though they were separately bandaged because of the downhill.

Thank God I am alive!

It was a life experience I will never forget. I hope my Kilimanjaro-experience inspires someone along *his or her* journey. Don't run from your mountain - face it and climb it. Whatever your mountain might be. Sickness, loss, disappointment, bankruptcy, divorce whatever it might, be face it. Life is stronger than death and light is stronger than darkness and God is stronger than any other opposing force.

*"It is **in** the mountain of the Lord that it is provided for us"-*

It is there that we discover another Name of our Awesome God. In the mountain of surrender, He is our provider. He even provides the price he asked of us to pay. There we find the Ram he provides for the lamb we carry.

Finally

Some say I could have been in a wheelchair by now.

But I say:

"Says whom? I will live life to the full. It is better to fall on the Rock, than the Rock fall on you. God is Merciful and full of compassion His loving-kindness knows no end. Our Creator, and not the opinion of man, determines our destiny."

His plan for us is a good plan, a long life and a prosperous future

We are all, that He has, to proclaim His goodness and show forth His image and likeness to creation!

Grace and peace to you! You are special, unique and one of a kind:

Treasure your life! Treasure friends. Know that God will never leave you or forsake you. You are too precious!

Run to God, not from Him.

In Him you find rest, Healing, protection and provision.

And remember the best wine he has kept for last.

5 April 2012

Frans du Plessis

POEM - ASOM MAY 2012

By Pierre Toerien

We stand, once again, at the end of a week
That's been so blessed, and very unique
Another school has come and gone
Where the morning light, in our hearts,
has shone

At twenty one, it's come of age
And this one really took the stage
Breaking every limitation
And streaming live to every nation

Howie started on Sunday morning
A message that came without a warning
It's not about the band and the singer
But all about the accurate finger

And so each one is given his grace
Even the teacher will find his place
The thumb can function with greater force
It shows the value of an apostolic source

This move of God is so versatile
It can absorb almost any style
You see, in Sandton we have a Thumbo
And in the Cape we have a jumbo

On Monday we started with the table
Celebrating a truth that some made a fable
Though they were sent and bluntly lied
Jesus did rise after he died

We learned that it's all about family
And so we celebrated our unity
With gratitude our Lord to thank
Remembering Him, we ate and drank

Thamo opened and left us no choice
But to train our ears to hear the voice
Apostles can only have one plan
It's simply to form Christ in every man

If you think information makes you apostolic
You're being entranced like an alcoholic
Fruitful must become a house of bread
Feeding others, and no more need to be fed

So God has given the surety
That this move has come to maturity
From now on a hastening upward spiral
This reformation will now become viral

It will come through a messenger community
That's learned how to function in unity
Fuelled by the lives of Elijah and John
That is the grace it will be built upon

This company must be strongly related
The covenant honoured and celebrated
To be God's son, that's what is meant
While religion will stone the ones He sent

We have to change the way men think
Cause religion makes the wilderness stink
Though our clothing and diet is totally strange
Their mindsets we have to rearrange

We've got to consider how we have heard
For the coming revival will flush us with word
There were many widows in Elijah's day
But like him, we come to prepare the way

There won't be a chance of conformity
'Cause we have to become His deputy
Only a steward and not a possessor
Christ becomes more and we become lesser

When Elijah comes you sure can tell
There'll be a fight with Jezebel
The order on earth will be corrected
And even the heavens will be affected

When God releases His heavenly forces
 The powerful sound of stampeding horses
 It's done through a voice heard in the earth
 To shake every system and test it's worth

Elijah obeys with abandonment
 Boldly refusing his environment
 To shape the measure and even the way
 In which he'll perform what God will say

So when God releases a dabar
 The consequences reach very far
 It's not just about a word that is heeded
 But locked up inside is everything needed

Though God wants to speak to everyone
 Regarding salvation and the death of His Son
 When He decides to move the camp
 He'll speak to the one that carries the lamp

It's very essential in this season
 That faith first has to inform our reason
 A widow's house has no competence
 'Cause only a father gives inheritance

And so, like Elijah, we need to be Tishbites
 Captives who've chosen to give up their rights
 Being from Gilead, one of their graces
 Is to function from the Spirit's high places

These people will learn how to drop a word
 All over the earth their voice will be heard
 While this is a great and awesome day
 We have to be watchful of what we say

The Bible tells us perfection we'll reach
 If we can only control our speech
 And then we will have a heart full of love
 Enjoying the wisdom that comes from above

The one thing that hit us like a hammer
 The language of heaven is a stammer
 Our speech will not, in the earth be known
 But the product will be that which is shown

The ground of this season is the ear
 Your measure's determined by how you hear
 How is it that some receive hundredfold
 It's because they simply do as they're told

So God will come through a voice that will speak
 That is why your ear you must tweak
 Your sight does not determine perception
 Your hearing is your way of reception

Kingdom order is a thing of God's choosing
 But the church only knows about binding and
 loosing
 The Spirit's ways we have to learn
 It's only salvation we cannot earn

It's not a matter of opinion
 But has to do with dominion
 The rule of God we want afresh
 A spiritual kingdom, not in the flesh

This is the story Abraham conveyed
 The nations are blessed when the voice is
 obeyed
 His trained men did not have any guns
 But he poured his life into the sons

We saw the army of the Lord
 Ranked behind His voice and word
 In the wilderness days you had to live there
 You could not even drop anywhere

Paul says the church has an administration
 Of the glory, the covenants, and the adoption
 While giving is such a noble deed
 The domain is given for the sake of your need

So you can Google your revelation
 But you will not produce a Christ generation
 You'll cut and paste your fairy tale
 But a voice is needed to split the veil

Our churches with wisdom should be exposed
 Or else they'll become overdosed
 With wisdom we have to distribute the meat
 Because the people are what they eat

If deity has ranking and order
 Why do we violate the border
 We have to learn that in the root
 Lies the production of the fruit

And now I have to ask you why
 Would you love a scale that tells a lie
 Do you want the preacher to let you feel good
 Or preach the word like he really should

The church must undergo some refinement
 It has to do with spiritual alignment
 If you find your father's house and grace
 Christ can be born in an accurate place

In this move, to play your part
 You must keep ambition out of your heart
 If we want to function as heaven's reps
 We have to walk with ordered steps

For this to happen you need a voice
 To stir the baby and make you rejoice
 And so you'll come into your freedom
 And also inherit the Father's kingdom

There is, in God, such a beautiful tension
 It really goes beyond comprehension
 The father rejoices to be seen in the son
 The aim is the image of the heavenly One

Wisdom is seen in humility
 It has nothing to do with ability
 A contrite heart is what you need
 A broken spirit from God can feed

This move is known by the face of a lamb
 Prepared to become the sacrificial ram
 The world must see you have no pride
 Even though there's a lion roaring inside

So as a lamb before men you stand
 But the sceptre will never leave your hand
 Much revelation can leave you confused
 But when it is crushed, blood is produced

This move is about being connected
 So forget about your beign rejected
 It asks for spiritual strategy
 Above your church and it's liturgy

Our concept of missions is really a pity
 We don't know how to approach a city
 As a guest speaker you won't get very far
 But apostolic preaching will raise the bar

You will confront principalities
 In atmospheres of the heavenlies
 With education you'll surely miss
 The thing is you have to be built for this

Your life must carry apostolic grace
 You have to portray your father's face
 Don't just go and put up your tent
 But carry the mantle of the one who sent

This move is not to show off your gift
 For the devil will surely come to sift
 If you flaw in character and personality
 You simply don't have the quality

So if your father your plans has ended
 You have no right to be offended
 For in his doings this thought is embedded
 He does not want to see you beheaded

Your make-up should have no cavity
 He's looking for people with gravity
 Those who who will go the extra mile
 Killing ambition and personal style

If you first want the budget to be installed
 Then you must know you are not called
 You're only a tourist without any use
 While your preaching serves as a handy excuse

This principle you have to see
 You must do some thorough enquiry
 And so your provision will always be
 In the place that you have found worthy

Your contact you have to strictly examine
 Or else he might lead you into a famine
 This is why you have to enquire
 'Cause the issue is peace and not desire

There's simply no way you just can go
 The place of your mission you have to know
 Remember you have a word to release
 Make sure you do it in the house of peace

Check out the man's integrity
 And issues like his morality
 This house is where your provision lies
 Do not be looking to the skies

This is one of the season's essentials
 Don't go to a house with bad credentials
 It's not every listening ear that hears
 Inaccurate missions can cost you years

If we want to outrun the horses of Ahab
 We'll have to discern the dwelling of Rahab
 When you find the house, it has to be greeted
 Don't look at how many people are seated

If we can see this in the spirit
 We'll soon discover it's godly merit
 Don't look for any opportunity
 But learn the value of scrutiny

In the flesh a house might have no force
 But it could become your greatest source
 The truth that's actually very funny
 It cannot be governed by things like money

If we continue in our lawless state
 Defeat will surely be our fate
 But if we follow these simple rules
 The people will wash in Siloam's pools

Shaun came and shared some prophetic
 impressions
 Things that should form apostolic confessions
 Right from the start, before all creation
 God had His eye on every nation

This earth is what we will be taking
 But first there must come a terrible shaking
 Justice is one thing that will be restored
 And also the righteousness of the Lord

The only viewpoint from God above
 Is simply this: "the Son of My love"
 Inaccurate systems are what He is after
 Their foolish behaviour even moves Him to
 laughter

We saw this laid out in all its stages
 That Christ is the purpose of the ages
 Yet the limitations or our mortality
 Keep us tied to an earth-bound mentality

If you do not have an eternal view
 You cannot claim to be apostolic too
 Our ear to His frequency we tweak
 And only when He speaks, we speak

Apostolic people live from the eternal
 That's why they're frustrated with the local
 fraternal

For the gospel they're willing to get martyred
 They don't have to sing to get kick-started

The carnal man lives from the soul
 His reason tells him he's in control
 He cannot please God, there's always strife
 This must be the lowest form of life

So Christ became a life-giving spirit
 This wonderful truth includes us in it
 And when the word germinates inside
 We truly become a part of the bride

God works on man by the word and the Spirit
 To bring forth in you what you'll come to inherit
 That's why every promise is amen and yes
 For nothing will happen until God says

To have their sight restored again
 We have to renew the minds of men
 This fact will shatter the Pharisees' leaven
 We are from heaven, not going to heaven

If we realize we're baptized into the body
 Our spiritual walk won't be so shoddy
 This is the gospel that sets us free
 It's Christ in us, the great mystery

This is the essence of what has been said
 All things must be re-aligned with the head
 It's sometimes quite amazing to find
 That His body on earth seems to have its own
 mind

As the senate functioned in Caesar's place
 The church must become a dispenser of grace
 Until weaning the sons won't be a loss
 This is the strength of oikonomos

Sagie showed us how symbols are used
 And why this has left the wise so confused
 It does not refer to Balaam's donkey
 Or even a pastor stoned by a monkey

To believe the story of the chariot
 You have to become an idiot
 Your brain will need all of its neurons
 To see that we are really God's morons

An idiot's thirst is not a farce
 He drinks from the bottle instead of the glass
 He also talks without restraint
 And the rooster says "amen" like a saint

So wisdom is the principal thing
 And not how loud or good you sing
 The way thereto is above the devil
 It's fearing the Lord and shunning evil

A steward with wisdom gives food in its season
 Feeding the sheep, with love as the reason
 If not, you've exchanged your theology
 For becoming a centre of therapy

This is one thing that you cannot fake
 You must have the wisdom of a snake
 Please don't find out in the hour of crisis
 That you did not pay the necessary prices

Wisdom will never depend on suggestions
 But knows how to ask all the right questions
 It searches for answers about a black stone
 But being an idiot, I'll leave that alone

An apostolic website with an age restriction
 It sounds like a massive contradiction
 For the church to really come to its senses
 The people must deal with their offences

We learned about a man called Nimrod
 And how he got his contempt for God
 And since then his spirit has always resulted
 In not wanting to see the set man exalted

The father's mantle he does not desire
 But the father's wife sets his passion on fire
 And so there are sons who just cannot wait
 To take the church from the father they hate

Wherever this spirit works in a nation
 You'll see it result in secularisation
 It likes to engage the political game
 Until it succeeds in changing your name

If your people should leave you and go away
They've always belonged to the Lord anyway
Who has appointed you as their boss
So just take a tablet for memory loss

Nimrod perpetuates immaturity
By the mother and child imagery
It's also a sign of constant dependence
The shrine with the ashes assures their
attendance

With pastors playing hide and seek
And a fatherless church that's very weak
It must by now be understandable
Why the first fruits and tithes are not refundable

So as we approach the place called Zion
We'll even encounter a Christian lion
He gave his first fruits by sparing the prophet
And gained a harvest of Chaldeans off it

From where came the valley filled with dry
bones
Who really should have been living stones
It's always a case of neglecting the pillars
And feeding the people on all kinds of fillers

The rock badger hides in a place that is stronger
The ant will prepare for the nights that are
longer
We heard about Boaz and Jachin
Two pillars on which you can really lean

And so we heard that the father of Ralph
Has wisdom in getting a game of golf
If you owe your brother, be quick to pay
Just let your gift at the altar stay

Procrastination must be put away
For some love tomorrow more than today
The reason is simply just laziness
So please don't be fooled by your busy-ness

We looked at the men who suffered loss
Because their boundaries they did cross
To live without trouble and resentment
You have to stay within your allotment

You'll fail the parapet test until
You attach yourself to Joseph's mantle
If you cannot handle your testosterone
Remember the chicks and don't walk alone

Our church is really the wedding hall
But too many friends will spoil the ball
These ones their own mantles create
You must set your standard before it's too late

If you really want to know for a fact
Whether the conference really has an impact
Go to the bathroom and pick up the rumour
It tells you the truth without any humour

Your tithing will surely stand in relation
To your measure of having revelation
It's because of the anointing's ability
To bring a son to stability

Jacob's breakthrough came because of his seed
To release your tithe is a powerful deed
And so it is with all of your giving
It has to become your way of living

What you're really saying when giving the tenth
In You is my life, my hope and my strength
This is exactly what the gospels record
When Mary the oil on Jesus poured

We have to look at our casualty rate
Why so many people suffer this fate
They don't get established and cannot remain
It's about the soil receiving the grain

Since they do not have the understanding
The seed cannot make a proper landing
The demons are active to snatch it away
And the people don't hear a word you say

Your sons can sometimes get infected
That's why their lives have to be inspected
This is done by a father's prayers
To keep their focus on heaven's affairs

Ben showed us the need to be established
And that old mindsets must be abolished
The proceeding word will be the tool
To get understanding into a fool

Apostolic people should seek understanding
Instead of simply just disagreeing
They should have the spirit of the Bereans
And not be confused like the Chaldeans

God's people won't be so easily offended
If they have been truly apprehended
This is the wisdom that comes from above
Revealed to His children in His love

The word of the Lord proved Joseph true
So why should He not be testing you
Until with beautiful feet you can walk
And sin is no longer a part of your talk

Kobus brought us more clarity
On our need of authenticity
He took the example from Jacob's life
Meeting his brother and ending the strife

We must draw aside and rest in God's love
Setting our minds on the things above
For this is a fact and you cannot deny it
It's terribly hard to switch off and be quiet

The Noah position is still the best
Learning to be in a place of rest
He knew what to do when God he had heard
Quick to respond to proceeding word

Frans came and shared from his personal life
What God has been doing for him and his wife
We could not help but stand in awe
When his steadfast commitment to God we saw

It was moving and very emotional
And not just another devotional
On how to drink from the Spirit's fountain
When you have to face your personal mountain

And so it came, when he sensed the time
That Kilimanjaro he went to climb
Though not hearing him speak, we heard his
story
And this gave the Father so much glory

His testimony was awesome and very moving
We pray that his health will soon start improving
We saw in action God's method of choice
Because of a son, he still has a voice

Elijah asked, how should we then preach
Do we have God's breath in what we teach
Where much of religion is anthro-centric
We have to become truly authentic

Now this may sound a bit supersonic
But much of the church is ocsi-moronic
It means that its preaching does not perform
Inadequate substance is now the norm

Although our appearance might be sleek and
mod
We cannot engage the voice of God
You might have the power, or so it may look
But your sermon is crooked like a hook

The Holy Spirit must first configure
Our inside before we can preach with vigour
If what we say, does not carry God's breath
It will be the letter, producing death

If the ocean cannot be contained in a flask
We have a serious question to ask
What does "God-breathed" really mean
Is Scripture the only place where He's seen

This is where previous seasons stumbled
They got excited when the dry bones rumbled
If into the trap of this fable we fall
We're just like the pigeons at the city hall

And so another school was ended
The next one won't be so extended
It only will go to the Friday night
So please, on Saturday book your flight

If we're driven along by the wind of the Spirit
There can be no man-made pollution within it
But all of our preaching will be in vain
If it kills the breath that the seed does contain

Till we see again on the eighth of October
Stay healthy, joyful, upright and sober
Our hearts are full, what more can we say
It's awesome to live in this wonderful day

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