

The Necessity of Changing the Way we See God

"God is more concerned with our holiness than He is our happiness"

True or False? It's partially true.. and therefore partially false

"God is more concerned that we are happy in holiness than that we are happy in sin"

More true...

D.A. Carson: **"All praying presupposes an underlying theology, and our theology has an influence decisively on our praying"**

- ⇒ Our praying (or lack of) affects our theology and our theology affects our praying (or lack of)
- ⇒ This is why having a deepening grasp of SCRIPTURE will ultimately sway our prayer life one way or the other... very shallow Scriptural grasp will lead to very shallow prayer lives and vice versa

Likewise: the God we SEE in Scripture and the WAY we relate to Him will have an influence DECISIVELY on our prayer life...

In the Church:

- ⇒ There is a predominant view of God as ANGRY and DISAPPOINTED with His people because of our lukewarmness, carnality, and lack of measuring up
- ⇒ Our view of God as MOSTLY MAD and SAD at us will affect our prayer life considerably
- ⇒ We are trying to get people to be HOLY and COMMITTED while at the same time presenting to them a God who looks and acts like one of the PHARISEES towards them
- ⇒ We are trying to get people to spend time with a God who doesn't like them
- ⇒ We are trying to get people to pursue a God who only tolerates them because He has to—He had to kill Jesus for us, right?
- ⇒ We are trying to get people to lead lifestyles of prayer and worship by showing them a PHARISEE and saying "Go give Him a kiss!"

The promised inheritance of Jesus from Psalms 2 is a BRIDAL PARTNER, equally yoked to Him in LOVE, one who IS POSSESSED by Him, that is described as:

- ⇒ Serving with fear
- ⇒ Rejoicing with trembling
- ⇒ Kissing with love

HOW God changes us and WHY God changes us are linked together—almost inseparably.

- ⇒ King David was one of the FIRST to pose a DIFFERENT view of God that was based on SPIRITUAL PLEASURE... a view of God not revealed to Moses or other prophets.
- ⇒ David wanted to know WHY God did what He did... he wanted to know WHAT God was feeling WHEN He did the things He did
- ⇒ David linked the emotions of God's heart with the actions of God's might
- ⇒ David linked holiness with beauty and passion
- ⇒ David linked obedience with feeling the emotions of God's heart toward us
- ⇒ God's method of delivering us from sin may not be what most envision:
 - There is punishment for sin... death... and a curse
 - There is blessing for obedience....life.. and a reward
 - God will crush rebellion... with fierceness

Paradigms of God are ALL true... but they are limited.

By definition, a paradigm of God presents a limited view of God's personality and character.

They are accurate in representing God, when revealed in Scripture, but they are not all-encompassing.

Some paradigms of God are higher than others... some lead to high thoughts of God, some to lower thoughts.

Each is a little bit of what God is like... but not representative of ALL that He is like.

They are a particular angle or view of God...

Why do we need a different view of God?

Three categories of people:

Lost/Unconverted:	Need to get saved
Saved/Uncommitted:	Need to get committed to service
Saved/Committed/Bored:	Need to get fascinated

MOSES:
 God is terrifying.. a consuming fire
 Obedience is seen thru earthly blessing versus temporal judgment
 Trembling: God will crush rebellion
 He is the righteous judge that will squash rebellion in time and eternity
 A God who is fiery and jealous.. [But who doesn't LIKE you...]
 We relate to God out of a sense of good and bad that comes to us... in finance, ministry, stuff

DAVID:
 400 years after Moses... presented a different angle of God
 The BEAUTY of the LORD... given to a young, unknown musician
 David was SEEN by God.. on the hills of Bethlehem.. and his heart was the MOST important!
 David was unknown, unregarded, and unthanked.. but he LOVED God and saw His beauty
 The PSALMS.. reflect David's revelation of the God of who is beautiful...
 In nature, in power, in history

SOLOMON:
 Full exposition of the emotions of God's heart
 His emotions are DESIRE / LONGING / FRAGRANCE
 Vivid imagery that reflects God's passion and desire.. toward US!
 God makes His people beautiful.. just like He is beautiful
 He beautifies His people with salvation and His character

Most of the Church today still has the paradigm of God presented by Moses... a distinctly old covenant view of God. It is not untrue... it's just not the highest view of God.

The PROPHETS: An outline of the Messiah to come.. dim pictures... the glory of God manifest

The GOSPELS: Presents the God who is fully divine AND fully human
 He weeps, laughs, rebukes, chastens, teaches, loves, and has great joy!

The EPISTLES: This God wants you in PARTNERSHIP with Him in HIS purposes

REVELATION:
 The FULLEST statement of God's BEAUTY!
 The terrifying God of Moses
 The beautiful God of David
 The God who wants to marry us seen by Solomon
 The splendor of the Messiah seen by the prophets
 The humanness of the Messiah seen in the Gospels
 The partnership of a Bride expressed in the Epistles
 MARRIED!

Song of Solomon is the doorway into understanding the God of the Book of Revelation...
 A God of Fragrance and Spice... spiritual pleasure... spiritual delights... spiritual joy!
 A completely new paradigm of God!
 It is a paradigm the Church must embrace if it is to understand the God of Revelation...

The Bridegroom.. King... and Judge...

- ⇒ *Most* believers approach holiness and living a life of obedience from the same revelation that Moses had of God...
- ⇒ *Most* see God only through a lens of blessing and punishment... blessings if we obey and punishments if we disobey...
- ⇒ *Most* think that God is constantly grieved with them because of their sins.. and that they must work to seek His approval and make up for their sin so He will like them
- ⇒ *Most* by their actions believe that if they DO for God, that helps them find favor with God.. though they would acknowledge they are saved by grace
- ⇒ *Most* feel God only puts up with them because He has to... that He killed Jesus for us... and now He endures us because He made a legal agreement to
- ⇒ *Most* know and believe in justification by faith.. but they do not FEEL the emotions of God's heart that is associated with that Scriptural truth
- ⇒ Only in seeing God in the right way and seeing ourselves as He sees us will we ever find the FREEDOM and POWER over our sin and our weakness

Our transformation in God can only occur when we are bathed and instructed and immersed in 2 very important revelations:

- 1) **What God looks like in truth**
- 2) **What we look like to God in truth**

The term "JOY":

Jesus first
Others second
Yourself last...

Not really... JYO:

Know what Jesus looks like
Know what you look like to Jesus
Know what others look like to Jesus

- ⇒ We can't truly LOVE others until we LOVE ourselves first... and we can't truly love ourselves WITHOUT FIRST being rooted in the LOVE of God for us.
- ⇒ We cannot have a different model of prayer without a different view of God that sustains and gives fiery passion to that model...
- ⇒ We cannot be people who pursue a lifestyle of prayer and fasting and worship... we cannot be people that sustain and model and proclaim an emerging worship ministry UNLESS we first have a *different* view of God...

This is not a "new" view of God.. it is in Scripture. Just like the idea of justification by faith was in scripture ALL ALONG, so is the doctrine of the beautiful God that makes His people beautiful. It has been there ALL ALONG... the doctrine.

- ⇒ The sustaining power of night and day prayer in the earth is a model or view of God that is grounded in spiritual beauty, spiritual passion, spiritual fascination, and the emotions of God's heart.
- ⇒ A new model of prayer is required ... based on a new model of God. If you don't think so, consider how effective our current models and our current views have been over 2000 years of Church history.

God never intended us [His people] to occupy city hall or legislative positions per se... though nations **are** blessed when governments acknowledge God and the laws God has made. He intended us to occupy the REAL positions of power and governmental authority. Those positions of rulership, however, are not occupied without night and day prayer... it is the requirement King Jesus gave in the parable of prayer in the widow and the unjust judge.

IF we would see:

- ⇒ Personal inner transformation
- ⇒ Freedom from sin
- ⇒ Freedom to love others freely

THEN:

- ⇒ The 1st commandment must be put in 1st place
- ⇒ Ministry to the LORD is the 1st priority of the church

The generation the LORD returns will SEE the RESTORATION of the FIRST commandment to FIRST place

Isaiah 62:4

You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, Nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; But you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; For the LORD delights in you, And your land shall be married.

forsaken (OT:5805)

`azuwbah (az-oo-baw'); feminine passive participle of OT:5800; **desertion** (of inhabitants): KJV - forsaking.
 OT:5800 `azab (aw-zab'); a primitive root; to loosen, i.e. relinquish, permit, etc.: KJV - commitself, **fail, forsake**, fortify, help, **leave (destitute, off), refuse**, X surely.

desolate (OT:8077)

shemamah (shem-aw-maw'); or shimamah (shee-mam-aw'); feminine of OT:8076;
devastation; figuratively, astonishment: KJV - (laid, X most) desolate (-ion), **waste**.
 OT:8076 shamem (shaw-mame'); from OT:8074; **ruined**: KJV - desolate.
 OT:8074 shamem (shaw-mame'); a primitive root; to stun (or intransitively, **grow numb**), i.e.
devastate or (figuratively) stupefy (both usually in a passive sense): KJV - make amazed, be
 astonished, (be an) astonish (-ment), (be, bring into, unto, lay, lie, make) desolate (-ion,
 places), be **destitute, destroy** (self), (lay, lie, make) **waste**, wonder.

delightful (OT:2657)

Chephtsiy bahh (khef-tsee'baw); from OT:2656 with suffixes; **my delight (is) in her**; Cheptsibah, a fanciful name for Palestine: KJV - Hepzibah.
 OT:2656 chephets (khay'-fets); from OT:2654; **pleasure**; hence (abstractly) **desire**;
 concretely, **a valuable thing**; hence (by extension) a matter (as **something in mind**): KJV -
acceptable, delight (-some), desire, things desired, matter, pleasant (-ure), purpose, willingly.
 OT:2654 chaphets (khaw-fates'); a primitive root; properly, **to incline to**; by implication
 (literally but rarely) **to bend**; figuratively, **to be pleased with**, desire: KJV - X any at all,
 (have, take) delight, desire, favour, like, move, be (well) pleased, have pleasure, will, would.

married (OT:1166)

ba`al (baw-al'); a primitive root; to be master; hence, (as denominative from OT:1167) to
 marry: KJV - **have dominion (over), be husband, marry** (-ried, X wife).
 OT:1167 ba'al (bah'-al); from OT:1166; a master; hence, a husband, or (figuratively) owner
 (often used with another noun in modifications of this latter sense): KJV - + archer, + babbler,
 + bird, captain, chief man, + confederate, + have to do, + dreamer, those to whom it is due, +
 furious, those that are given to it, great, + hairy, he that hath it, have, + horseman, husband,
 lord, man, + married, master, person, + sworn, they of.

Extraordinary times orchestrated by God call for an extraordinary vision of God!

#1: God's delight is IN YOU

#2: You ARE the partner that He LONGS for and DESIRES

The #1 message that God wants people to know when they are in sin, in bondage, and in struggle: You are so BEAUTIFUL to me!

SIN is NOT BEAUTIFUL to God... at all! IT is UGLY and brings DEATH!

Not meant to make people comfortable in rebellion or sin... DARKNESS will KILL YOU!

Because of the cry of your heart to be free, that is beautiful to me! Because you WANT to be wholly mine! That is the cry of the heart that God sees as beautiful... not the heart of the rebellious. The cry of our hearts to be wholly His—the very act of grace, imparted to us.

We NEED the paradigm of the BEAUTIFUL God!

When we live ONLY under the paradigm of Moses:

- ⇒ We run from God and not to God in our sin and weakness
- ⇒ We obey so our ministry will do good
- ⇒ We obey so our circumstances will be better
- ⇒ We see the ANGRY God who is ANGRY at us for all of our wickedness and shortcomings

WHEN, not IF, we are confronted with the weakness of our flesh... what will be our response?

Obedience is the DOOR that allows the beauty of God to crown our lives...

Obedience is more than just temporal circumstances

Obedience is the DOORWAY through which the beauty of God enfolds to you, breaks forth in power over you, transforms you

David/Solomon: paradigm of obedience-> significantly related to the beauty of God!

David: call to a life of prayer and worship-> significantly related to the beauty of God!

There is a FAR HIGHER way to approach SIN than the fear of judgment and the lure of better circumstances

The latter approach will eventually leave you disillusioned with God...

The latter approach will lead you to seek what God does for you... and not God for who He is

We must embrace ALL that God is...or AS MUCH as He will SHOW US!

The occupation of HEAVEN is the beauty of God...

The PRE-occupation of the CHURCH needs to be the beauty of God...

The paradigm of BEAUTY is what will SUSTAIN us in the ACTIVITY and WORK of the KINGDOM

My problem is that I am a *natural*/worker and not a *natural* lover... I have to be taught how to be a lover.... We have to be supernatural lovers... anyone can work, but not everyone who works loves... those who love WILL work...

OBEDIENCE does not *have to* equal GRITTING YOUR TEETH...

The Story of Odysseus:

He leaves Penelope his wife and set sails from Ithaca to Troy... to participate in the fight to return Helen who was stolen by Paris, prince of Troy. Helen, the wife of Menelaus, king of Greece.. his brother Agamemnon, Ulysses, and a mighty Greek army undertook to restore the dignity of Greece and recapture Helen. Hiding in the belly of a Trojan horse, Ulysses and his men gained access to the city, slaughtered its inhabitants, and rescued captive Helen (she who "face launched a thousand ships"). It was the return voyage to Ithaca that proved to be the problem..

The Sirens were beautiful creatures.. who would sing songs to unwitting sailors as they passed by. So captured by their beauty and mesmerized by their songs, they would succumb and lose all focus. In fact, the songs were almost irresistible.. Boats would crash on rocks near the shore... unseen and hidden until it was too late. The Sirens were actually demonic cannibals.. whose alluring disguise and mesmerizing melodies would close in on wrecked sailors and devour their flesh.

Odysseus, having been warned, ordered his crew to put wax in their ears lest they be lured to their ultimate demise. "Look neither to the left nor to the right.." "Row for your lives".. Odysseus had other plans for himself... He told his men to strap him to the mast of the ship, but with ears unplugged. "I want to hear their song.." Curious.. but foolish.. "No matter what I say or do, don't untie me until we are safely at a distance from the island."

Odysseus was UTTERLY seduced by the SONGS of the SIRENS... Were it not for the ROPES, he would have succumbed to their invitation. Although his hands were restrained, his heart was captivated by their beauty. Inwardly he said YES... though outwardly the ropes prevented his indulgence. His "NO" response was not the fruit of spontaneous revulsion... but the product of an external shackle...

Christian men and women: our hearts long and pant for the pleasures of sin. We struggle through life saying NO to sin, not because our hearts are so inclined but because our hands have been shackled by rules, laws, taboos, fear of punishment, and prohibitions from our religious environment. Obedience is not from the GLAD product of a transformed nature, but a reluctant conformity born of fear and shame. How do we account for our "obedience"? Where does it spring from? What is its source? Are you bound so tightly to the mast of religious expectations but all the while wanting to do the opposite of what is done?

The Story of Jason:

He faced the same temptation of the Sirens... His solution was quite different. Jason brought with him a man named Orpheus, the son of Oeager. Orpheus was a musician of incomparable talent, especially on the lyre and flute. When it came time Jason declined to plug the ears of his crew. And, he did not strap himself to the mast to restrain his otherwise lustful yearning for whatever pleasures the Sirens might sing. Instead, he ordered Orpheus to play his most beautiful, most alluring songs! The Sirens didn't have a chance to compete... Even with the allure of the Sirens, Jason and his men paid no heed to them. They were not in the least inclined to succumb.. Why? Because they were captivated by a transcendent song.. and a transcendent sound! The music of Orpheus was of a different order. Jason and his men rebuffed the sounds of the Sirens because they heard something far sweeter, far more noble, far more soothing.

UNTIL the sweeter sound of Jesus captures our hearts, we will still yearn in our hearts for what we deny our hands....

For every work of the flesh:	There is an ALTERNATIVE fruit of the Spirit that can be manifested:
adultery	love
fornication	joy
uncleanness	peace
lewdness	longsuffering
idolatry	kindness
sorcery	goodness
hatred	faithfulness
contentions	gentleness
jealousies	self-control
outbursts of wrath	
selfish ambitions	
dissensions	
heresies	
envy	
murders	
drunkenness	
revelries	
and the like....	

Galatians 5:16-6:1

- 16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.
 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.
 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.
 21 ... of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who **practice** such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- 23 ... Against such there is no law.
 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.
 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

In every situation there is a choice:

Yield to the self-will
 Yield to the Father's will

Is your focus on the sin that you can see or the Spirit you can't see?

How did Jesus embrace the cross? For the JOY that was set before Him...He endured
 How are we to do the same? For the JOY that is set before us...

We were MADE for wholehearted, abandoned pursuit for the Great Pursuer
 We were MADE for fiery love in our hearts by the Fiery Creator
 We were MADE out of intense longings and made to live our life out of that longing

A heart awakened in love is the greatest gift we can both receive and give to the Lord

God's Theology of Divine Partnership

God is in need of nothing.... And in fact nowhere in the Bible are we told to DO something for God per se.

Instead, we are told that GOD is already DOING something and He invites, wants, desires, and yes, longs for, our partnership with Him!

It always follows a similar pattern:

#1: Revelation of who HE IS

#2: Revelation of who WE ARE because of Him

#3: Revelation of who others are and our partnership with God toward them...

Psalms 110

- 1 The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."
- 2 The LORD shall **send the rod of Your strength** [] **out of Zion** [the people of God]. **Rule in the midst of Your enemies** [through your people]!
- 3 Your people shall **be volunteers** [voluntary lovers, co-participants] **In the day of Your power;** In **the beauties of holiness**, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth.
- 4 The LORD has sworn And will not relent, "**You are a priest** forever According to the order of Melchizedek."
- 5 The Lord is at Your right hand; He shall **execute** kings **in the day of His wrath.**
- 6 He shall **judge** among the nations, He shall **fill** the places with dead bodies, He shall **execute** the heads of many countries.
- 7 He shall drink of the brook by the wayside; Therefore He shall lift up the head.

Psalms 149

- 1 Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, And His praise in the assembly of saints.
- 2 Let Israel **rejoice in** [8055-enjoy, find pleasure in, feel joy for, be glad over, be blithe, be brightened by the thought of, be filled with glee] their Maker; Let the children of Zion be **joyful** [1523-happy, exhilarated in love, satisfied beyond measure, overflowing with enjoyment] in their King.
- 3 Let them praise His name with the **dance**; Let them sing praises to Him with the **timbrel** and **harp**.
- 4 For **the LORD takes pleasure in** [7521-finds His greatest delight in, enjoys, is overwhelmed with emotions for, is consumed with joy over, is greatly pleased by, sings and dances with exceeding gratefulness for, accepts us, sets His affection upon, likes with intense feelings, sees as having satisfied all debts] His people; He will **beautify** [6286-displays as trophies of His love and grace, boasts over, adorns, puts ornaments of beauty on, cause to grow from within] **the humble with salvation.**
- 5 Let the **saints be joyful** [5937-jump for joy, exult, make triumphal, make victoriously happy] **in glory**; Let them **sing** aloud on their beds.
- 6 Let the **high praises** of God be in their mouth, And a **two-edged sword** in their hand,
- 7 **To execute vengeance** on the nations, And **punishments** on the peoples;
- 8 **To bind** their kings with chains, And their nobles with fetters of iron;
- 9 **To execute on them the written judgment**-- This honor have all His saints. Praise the LORD!

rejoice in (OT:8055)

samach (saw-makh'); a primitive root; probably **to brighten up**, i.e. (figuratively) be (causatively, make) blithe or gleesome: KJV - cheer up, be (make) glad, (have, make) joy (-ful), be (make) merry, (cause to, make to) rejoice, X very.

be joyful in (OT:1523)

giyl (gheel); or (by permutation) guwl (gool); a primitive root; properly, **to spin round (under the influence of any violent emotion)**, i.e. usually rejoice, or (as cringing) fear: KJV - be glad, joy, be joyful, rejoice.

takes pleasure in (OT:7521)

ratsah (raw-tsaw'); a primitive root; to **be pleased with**; specifically, **to satisfy a debt**: KJV - (be) accept (-able), accomplish, **set affection, approve**, consent with, **delight** (self), **enjoy**, (be, have a) favour (-able), **like**, observe, pardon, (be, have, take) please (-ure), reconcile self.

beautify (OT:6286)

pa'ar (paw-ar'); a primitive root; to **gleam**, i.e. (causatively) **embellish**; figuratively, **to boast**; also to explain (i.e. make clear) oneself; denominative from OT:6288, to shake a tree: KJV - beautify, boastself, go over the boughs, glorify (self), glory, vauntself.

OT:6288 pe'orah (peh-o-raw'); or pora'h (po-raw'); or pu'rah (poo-raw'); from OT:6286; properly, **ornamentation**, i.e. (plural) foliage (including the limbs) as bright green: KJV - bough, branch, sprig.

Isa 49:3 And said unto me, Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom **I will be glorified**.

be joyful (OT:5937)

`alaz (aw-laz'); a primitive root; to **jump for joy**, i.e. exult: KJV - be joyful, **rejoice, triumph**.

Isaiah 62:1-7

- 1 For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, And her salvation as a lamp that burns.
- 2 The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, And all kings your glory. **You shall be called by a new name, Which the mouth of the LORD will name.**
- 3 **You shall also be a crown of glory In the hand of the LORD, And a royal diadem In the hand of your God.**
- 4 **You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, Nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; But you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; For the LORD delights in you, And your land shall be married.**
- 5 For as a young man marries a virgin, So shall your sons marry you; **And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, So shall your God rejoice over you.**
- 6 **I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent,**
And give Him no rest till He establishes And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

Isaiah 61:10-11

- 10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
- 11 For as the earth brings forth its bud, As the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

Glorifying God ... AND ... Enjoying Him Forever

versus

Glorifying God ... BY ... Enjoying Him Forever

Isaiah 6:3

3 Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!

Isaiah 40:1-11

1 Comfort, yes, comfort My people! Says your God.
 2 Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, That **her warfare** is ended, That **her iniquity is pardoned**; For she has received from the LORD's hand Double for all her sins.
 3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "**Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God.**
 4 **Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth;**
 5 The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."
 6 The voice said, "Cry out!" And he said, "What shall I cry?" "All flesh is grass, And all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.
 7 The grass withers, the flower fades, Because the breath of the LORD blows upon it; Surely the people are grass.
 8 The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.
 9 O Zion, You who bring good tidings, Get up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, You who bring good tidings, Lift up your voice with strength, Lift it up, be not afraid; Say to the cities of Judah, "**Behold your God!**"
 10 **Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with a strong hand**, And **His arm shall rule for Him**; Behold, **His reward is with Him**, And **His work before Him**.
 11 **He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm**, And **carry them in His bosom**, And **gently lead those who are with young.**

Song of Songs 8:5

5 Who is this coming up from the wilderness, **Leaning upon her beloved?**

Revelation 3:12

12 He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. And **I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God**, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.

Revelation 14:1

1 Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, **having His Father's name written on their foreheads.**

Revelation 19:12-13

12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. **He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.**
 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

Revelation 22:4-5

4 They shall see His face, and **His name shall be on their foreheads.**

Revelation 8:3-6

3 Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. And **he was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.**
 4 And the smoke of the incense, **with the prayers of the saints**, ascended before God from the angel's hand.
 5 Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.
 6 **So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.**

Isaiah 62

1 **For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, And her salvation as a lamp that burns.**

A New Spiritual Identity

2 **The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, And all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, Which the mouth of the LORD will name.**
 3 **You shall also be a crown of glory In the hand of the LORD, And a royal diadem In the hand of your God.**

The Bridal Paradigm

4 You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, Nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; But **you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; For the LORD delights in you, And your land shall be married.**
 5 For as a young man marries a virgin, So shall your sons marry you; And **as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, So shall your God rejoice over you.**

Night and Day Prayer

6 **I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent,**
 7 **And give Him no rest till He establishes And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.**
 8 The LORD has sworn by His right hand And by the arm of His strength: "Surely I will no longer give your grain As food for your enemies; And the sons of the foreigner shall not drink your new wine, For which you have labored.
 9 But those who have gathered it shall eat it, And praise the LORD; Those who have brought it together shall drink it in My holy courts."

The Forerunner Ministry

10 **Go through, Go through the gates! Prepare the way for the people; Build up, Build up the highway! Take out the stones, Lift up a banner for the peoples!**
 11 **Indeed the LORD has proclaimed To the end of the world: "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Surely your salvation is coming; Behold, His reward is with Him, And His work before Him.'**"
 12 And they shall call them The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; And you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

Note here: the LORD is going to cause ZION to burn like a lamp FIRST. How will the Lord bring the Gentiles into His house? He will cause Zion to burn a lamp on FIRE! This is nothing less than a call for revival on His people! We have come to Mt. Zion.. the mountain of the righteous! Out of ZION which is the perfection of Beauty, the LIGHT of God will shine out. How will the world see the LIGHT of God? He will SHINE His light through His people!

It was for Jerusalem's sake that the cry went out... it was for the sake of the people of God that the cry went out! It is for the CHURCH.. for those of the Messiah who are His by covenant.. It is for their sake of Jerusalem that the LORD will not REST. He will not REST until the brightness and the fire and the righteousness of His people shines like a bright LAMP... all across the earth.

The LORD is the ONE who is bringing this about... He is the one who will not rest and so He will cause us not to rest either!

Psalms 50:1-6

1 The Mighty One, God the LORD, Has spoken and called the earth From the rising of the sun to its going down.
 2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God will shine forth.
 3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent; A fire shall devour before Him, And it shall be very tempestuous all around Him.
 4 He shall call to the heavens from above, And to the earth, that He may judge His people:
 5 "Gather My saints together to Me, Those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice."
 6 Let the heavens declare His righteousness, For God Himself is Judge.

He is going to cause the pattern of heaven to be the pattern on earth.. no rest night or day.

Rev 4:8

The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"

Rev 14:11

11 And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

Why? What is at stake? The WORLD... the BRIDE... a people who will LOVE HIM!

The Foundations of the Kingdom

Isaiah 61:1-3

- 1 The **Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me**, Because the LORD has anointed Me To **preach good tidings to the poor**; He has sent Me to **heal the brokenhearted**, To **proclaim liberty to the captives**, And the **opening of the prison to those who are bound**;
- 2 To **proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD**, And **the day of vengeance of our God**; To **comfort all who mourn**,
- 3 **To console those who mourn in Zion**, To give them **beauty for ashes**, The **oil of joy for mourning**, The **garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness**; That they may be called **trees of righteousness**, **The planting of the LORD**, **that He may be glorified.**"

Song 8:6-7

- 6 Set me as **a seal upon your heart**, As a **seal upon your arm**; For **love** is as strong as **death**, **Jealousy** as cruel as the **grave**; Its flames are flames of fire, A most vehement flame.
- 7 Many waters cannot quench love, Nor can the floods drown it. If a man would give for love All the wealth of his house, It would be utterly despised.

Ephesians 3:14-21

- 14 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be **strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man**, 17 that **Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith**; that you, **being rooted and grounded in love**, 18 **may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height**-- 19 **to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God**.
- 20 **Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us**, 21 **to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus** to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

John 14:12-14

- 12 Most assuredly, I say to you, **he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father**. 13 **And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son**. 14 **If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.**

John 14:19-24

- 19 A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. 20 At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. 21 **He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.**" 22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?" 23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and **We will come to him and make Our home with him**. 24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

**PRIESTLY MINISTRY to the LORD 1ST = the FIRST and GREAT COMMANDMENT
KINGLY MINISTRY for the LORD 2ND = the SECOND COMMANDMENT**

The 10 Commandments:

- 4 God-ward**
- 6 Man-ward**

The Vision for Fullness

The Restoration of the Tabernacle of David: KINGLY

- **Kingly Anointing to DO**
- **Fulfillment of the Great Commission**
- **The FULL RELEASE of JUSTICE**

Isaiah 16:5

5 In mercy the throne will be established; and One will sit on it in truth, in the tabernacle of David, judging and seeking justice and hastening righteousness."

Ephesians 4

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The Restoration of the Tabernacle of David: PRIESTLY

- **Night and Day Prayer**
- **Worship in Spirit and Truth**
- **The FULL CRY for JUSTICE**

Acts 15:15-17

15 And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written:
 16 'After this I will return and will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will set it up;
 17 **So that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord**, even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, says the Lord who does all these things.'

Ephesians 3:10-12

10 to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places,
 11 according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,
 12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

Fullness INWARD

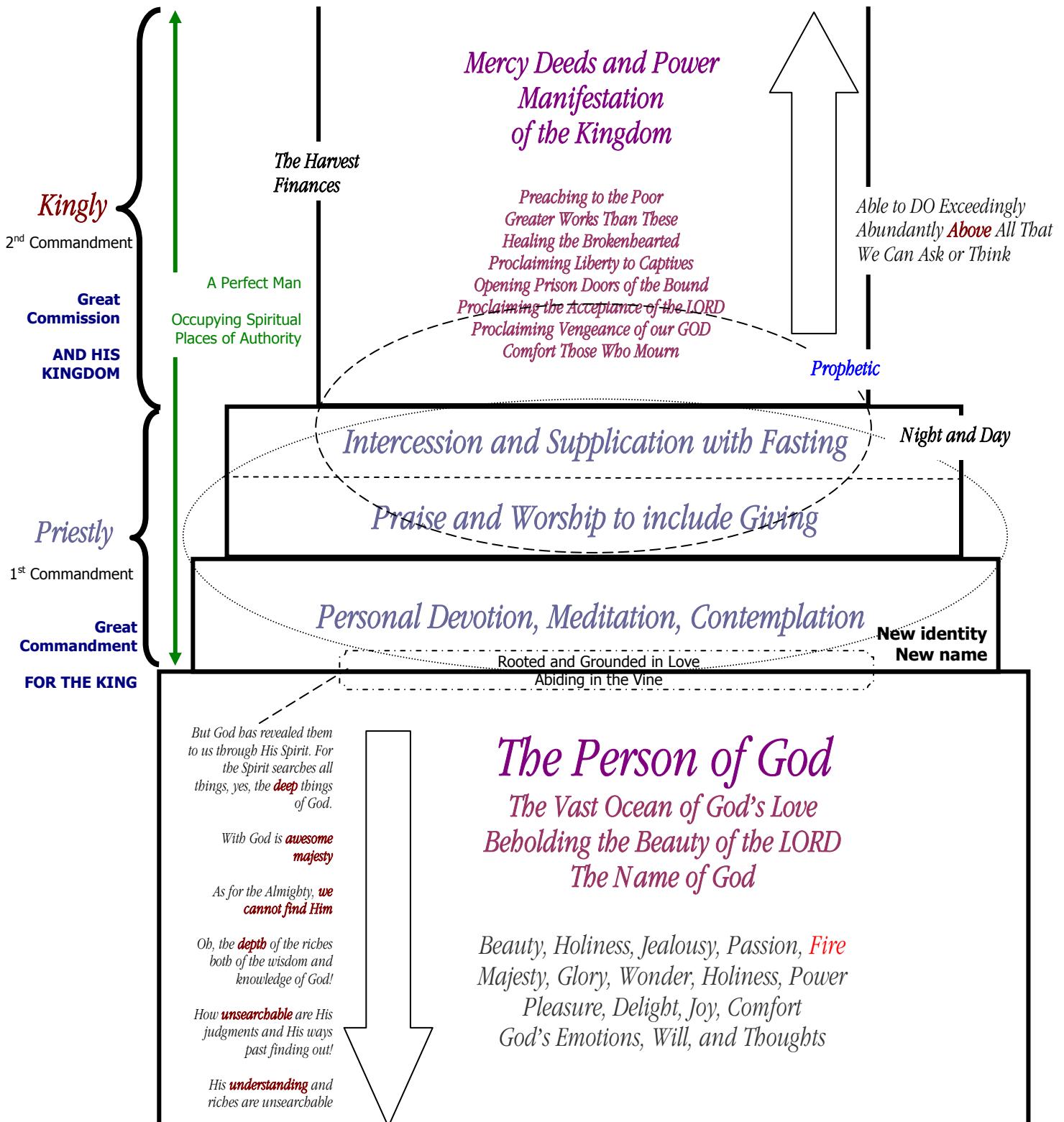
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Ephesians 4:11-16

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, **to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;**
 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,
 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head-- Christ--
 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Blueprints for the House of Prayer for All Nations



Abiding in the Lord

John 15:1-8

- 1 I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.
- 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.
- 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.
- 4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.
- 5 I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.
- 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.
- 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.
- 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

ABIDING: the release of divine activity in our mind, will, and emotions

- ⇒ When God abides in our soul, we have the capacity and ability to effect other people for the KINGDOM:
- ⇒ His KINGDOM is righteousness, joy, and peace

ABIDING in the LORD will allow us or cause us to impact the lives of others for righteousness, joy, and peace

THERE is a 2-FOLD ACTIVITY!

KEY PRINCIPLE

#1: God's invitations are commands... and for every command or invitation there is an implicit of provision to FULFILL or ENABLE a person to follow the command.

- 1] FIRST, we are commanded and invited to ABIDE IN HIM
- 2] SECONDLY, when we do that, HE will release the activity of His Spirit in our soul

KEY PRINCIPLE

**#2: There is NO FRUITFULNESS apart from this ABIDING, this RELATIONSHIP...
This ABIDING is the CONDITION for growth and maturity in the walk of
discipleship**

There are 2 distinct and separate abidings of the Holy Spirit:

- ⇒ This RELATIONSHIP is not the SAME as the RELATIONSHIP and ABIDING of the NEW BIRTH
- ⇒ This ABIDING is not the same ABIDING of the Holy Spirit that comes when we are first saved
- ⇒ This ABIDING is not the same INDWELLING of the Holy Spirit that is the privilege of every believer

1 Corinthians 12:13

- 13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free-- and **have all been made to drink into one Spirit.**

1 Corinthians 6:17

- 17 But he who is joined to the Lord is **one spirit with Him.**

Romans 8:9

- 9 Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, **he is not His.**

The ABIDING Jesus speaks of is not the same as the initial indwelling of the Holy Spirit but rather the release of divine activity in our hearts towards righteousness over time.

Many disciples never FOLLOW their Lord or GROW in love or faith... and they do not seek to ABIDE in the LORD on a daily basis.

Galatians 4:19

19 My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is **formed** in you,

NT:3445

morphoo (mor-fo'-o); from the same as NT:3444; to **fashion** (figuratively): KJV - form.

NT:3444

morphe (mor-fay'); perhaps from the base of NT:3313 (through the idea of adjustment of parts); shape; figuratively, **nature**: KJV - form.

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morphoo NT:3445, like the noun (A, No. 1), refers, not to the external and transient, but to the inward and real; it is used in Gal 4:19, expressing the necessity of a change in character and conduct to correspond with inward spiritual condition, so that there may be moral conformity to Christ.

It may be quite difficult to translate until Christ's nature is formed in you. One equivalent may be "until you become like Christ"; another, "until you have the characteristics of Christ himself." In some instances, however, the most satisfactory equivalent may simply be "until you become true followers of Christ."

1 Timothy 2:13

13 For Adam was *formed* [different word, but intent is similar] first, then Eve.

John 5:20

20 For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that **you may marvel**.

There is INITIAL FAITH or BELIEVING and there is FAITH or BELIEF for GREATER WORKS than THESE...

They are not the same...

- ⇒ The first type of faith is FREELY given and received... it saves us and does come at a cost of us giving up our lives to the LORD.. but we do not MERIT what we receive...
- ⇒ The second type of faith is only GIVEN to those who PURSUE it... it comes at a cost to us.. though we do not MERIT this type of faith either, it IS only given in response to HUNGER

John 14:12-14

12 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, **the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do**, because I go to My Father.

13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

2 Corinthians 3:16-18

- 16 Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.
 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.
 18 But we all, with unveiled face, (**2734**) **beholding as in a mirror [GLASS] the glory of the Lord**, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

KEY PRINCIPLES:

- #3: It is a DIM beholding that is required or expected of us**
- #4: It is beholding a PERSON that causes us to change**

The nature and quality of the abiding:

- ⇒ It does not have to be ANOINTED or SPECTACULAR
- ⇒ It does not have to involve FEELING or INSPIRATION to do it
- ⇒ An ancient mirror or GLASS cast a dim reflection of a person... it was not clear
- ⇒ We do not have to behold God in angelic revelation or visions of heaven or trances in order to have a transformed heart.... It only takes a beholding of Him DIMLY to transform us

NT:2734

katoptrizomai (kat-op-trid'-zom-ahee); middle voice from a compound of NT:2596 and a derivative of NT:**3700** [compare NT:2072]; to mirror oneself, i.e. to see reflected (figuratively): KJV - behold as in a glass.

NT:3700

optanomai (op-tan'-om-ahee); a (middle voice) prolonged form of the primary (middle voice) optomai (op'-tom-ahee); which is used for it in certain tenses; and both as alternate of NT:3708; **to gaze** (i.e. **with wide-open eyes, as at something remarkable**; and thus differing from NT:991, which denotes simply **voluntary observation**; and from NT:1492, which expresses merely **mechanical, passive or casual vision**; while NT:2300, and still more emphatically its intensive NT:2334, signifies **an earnest but more continued inspection**; and NT:4648 a watching from a distance): KJV - appear, look, see, shewself.

Psalms 27:4-5

- 4 One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold **the beauty of the LORD**, And to inquire in His temple.
 5 For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.

The PRIMARY PRE-OCCUPATION of our hearts and of HEAVEN is HIS BEAUTY!

- ⇒ We must WORK to enter REST
- ⇒ We must GAZE with mouths wide-open at stunning beauty ... at something remarkable
- ⇒ Otherwise, our hearts will never enter into pursuit
- ⇒ We must be STUNNED and AWED FIRST... that is God's plan to woo us... to allure us
- ⇒ It was the PREOCCUPATION of King David—the man after God's own heart

Hebrews 4:9-13

- 9 There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.
 10 For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.
 11 **Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest**, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.
 12 For **the word of God is living and powerful**, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

KEY PRINCIPLES

- #5: Consistency and discipline before inspiration and anointing
- #6: There is always a time before the release of activity is SEEN in our souls and hearts even after a prolonged time period of our activity and seeking
- #7: There ARE strategic seasons of withholding that are orchestrated and administered by a Father who has all wisdom and knowledge and who is perfect in His works

The devotional disciplines are ONE of the MAIN activities in the LORD that should be DONE whether or not there is an anointing that is felt to do it.

Smith Wigglesworth: "Begin in the flesh, end in the spirit"

Galatians 6:7-9

- 7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.
- 8 For he who **sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption**, but he who **sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life**.
- 9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

If Paul says "Don't be deceived" then we are PRONE to deception in the area he references:

We are PRONE to be deceived about the nature of sowing and reaping
The deception is BOTH on the flesh/corruption and spirit/righteousness side

The devotional disciplines from the Sermon on the Mount:

1. **Acts of service or charity (serving people out of love even in inconvenience)**
2. **Forgiveness**
3. **Giving (tithes and offering)**
4. **Prayer**
5. **Fasting (one day a week)**

- ⇒ These are NORMAL for a New Testament Christian
- ⇒ These are to be done without feeling or inspiration or anointing to do them
- ⇒ These are to be done in SECRET
- ⇒ These are to be done to the LORD
- ⇒ These do not earn our righteousness or make up for disobedience

A "Personal History" in God

- ⇒ The sermon on the mount lived out, in private, to the LORD, over time
- ⇒ No one else can GIVE this to you
- ⇒ An anointed teacher or preacher cannot impart it to you
- ⇒ It can ONLY be acquired

There are immutable laws of the harvest:

it takes time to REAP
we REAP MORE than we SOW
we REAP according to the SEE that we SOW!

Whether we know it or not, eventually sowing to our flesh will impact our emotions and will cause us to be UNABLE to be FREE from them over time... it is the LAW of death and corruption in our flesh

Ecclesiastes 8:10-11

- 11 **Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily**, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

God's principles take TIME to execute and work...

God's wisdom is that TIME is part of the law of sowing and reaping

God is NOT MOCKED OR DEIEVED:

He will not command us to ABIDE or BEHOLD and then NOT in DUE SEASON RELEASE His activity.. righteousness, joy, and peace, and cause us to be an impact to others

IF a person would be FREE from bondage or sin: with the SAME diligence that they gave themselves to uncleanness and perversion over the years, NOW, let them give themselves to Prayer and the Word

REAPING ETERNAL LIFE

- ⇒ Eternal is NOT Quantitative but rather Qualitative
- ⇒ We have eternal life NOW
- ⇒ Jesus defined eternal life as the UNFOLDING of God to our heart

John 17:3

- 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

2 Corinthians 9:6

- 6 But this I say: **He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly**, and **he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully**.

Matthew 25:29 (Law of Least Privilege or Use)

- 29 For **to everyone who has, more will be given**, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.

"The Rich Get Richer"

You can be as close to the LORD as you want to be!

Hebrews 11:6

- 6 But **without faith it is impossible to please Him**, for **he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him**.

- ⇒ We must believe that He EXISTS
- ⇒ We must BELIEVE that He rewards those who seek Him

You must come.. uninspired and unanointed ... worship, seek, pray, talk, listen, sing, read, contemplate...

- ⇒ HE WILL REWARD YOU
- ⇒ You must believe there is a reward for your activity
- ⇒ However, put NO conditions on WHEN and HOW

Romans 8:15-17

- 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."
- 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

There is a SPIRIT inside of you that cries "ABBA"!
That cry and that voice must be allowed to come forth.. it takes time and diligence on your part to cultivate it

The imagery of the VINE and the BRANCH...

A farming metaphor: seeding, weeding, pruning, cultivating, persevering

A coexistence / codependence metaphor: life flows from GROUND to ROOT to BRANCHES

Jesus is the means by which we can partake of the LIFE of the SPIRIT of GOD... the GROUND
He is the ROOT... the physical interface with God Almighty
He is the VEHICLE by which nutrients, food, energy, power are transferred to the LEAVES...the BRANCHES

There is an "ABBA CRY" that must be cultivated:

- ⇒ "I am your wholly, you are mine wholly"
- ⇒ Covenant is about ALL
- ⇒ We give ALL of ourselves to Him, He gives ALL of Himself to us

We must spend time allowing the Holy Spirit to release into our spirit the cry of the Father... so that our spirit truly bears witness with Him.. that we are children of God

His work IN YOU: You are mine and I am yours, **wholly** yours!

James 4:5-6

5 Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"? 6 But He gives more grace.

There is a context of obedience: i.e., prayer cannot "make up for" rebellion or sin...it is not penance

- ⇒ Guard our tongues from slander
- ⇒ Guard our month: it quenches the Spirit quicker than anything
- ⇒ Guard our eyes: lust of the flesh and lust of the eyes
- ⇒ Guard our minds.. shun pornography and sensuality
- ⇒ Guard our actions... do good and run from evil

The more time you spend in DEVOTIONAL PRAYER, the more the ABBA CRY is released in your SPIRIT.. the CRY will INCREASE over time

PERSONAL HOLINESS is directly linked, if not dependent, on our prayer life.. but it is not the prayer that most Western Christians envision

Part of the "DRYNESS" we experience is part of the fellowship of suffering:

- ⇒ The Desert of Temptation was a "dry" time for King Jesus
- ⇒ The Cross was the ultimate "dry" time... yet it was the pinnacle of Yeshua's earthly ministry

The MORE you PRAY, the MORE you have to PRAY

- ⇒ It is like ANY other addiction
- ⇒ It takes a little to start with, but a little will turn into a desire for more
- ⇒ No desire and no effort CAN NOT turn into a desire for more
- ⇒ You must START with something

KEY PRINCIPLES:

#8: Holy men are not the product of their ability to change themselves but rather those who have allowed the Holy Spirit access to their hearts

You sit and expose yourself to the Spirit of God... your emotions WILL change over time...
 Sit and EXPOSE yourself to the working of the Spirit... your character WILL be impacted over time...

Hunger for God is not based on temperament...

- ⇒ Has nothing to do with whether you are emotional or intellectual
- ⇒ It is given BY impartation of the Spirit
- ⇒ It is the MOST PRECIOUS gifts of grace that God can bestow
- ⇒ It is the ANOINTING to LOVE Him
- ⇒ It is MIGHT in your INNER MAN

Hunger for God is given by supernatural impartation to THOSE who wait...

- ⇒ It takes EFFORT and DILIGENCE to enter REST
- ⇒ The most precious GIFT GOD can give is hunger for Him
- ⇒ GUARD that HUNGER with ALL JEALOUSY

Hebrews 4:11

11 Let us therefore **be diligent to enter that rest**, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.

Proverbs 4:23

23 **Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.**

Hunger for God is deposited by impartation by sitting under the influence of the one who BURNS with desire.. to those who are humble...to those who sit, wait, watch, and pray

James 4:5-6

5 Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us **yearns jealously**" [burns with flaming hot, fiery emotions and passion]? 6 But He gives more grace.

Sit under the divine illumination of the Spirit... you WILL change

- ⇒ Your heart and mind will be impacted for righteousness, joy, peace
- ⇒ You will begin to love things you once despised and despise things you once loved

Hunger for God will SHOVE other things out of the way...

- ⇒ It takes this IMPARTATION to SEE the things in our life or heart that KEEP US FROM receiving more
- ⇒ We must see the obstacles and objections as those things that KEEP ME FROM pursuit and hunger

There is a CRY in your spirit for more... it produces PAIN...

- ⇒ God will use PAIN to drive you to Him... it was DESIGNED that WAY
- ⇒ PAIN is the impetus that MOVES us to God
- ⇒ We can IGNORE, COVER UP, and DEADEN the PAIN

Many LEGAL and ILLEGAL ways to do this:

- ⇒ Media
- ⇒ Entertainment
- ⇒ Drugs/Alcohol

We must get rid of our media addictions and lifestyle of JUST pursuing entertainment and pleasure

- ⇒ God wants our greatest pleasure to be in Him
- ⇒ However, Father is also training us to reign with His Son one day...
- ⇒ He has also called you to disciple the nations with His Son
- ⇒ Yeshua calls us to a life of enjoying Him AND serving with Him as a partner in love

John 2:17

17 Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up."

HOLY GOD, GIVE ME the ZEAL of Your Son!

Sit before the ONE who gives ZEAL... Sit before the ONE who is consumed with ZEAL for you...

Where do we get ZEAL? Where do we get FIRE?

- ⇒ From the one who is FULL of ZEAL
- ⇒ From the one who is a RAGING FIRE

Who is the ZEAL and FIRE for?

ME!
YOU!
His Children by Grace!

Isaiah 40:28-31

28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.
29 He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength.
30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall,
31 But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

The CREATOR.. LORD of Heaven and Earth:

- ⇒ He does not faint
- ⇒ He does not get tired
- ⇒ He does not fail
- ⇒ He does not grow weary
- ⇒ He is an EVERLASTING source of ENERGY
- ⇒ He is a RESERVOIR of INEXHAUSTIBLE POWER
- ⇒ He has SELF-REPLENISHING LIFE
- ⇒ He is THE SOURCE of EVERYTHING of I NEED
- ⇒ His UNDERSTANDING is UNSEARCHABLE

Are you weak?

He GIVES POWER

Are you without MIGHT?

He GIVES STRENGTH

The youth and young men: those with PHYSICAL strength by virtue of age

Even THEY will get tired and FALL

The YOUTH and OLD alike must get their POWER from ONE SOURCE and ONE SOURCE ALONE: HIM!

What is the REQUIREMENT?

They that WAIT UPON THE LORD

THOSE that WAIT will MOUNT UP, RUN, and WALK

ANY AREA THAT YOU LACK IN...

If you WAIT, God will RELEASE to YOU

AGAIN:

Anything you CAN live without in God, you WILL live without in God

Many have NO VISION for WHAT THEY CAN HAVE:

Many have NO VISION for their INHERITANCE in Messiah:

- ⇒ A spirit empowered and strengthened with MIGHT
- ⇒ A heart SEALED with a SEAL of FIERY LOVE and DIVINE DESIRE
- ⇒ The KISS of God's WORD
- ⇒ Emotions that FEEL the EMOTIONS of God
- ⇒ A mind that thinks the thoughts of Messiah
- ⇒ Greater works than these
- ⇒ Messiah living in your heart... the feeling and sense of God's presence
- ⇒ The understanding of the incomprehensible LOVE of God
- ⇒ The FULLNESS of God
- ⇒ The revelation and understanding of God
- ⇒ Greater GRACE
- ⇒ Spiritual rest in our hearts and minds...
- ⇒ Anointing on our words that destroy the works of darkness
- ⇒ Authority in prayer that corporately topples principalities and powers

There can be little AUTHORITY in PRAYER corporately until there is AUTHORITY in PRAYER privately

- ⇒ King Jesus talked about the INNER ROOM or HIDDEN CHAMBER where we PRAY
- ⇒ He spoke of this as the PLACE of TRUE INTIMACY.. not the PUBLIC PRAYERS of the Pharisees that were offered to impress men and make them look GOOD
- ⇒ We cannot pursue intimacy or holiness through PUBLIC/CORPORATE prayer
- ⇒ Only YOU CAN PURSUE God for you... no one else CAN
- ⇒ Only YOU CAN GET impartation of DIVINE HUNGER... it cannot be given or imparted by another person
- ⇒ HANGING around ANOINTED PEOPLE does not mean that YOU will be CLOSE to GOD or empowered

Philippians 4:8-9

- 8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--**meditate on these things.**
- 9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

EXPECTATION: ZEAL will INCREASE if you WAIT and SIT

God will REWARD YOU...

You will HAVE RIGHTEOUSNESS in SECRET... where no one necessarily SEES

This is the MOST IMPORTANT RIGHTEOUSNESS to HAVE
How you act when NO ONE is LOOKING or WATCHING
It is your TRUE level of maturity

James 4:6-10

- 6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, **But gives grace to the humble.**"
- 7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
- 8 **Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.** Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.
- 9 Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.
- 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

IF WE ABIDE

HE WILL RELEASE DIVINE ACTIVITY by the HOLY SPIRIT in our HEARTS

IF WE BEHOLD the LORD

WE WILL BE TRANSFORMED into HIS IMAGE

IF WE DRAW NEAR TO HIM

HE WILL DRAW NEAR TO US

IF WE WILL HUMBLE OURSELVES

HE WILL EXALT US IN DUE SEASON

We can't change our emotions or feelings... especially towards unrighteousness
But, we CAN change our MIND and what we think upon or look at..

God's SILENCE is WISDOM

- ⇒ God withholds tokens of His presence and anointing even when we are faithful
- ⇒ God hides Himself EVEN when you are faithful and diligent in pursuit
- ⇒ You CAN and WILL lose the feeling of the presence of God in your PURSUIT of God
- ⇒ It is to produce HUMILITY in us
- ⇒ It is to keep us TIED and YOKED to Him

We get offended at God's WAY:

- ⇒ "Anoint me first, then I will pray"
- ⇒ We RESIST God's way of HUMILITY

How do we RESIST?

By OUR PASSIVITY

OUR #1 RESPONSE when we do not FEEL GOD:

- We do not press into Him
- We stop pursuing Him
- We don't seek Him
- We don't like it or appreciate it

We MUST:

- Accept it as Wisdom
- Accept His Way and settle it... so that we are not constantly chaffing against Him
- Quit complaining against Him because of this

We MUST REPENT of PASSIVITY

Change your mind....

Adapt your thinking to HOW God works... with our HUMILITY in mind

See that it is ONE aspect of the FELLOWSHIP of SUFFERING of Jesus

Same thing happens when God does not release POWER or answers to PRAYER the way WE WANT!

ACCEPT that God's way is CONSISTENCY before RELEASE

Why do people quit in prayer?

Why do people never START in prayer?

We don't believe that boring DISCIPLINE is RELEVANT

We don't believe that we WILL REAP if we SOW to the spirit

We don't believe that a DIM BEHOLDING is all that is required of us

DIM, INEFFECTIVE, SOWING

BUT, you will REAP!

James 5:1-8

- 1 Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you!
- 2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten.
- 3 Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days.
- 4 Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.
- 5 You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury; you have fattened your hearts as in a day of slaughter.
- 6 You have condemned, you have murdered the just; he does not resist you.
- 7 **Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord.** See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain.
- 8 **You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.**

Humble people pray...

Humble people fast...

Humble people worship... as a priority and a practice

Humble people cry out...

Humble people tremble at His word...

God RESISTS... He become ACTIVE AGAINST... the PROUD

Why?

Because PRIDE will nurture and coddle the flesh... and eventually produce waste and death

God cannot AFFIRM that which will KILL us in the end

God cannot SUPPORT or APPROVE those things that INJURE us and bring HARM

He MUST resist the PROUD if He is truly a God of LOVE

He CANNOT allow PRIDE to run its course with ACTION... Look at Lucifer

KEY PRINCIPLES:

#9: A personal history in God cannot be obtained quickly or shoved in you overnight—it cannot be bestowed by another to you through prayer or anointing or supernatural impartation

#10: Anointing CAN be imparted and therefore nurtured... Paul imparted spiritual gifts with the elders to Timothy by the laying on of hands... but the ANOINTING of the HEART can only be imparted over TIME through ABIDING by the vehicle of INTIMACY with the LORD

Psalms 65:4

4 Blessed is the man You choose, And cause to approach You, That he may dwell in Your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Of Your holy temple.

Who does GOD choose?

Those who CHOOSE to draw near to Him
Those who will CHOOSE to wait in His presence

FIRST , YOU →	Abide Draw Near Behold	THEN GOD WILL →	Release Activity of the Holy Spirit Draw Near Bring Transformation
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I Know YOU WILL... God..
Now.. do my part

James 4:8

8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded

Galatians 6:7-8

7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

KEY PRINCIPLES:

#11: Anything you CAN live without in God, you WILL live without it in God.. We are as CLOSE to GOD as we CHOOSE to BE

I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT YOUR PRESENCE....
Then wait upon me...

But I don't want to endure the boredom or the lack of excitement
Then do without my presence...

BUT I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT YOUR PRESENCE...
Draw near to me and I will draw near to you....

What is God's Word to you WORTH? What is His Presence to you WORTH?

John 15:9-17

9 As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. 10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. 12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. 14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. 17 These things I command you, that you love one another.

KEY PRINCIPLES:

#12: Jesus calls us into the experience of the Father's love and emotions for us and over us

As the Father loved Jesus....

How much did the Father LOVE His only Son?
What were the emotions that Father felt when He saw Jesus, looked at Jesus?
Did He enjoy His Son or just endure His Son?
Was overwhelmed or was He mildly intrigued?

I also have loved you...

THESE emotions ARE how Jesus feels about us
About you and me
About me in my weakness and shortcoming
About me, but I have a heart that says "YES" and WANTS all the fullness of God
He is thrilled when I press INTO HIM ... when I PRESS HEAVENWARD
He wants me to PRESS UNTIL I find Him
He wants me in PURSUIT of HIM
Why? Because He IS PURSUING US... He IS WORKING ALL THINGS for our GOOD
Spoken to WEAK, IMMATURE, YOUNG apostles who were all going to deny Him that night

If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

Keeping
Disobedience defiles us... and prevents us from entering into this relationship

These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

It is for FULLNESS of JOY that Jesus spoke these things...
He wants us to have a FULL CUP in HIM

Psalms 10:4

The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts.

Psalms 32:10

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; But he who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him.

Psalms 36:1-4

An oracle within my heart concerning the transgression of the wicked:
There is no fear of God before his eyes.
For he flatters himself in his own eyes,
When he finds out his iniquity and when he hates.
The words of his mouth are wickedness and deceit;
He has ceased to be wise and to do good.
He devises wickedness on his bed;
He sets himself in a way that is not good;
He does not abhor evil.

Living with a View of Eternity

Our evaluation before the LORD = the judgment seat of Messiah

Romans 14:10-13

- 10 But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For **we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.**
- 11 For it is written: "As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God."
- 12 **So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.** 13 **Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way.**

2 Corinthians 5:9-11

- 9 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, **to be well pleasing to Him.**
- 10 **For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.**
- 11 Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

KEY PRINCIPLES

#1: There is an evaluation for believers before the LORD that is based solely on what we did or did not do in this life and in this body

1 Corinthians 3:11-15

- 11 For **no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid**, which is Jesus Christ.
- 12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,
- 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.
- 14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, **he will receive a reward.**
- 15 If anyone's work is burned, **he will suffer loss**; but **he himself will be saved**, yet so as through fire.

SAVED: But your life on earth was wasted

SAVED: But you took a common path

SAVED: But you did not bring glory to your LORD while you had the opportunity

SAVED: But you did not think it worth pursuing what was most important

SAVED: But you did not bear fruit according to what God envisioned for you

SAVED: But as the by the hair of your chinny chin chin

SAVED: But your life was rooted in selfishness and not in God

What is the LOSS and what is the REWARD? We don't know... but He does...

The LOSS is most likely the ability to perceive, reflect, and enjoy the presence of God in the heavenly realm

The REWARD is most likely a GREATER ability to reflect and comprehend the GLORY of the LORD in heaven

The SERIPHIM are the CLOSEST to the throne of God in the heavenly realm

They have to cover their eyes with wings... and when they uncover their eyes they can gain glimpses of God's glory and knowledge... His person... and it overwhelms them! Every time!

There is a vast, endless BEING called GOD ... His understanding is INFINITE!

What will be the reward that we have in heaven?

Probably more responsibility or duty in His kingdom

Psalms 147:5

5 Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite.

Job 36:5

5 "Behold, God is mighty, but despises no one; He is mighty in strength of understanding.

Job 36:22-23

22 "Behold, God is exalted by His power; Who teaches like Him?

23 Who has assigned Him His way, Or who has said, 'You have done wrong'?

Job 36:26

26 "Behold, God is great, and we do not know Him; Nor can the number of His years be discovered.

Job 37:19

19 "Teach us what we should say to Him, For we can prepare nothing because of the darkness.

Job 37:22-24

22 He comes from the north as golden splendor; With God is awesome majesty.

23 As for the Almighty, we cannot find Him; He is excellent in power, In judgment and abundant justice; He does not oppress.

24 Therefore men fear Him; He shows no partiality to any who are wise of heart."

However, the VERY GREAT REWARD of HEAVEN is God Himself....

The ability to understand Him, know Him, experience Him, feel Him!

IF IT IS POSSIBLE to speak without knowledge of God (Job) then it is possible to live without the awareness of His majesty and glory....

KEY PRINCIPLES

#2: The issue of judgment before the LORD is not about salvation but rather fruitfulness: there is reward for fruitfulness and loss for unfruitfulness. The ONLY enduring fruit is that which was birthed in a heart transformed by the image and into the image of Jesus, the Son of God.

Philippians 2:5-13

5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,
 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.
 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.
 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
 12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;**
 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

KEY PRINCIPLES

#3: Our evaluation before the LORD is the subject of the WORKING out of our salvation that Paul references—in both cases he points to the bowing of the knee on that day—when all mankind whether redeemed or unredeemed will give an account to Him who is the JUDGE

#4: Eternal evaluation must remain in our thoughts... with fear and trembling in respect to an AWE of God... the one who has power to cast into Hell and yet has power to forgive us and welcome us into His family as well

- ⇒ We cannot live BEYOND what the LORD has ordained for us.
- ⇒ We SHOULD not live UNDER what the LORD has ordained for us.

Either one is VANITY and LOSS! Either ONE will not LAST or produce REWARD!

BOLDNESS in the Day of Judgment is found by walking in LOVE NOW!

Let His LOVE be PERFECTED in YOUR HEART, NOW....

WHEN His LOVE is PERFECTED, you will not FEAR JUDGMENT, but rather welcome it...

1 John 4:17-19

- 17 Love has been perfected among us in this: **that we may have boldness in the day of judgment;** because as He is, so are we in this world.
18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. 19 We love Him because He first loved us.

KEY PRINCIPLES

#5: Our only hope to stand bold in JUDGEMENT on that day is to fall in LOVE with Him on *this* day—today! There is no FEAR in LOVE... our only HOPE is to let LOVE, LIVING LOVE, His LIVING FLAME OF LOVE be kindled in our hearts.

Luke 16:14-15

- 14 Now the Pharisees, who were **lovers of money**, also heard all these things, and they derided Him.
15 And He said to them, "You are those who **justify yourselves before men**, but God knows your hearts. For **what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.**

KEY PRINCIPLES

#6: It is ONLY in the place of ABIDING that we will begin to esteem the things that God esteems... to cherish the things that He cherishes... to see things as He sees them... to value what He values... to hate the things that are an abomination to Him!

What did the Pharisees love?

The praise of men
Money

Religion esteems what is VALUABLE to MAN FIRST

Relationship esteems what is VALUABLE to GOD FIRST

Father, that I would see as an abomination that which is not esteemed by you... that which is esteemed by man but is just rubbish in your site.

How do we fall in LOVE? How do we let His flame be kindled?

PURSUE His beauty
 PURSUE His passion
 PURSUE His fire
 PURSUE His glory
 PURSUE His LOVE

WE LOVE BECAUSE... HE FIRST LOVED US
 WE ARE A FIRE... because HE IS A FIRE FIRST...

We were made to REFLECT what we BEHOLD and PURSUE
 We were made to become like what we LOVE and PASSIONATELY DESIRE
 We were MADE to become like HIM!
 We are bearers of His fiery love, passion, holiness, glory, and love...
 Our hearts were made for this!

2 Corinthians 10:12-13

- 12 For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, **measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves**, are not wise.
 13 We, however, will not boast beyond measure, but within the limits of the sphere which God appointed us--a sphere which especially includes you.

KEY PRINCIPLES

#7: The ONLY standard that we can compare ourselves to is the STANDARD of the Word of God and the Son of God..

- ⇒ When we compare ourselves against others, we may wind up not doing too bad...
- ⇒ There are always those we can find that we are better than... some don't measure up to
- ⇒ Every OTHER standard is INVALID.. it is not WISE
- ⇒ God will not measure YOU against someone ELSE
- ⇒ He will only measure YOU against the Word and His Son
- ⇒ If we would be a voice...
- ⇒ If we would not JUST bring information...
- ⇒ If we would not JUST be a PARROT... an ECHO

Find out what is RELEVANT... THEN SHUN everything ELSE:

The ONLY place we can find out what is RELEVANT FOR US is FROM the ONE who is MOST RELEVANT
 The PLACE of ABIDING IS the PLACE where we see ourselves in the mirror of the Word
 The PLACE of ABIDING IS the PLACE where we individually find out what is RELEVANT for us and our life

John 5:20-23

- 20 For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.
 21 For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.
 22 **For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,**
 23 that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

John 12:48-50

- 48 He who rejects Me, and **does not receive My words**, has that which judges him--**the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.**
- 49 For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.
- 50 And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak."

We not only have the test, but answers to the test... we have the grading scale.. we even know the personality of the Judge and what He does and doesn't like!

We will be judged by the Words of Jesus on the Last Day...

We will be adjudicated by the Word of God.. its standard...

We will not be compared to ANYONE else... we will not be racked and stacked and rank ordered

Jesus will not even JUDGE us... but His WORD WILL

Reject vs Embrace Him

Ignore vs Receive His Word

KEY PRINCIPLES

#8: The same standard that will CONDEMN men on the Last Day is the SAME standard that the FRUITFULNESS of our lives in the Lord will be measured against...

The Church that sees that we are in need of nothing... rich, fat, happy.. while being...

WRETCHED/MISERABLE

BLIND

POOR

NAKED

Jesus will VOMIT it out of His mouth....

- ⇒ The WORD is the STANDARD
- ⇒ The TRUTH will EVALUATE us on that day

We cannot have confidence in doing GOOD that is WRONG or MISPLACED

- ⇒ Even GOOD THINGS that are not RELEVANT to God's plan for you
- ⇒ Even OK THINGS... acceptable things... allowable things...

We can't let ANYONE else determine these things for us...

The WORD must be what determines and bears upon us

Jude 4

- 4 For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who **turn the grace of our God into lewdness** and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Titus 2:11-15

- 11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,
- 12 teaching us that, **denying ungodliness and worldly lusts**, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly **in the present age**,
- 13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of **our great God and Savior Jesus Christ**,
- 14 who gave Himself for us, that He might **redeem us from every lawless deed** and **purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.**
- 15 Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.

KEY PRINCIPLES

#9: Grace is given to us so that we would shun evil, deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and live soberly

- ⇒ Grace empowers us, instructs us, teaches us
- ⇒ We have the GRACE of God and the SUPPLY of the Spirit to walk in holy love
- ⇒ We have the POWER of GRACE to enable us to walk in victory over area of darkness

Isaiah 66:2

- 2 For all those things My hand has made, And all those things exist," Says the LORD. "But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, **And who trembles at My word.**

Trembling at the Word of God:

Bowing all other considerations to its force
 Weighing all decisions by its standard
 We want to align ourselves to the REALITY that JUDGMENT is BASED upon the WORD

KEY PRINCIPLES

#10: We want to align ourselves with the Word of God in every area: thought, word, and deed... that our lives would be conformed to its mandate and power... if His Word says it, we throw away all other arguments that we might pose against it

Living with a VIEW of ETERNITY insulates our hearts from:

- ⇒ Apathy
- ⇒ Lukewarmness
- ⇒ Coldness
- ⇒ Lethargy
- ⇒ Stoniness

Acts 24:15-21

- 15 I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be **a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust.**
 16 This being so, **I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men.**
 17 Now after many years I came to bring alms and offerings to my nation,
 18 in the midst of which some Jews from Asia found me purified in the temple, neither with a mob nor with tumult.
 19 They ought to have been here before you to object if they had anything against me.
 20 Or else let those who are here themselves say if they found any wrongdoing in me while I stood before the council,
 21 unless it is for this one statement which I cried out, standing among them, 'Concerning the resurrection of the dead I am being judged by you this day.' "

Acts 24:24-25

- 24 And after *some* days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, he sent for Paul and heard him concerning the faith in Christ.
 25 Now as he reasoned about **righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come**, Felix was afraid and answered, "Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you."

The message of Paul was firmly rooted in:

- ⇒ The resurrection of the dead
- ⇒ Righteousness
- ⇒ Self control
- ⇒ Judgment to come
- ⇒ Faith in Messiah

With no clear vision of the JUDGMENT to come, believers have no vision to pursue LOVE and FIRE in the heart... unbelievers have no vision to leave their life of sin and repent

Matthew 3:4-12

- 4 And John himself was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey.
- 5 Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him 6 and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins.
- 7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?
- 8 Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, 9 and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.
- 10 And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.
- 11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**
- 12 His winnowing fan is in His hand, and **He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn;** but **He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.**"

John the Baptist and his message:

- ⇒ The coming wrath
- ⇒ Righteousness
- ⇒ Repentance
- ⇒ Fruit
- ⇒ Faith in Messiah
- ⇒ The Baptizer in the Holy Spirit and Fire

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit → Pentecost

He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor

The Harvest of the Righteous

He will gather His wheat into the barn →
Yom Kippur, the Rapture, the Great Harvest

The Harvest of the Wicked

He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire →
Day of Atonement, the Days of Awe, Everlasting Burnings

KEY PRINCIPLES

#11: We here but a brief moment of time and without abiding in the LORD we walk aimlessly because we spend our life on things that are wasteful and that will not produce lasting fruit

John 16:6-15

- 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.
- 8 And when He has come, **He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:** 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.
- 12 I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.
- 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.
- 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.
- 15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

The ministry of the Holy Spirit:

- ⇒ Sin
- ⇒ Righteousness
- ⇒ Judgment
- ⇒ Faith in Messiah

CONVINCED about SIN—because they do not believe in Jesus

CONVINCED about RIGHTEOUSNESS—because Jesus has ascended.. THE HOLY ONE

CONVINCED about JUDGMENT—because satan is judged, the Son of God faced our judgment, and He will come again to judge...

KEY PRINCIPLES

#12: We must develop eyes and ears that seek out and pursue the subject of eternity and majesty... this revelation will keep our hearts from boredom and shape a view of fullness

Those things that are birthed in a stony, cold, prayerless heart will NOT last or pass the TEST...

We MUST not pursue our own agenda... we MUST pursue His

Key Books:

Ecclesiastes: Activity not initiated by God .. Vanity of Vanities... Life Under the Sun
 Revelation: the View of Majesty.. we Prayer to a Majestic, Glorious, Sovereign, Person
 Song of Solomon/Isaiah/Psalms: this God has deep passion for humans

Even the Lord *Jesus* did not try to MAKE Himself King... He HUMBLED Himself and refused offers from both man and satan to have a kingdom on earth.. to have MEN appoint Him as King

O that we would refuse to be KING... even when the people want us to be a KING.. if it is not in the WILL of God for us.

We must live our life so that we will not suffer loss of our reward:

- 1) What is the fruit?
- 2) What is the heart behind it.. the motive?
- 3) Why do we do what we do?

Everything NOT done for God in His WILL BE burned up on that day.. nothing will last except those things which were initiated by God and which we partnered with Him to achieve

We cannot live our lives trying to make things happen... pursuing things UNINITIATED by God
 It is a waste
 Whether in the Kingdom or out of the Kingdom

Do we value, pursue things that do not last more than things that do last?

Even when people around us want things to happen:

1. Don't let people push us
2. Don't let people make us what we were not intended to be

God is NOT IMPRESSED one bit by any of our accomplishments...
 Going beyond means nothing unless it is in the will of the Father for us...

Do we have the strength of King Jesus or King David to TURN DOWN kingship outside the will of God?

- ⇒ Preferring to be a doorkeeper appointed by God
- ⇒ Versus being a king appointed by man

We INVEST in a bankrupt system... this PASSING evil age
 What is the WISEST choice of our life... our energy... our passion

KEY PRINCIPLES

- #13: Our entry into the kingdom and our standing with Lord in terms of divine power and authority---the ability to receive love and reflect glory---will be linked to our life in time and space**
- #14: We must see the NUMBER of our days so that our LIFE is not wasted and so that we may present to the LORD a heart of wisdom on that day...**
- #15: At best, our life is but a vapor and we are here but a short time: our influence is but a moment and only in ABIDING can we truly find and walk in a way that our INFLUENCE will last in ETERNITY**

Revelation 3:18

- 18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; **and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed**; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

Revelation 16:15

- 15 Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and **keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.**"

- ⇒ There are works ordained by God for us... we must search them out...
- ⇒ Some are general and apply to all believers... so MAY be more specific
- ⇒ Our future glory is LINKED to our life in time and space... our ACTS of righteousness NOW on EARTH

Revelation 19:8-9

- 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, **for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.**
- 9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!' " And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."
- ⇒ We are GRANTED to be arrayed in fine linen... to WALK in ACTS of RIGHTEOUSNESS
 - ⇒ The linen IS OUR righteous ACTS... ACTS that are DONE... WORKED OUT

Psalms 90:12

12 So **teach us to number our days**, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

- ⇒ We CANNOT waste our life doing things and pursuing things that God is not in
- ⇒ On the last day, we CAN give the LORD a heart of wisdom

Proverbs 10:1-3

1 The Proverbs of Solomon: **A wise son makes a glad father**, But a foolish son is the grief of his mother.

2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, But **righteousness delivers from death**.

3 **The LORD will not allow the righteous soul to famish**, But He casts away the desire of the wicked.

Psalms 39:4-5

4 "**LORD, make me to know my end, And what is the measure of my days, That I may know how frail I am.**

5 Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths, And my age is as nothing before You; Certainly every man at his best state is but vapor.

2 John 7-8

8 Look to yourselves, that **we do not lose those things we worked for**, but that **we may receive a full reward.**

James 4:13-17

13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; 14 **whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow**. For what is your life? **It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.**

15 Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." 16 But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.

17 Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

1 John 2:15-17

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world.

17 And **the world is passing away**, and the lust of it; but **he who does the will of God abides forever.**

These 3 THINGS STEAL our life: sensuality, greed, pride

They RUIN our LIFE because they CONSUME our LIFE

They can DESTROY FRUITFULNESS.. they STEAL your ALREADY SHORT LIFE

A LIFE CONSUMED on the LUSTS of this AGE

INVESTING in a BANKRUPT SYSTEM

The GOAL of our LIFE should be to:

- 1) KNOW HIM
- 2) Produce FRUIT that will follow us into the next life

MONEY is POWER, but:

TIME is LIFE

We CAN LOSE the things we HAVE WORKED for...

We CAN LOSE our REWARD...

We CAN LOSE what God *would have* ordained for us to walk in...

We CAN LOSE what God *would have* given our heart in this life...

We CAN LOSE what God *would have* given us on that day...

If we do not have time to pursue abiding then we do not have time to partake of what God would give us...
OUR inheritance FROM God is offered to those who will PURSUE and REACH for it

KEY PRINCIPLES

#16: If we do not have time to pursue abiding and beholding and devotional disciplines then we do not have time to pursue our inheritance promised to us by God

1 John 2:28

- 28 And now, little children, **abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.**

John 15:4-11

- 4 **Abide in Me, and I in you.** As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.
 5 I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.
 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.
 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.
 8 **By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit;** so you will be My disciples.
 9 As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.
 10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

How will we not have confidence on that day?

How will we be ashamed before Him at His coming?

How will we have fear on that day?

By NOT abiding in Him

By NOT bearing fruit

By NOT living a life of prayer, fasting, and worship

Practical Ways to Behold the LORD or Open Your Spirit in Devotional Prayer

Enemies to Devotional Prayer:

- ⇒ No Desire
- ⇒ No Vision for What Is Attainable (you don't want to start)
- ⇒ No SCHEDULE for IT (you want to start, but you don't plan it out)
- ⇒ No PLAN (you have it scheduled, but you have no plan of attack)
- ⇒ Rambling Thoughts (you have it scheduled, a plan of what to do, and
- ⇒ Tiredness

#1 Meditation on the WORD

This is the FOUNDATIONAL ELEMENT... above all else.. MEDITATE on the WORD

- ⇒ It is the WASHING of the WORD on our souls
- ⇒ It is turning SCRIPTURE into DIALOG with a GLORIOUS PERSON

Ephesians 5:24-28

- 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,
- 26 that He might **sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word**,
- 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

Titus 3:5-7

- 5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,
- 6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

We are SANCTIFIED and CLEANSED by the washing of our hearts with the water of the WORD

John 5:39-40

- 39 You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.
- 40 **But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.**

Come to HIM:

- ⇒ We come to a person
- ⇒ We do not sit down with a book
- ⇒ We do not sit down with a doctrine
- ⇒ We do not come to gain knowledge of doctrine... but rather a knowledge of a person
- ⇒ We sit down to encounter a MAN, who will REVEAL His Father to US
- ⇒ We sit down to COMMUNE with a PERSONAL SPIRIT—"He"

Study is NOT the same as meditation, but it can be incorporated as part of a time of beholding

- ⇒ Meditation will wash you much more than study
- ⇒ Study seeks more after intellectual understanding and human comprehension

Revelation 4

- 1 After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."
- 2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.
- 3 And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.
- 4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads.
- 5 And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

6 Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.
7 The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle.
8 The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"
9 Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever,
10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:
11 "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

Come to HIM as the KING:

- ⇒ Use the backdrop of Revelation (4-5) to frame your prayers...

Turn Scripture into Conversation with King Jesus and the Father

- ⇒ Dialogue with a glorious person... turn Scripture into prayer
- ⇒ 2 Ways to Do This:
 - For Promises:
 - Thank the LORD for the PROMISE.. for His grace to receive it
 - Ask the LORD to give you deeper understanding of it
 - For Commands:
 - Commit yourself to the LORD to obey the admonition
 - Ask the LORD for grace to help you obey
- ⇒ Scripture is KEY to developing LANGUAGE

Scriptural Foundations for Prayer

- ⇒ Apostolic Prayers
- ⇒ Hymns of Revelation
- ⇒ Psalms
- ⇒ Song of Solomon
- ⇒ Theophanies
- ⇒ Songs of the Prophets

"Experiencing the Depths of Jesus Christ" – Jeanne Guyon

"Short and Very Easy Method of Prayer"

- ⇒ Bringing you to the Messiah who LIVES within YOU

#2 Write Prayers of Devotion and Intercession Out

- ⇒ LANGUAGE is a big problem.. how do I fill 30 minutes, 60 minutes, 1 ½ hours of time?
- ⇒ How do we stay within the boundaries GIVEN yet ask for exceedingly abundantly above all that we can ask or think?

STUDY a PASSAGE to find its meaning and depth....

Put it into your own words

Use your own heart to express the same ideas

"A Call to Spiritual Reformation" – D.A. Carson

- ⇒ Commentaries on Scripture
- ⇒ More theological, but gives you a good starting point
- ⇒ The PRAYERS of the New Testament are FOREIGN to most of us
- ⇒ We MUST explore them.. they were DIVINELY recorded in the LOGOS for US

One of the MAIN reasons we have nothing substantial to offer the LORD in intercessory prayer is because we struggle in what to offer Him in devotional prayer

The BIBLE is FULL of LANGUAGE

- ⇒ It is a LOVE language, in symbolic poetry in some cases
- ⇒ It is a PROPHETIC language, in dim pictures of the glorious GOD who is TRANSCENDENT
- ⇒ It is a DOCTRINAL language, in boundaries that are divinely given to us

The WORD is the WOOD that we BRING to the LIVING FIRE....

- ⇒ Put your HEART before the BONFIRE of God's WORD
- ⇒ It will be WARMED over time
- ⇒ It will be IGNITED in HOLY PASSION
- ⇒ The Spirit will be poured out as fuel UPON this FIRE
- ⇒ It is ORDAINED that you would BRING BACK to God His WORD

#3 Prayer OUT LOUD and in the Spirit

Speaking and Singing: Vocalizing prayer will help focus you...

A general RULE:

Your mind follows your mouth
Speak softly/quietly

Praying and Singing in the Spirit

- ⇒ We utter mysteries
- ⇒ It builds our spirit man UP and increases our faith (there is some link)
- ⇒ It touches the river of the Spirit within us
- ⇒ We receive divine understanding and impartation

Ephesians 6:18

18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints--

Jude 20-21

20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

1 Corinthians 14:4-5

4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.
5 **I wish you all spoke with tongues**, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.

1 Corinthians 14:15

15 What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.

1 Corinthians 14:18

18 **I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all**

#4 Incorporate MUSIC: Sing Back to the LORD

God's THRONE is surrounded by MUSIC.. He is a MUSICAL being.. He is the CREATOR of MUSIC

- ⇒ It was invented by God for MAN to dialogue WITH God
- ⇒ It is the most NATURAL vehicle to move our inward man .. our soul and spirit
- ⇒ It moves people to the divine and it moves people into spiritual darkness

Colossians 3:16

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:18-21

18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,
19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,
20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
21 submitting to one another in the fear of God.

#5 Private and Corporate Worship

Singing SONGS versus singing to a PERSON... same concept

The #1 Object of Worship is God

People ARE secondary

Worship is ministry TO Him but it is FOR us..

1 Peter 2:4-6

4 **Coming to Him as to a living stone**, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, 5
you also, **as living stones**, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, **to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.**

#6 Supplication and Intercession

2 Corinthians 1:9-11

9 Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead,
10 who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us,
11 you also helping together in prayer for us, that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the gift granted to us through many.

#7 Prayer of Silence

Requires the MOST divine activity on the FRONT END

Requires DISCIPLINE in your thought life

Themes of Prayer

The NUMBER ONE theme is the RELEASE of the HOLY SPIRIT

- for revival
- for character
- for power
- for intimacy

RAIN/RIVER of the SPIRIT to be Released

FIRE of the SPIRIT to be Kindled

WIND of the SPIRIT to Blow

WINE of the SPIRIT to Flow

THREE KEY THEMES:

- 1) Fruit = Character
- 2) Gifts = Power
- 3) Wisdom = Administration of His Purpose and Will

Eye Salve: To Get Understanding of God's Ways

Eph 3:9-10 => Manifold Wisdom of God Revealed

PRINCIPLES to USE:

- 1) Remind God of His Word
 - a) Promise to the Church/Jesus
 - b) Remind Him of His Acts in the Past

PRAYING the BOOK of ACTS

- 2) Prayers of Scripture
- 3) Psalms
- 4) Hymns
- 5) Theophanies

MOTIVATING FACTORS

- 1) UNIVERSAL ANTICIPATION of GOD's MOVE: (Angels have not seen)
- 2) The COMING VISITATION of GOD

Anticipation -> Preparation -> Preservation -> Participation

Matthew 9:17

The structure of the wineskin must be prepared so the wineskin is not ruined
The wineskin must be made ready.. before anything is poured out

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| '04 - | Welsh Revival |
| '06 - | Azusa Street |
| 40s/50s- | Latter Rain |

Outpourings of Grace in Power/Character/Wisdom

The most effective intercessors are those who have a devotional prayer life
You must TALK to GOD... not to PEOPLE

ASK GOD FOR POWER on the WORD

Lift your vision higher—Braynard, Finney, Wesley, Whitfield, Wigglesworth, Maria Woodsworth Etter

People CHANGE INSTANTLY when PREACHING is ANOINTED

#1 Pray for the RELEASE of the CONVICTION resulting in GODLY CHARACTER

#2 Don't have your devotional prayer time in public

#3 The Biblical mandate of prayer is asking God to intervene in ways that God says He will intervene

John 16:8-11

8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of **sin**, and of **righteousness**, and of **judgment**:
 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me;
 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more;
 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

Supernatural Conviction = Supernatural Revelation

- ⇒ We can have the anointing that drives careless sinners to be driven fully to repentance
- ⇒ Not by illustrations by the diving energy of God upon His Word
- ⇒ When the supernatural conviction is upon the Word, people will change...
- ⇒ Rain makes pulling up weeds easier

When the WORD is MAGNIFIED and INCREASES, GREAT things in the Spirit happen...

Prayer for:

- 1] The FEAR of the LORD
- 2] Power to ENTER the CHURCH
- 3] PEACE
- 4] JOY
- 5] COMFORT
- 6] EDIFICATION

Acts 9:32

31 Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.

Acts 6:7

7 Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the **priests were obedient to the faith**.

Acts 12:24

24 But the word of God grew and multiplied.

Acts 13:48-49

48 Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed. 49 And the word of the Lord was being spread throughout all the region.

Acts 19:20

20 So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

2 Thessalonians 3:1-4

3:1 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you, 2 and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith. 3 But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one.

Colossians 4:2-5

- 2 Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; 3 meanwhile praying also for us, that God would **open to us a door for the word**, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, 4 that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

We don't have a vision for anointed preaching because we have not experienced.

The Promise of Enjoyable Prayer

Isaiah 56:1-8

- 1 Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, For My salvation is about to come, And My righteousness to be revealed.
- 2 Blessed is the man who does this, And the son of man who lays hold on it; Who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And keeps his hand from doing any evil."
- 3 Do not let the son of the foreigner Who has joined himself to the LORD Speak, saying, "The LORD has utterly separated me from His people"; Nor let the eunuch say, "Here I am, a dry tree."
- 4 For thus says the LORD: "To the eunuchs who keep My Sabbaths, And choose what pleases Me, And hold fast My covenant,
- 5 Even to them I will give in My house And within My walls a **place** and a **name** Better than that of sons and daughters; **I will give them an everlasting name** That shall not be cut off.
- 6 "Also the sons of the foreigner Who join themselves to the LORD, to serve Him, And to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants--Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And holds fast My covenant—
- 7 **Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices Will be accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.**"
- 8 The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, says, "Yet I will gather to him Others besides those who are gathered to him."

David's Theology of Enjoyable Prayer

Psalms 16

- 1 **Preserve me**, O God, for in You I put my trust.
- 2 O my soul, you have said to the LORD, "**You are my Lord, My goodness is nothing apart from You.**"
- 3 As for the saints who are on the earth, "**They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.**"
- 4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after another god; Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, Nor take up their names on my lips.
- 5 O LORD, You are the **portion** of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot.
- 6 The lines have fallen to me in **pleasant** places; Yes, I have a good inheritance.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who has given me **counsel**; My heart also instructs me in the night seasons.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.
- 9 Therefore **my heart is glad**, and **my glory rejoices**; My **flesh also will rest in hope**.
- 10 For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Psalms 45

- 1 My heart is overflowing with a good theme; I recite my composition concerning the King; My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.
- 2 **You are fairer than the sons of men; Grace is poured upon Your lips; Therefore God has blessed You forever.**
- 3 **Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O Mighty One, With Your glory and Your majesty.**
- 4 **And in Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth, humility, and righteousness; And Your right hand shall teach You awesome things.**
- 5 **Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies; The peoples fall under You.**
- 6 **Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.**
- 7 **You love righteousness and hate wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.**
- 8 **All Your garments are scented with myrrh and aloes and cassia, Out of the ivory palaces, by which they have made You glad.**
- 9 Kings' daughters are among Your honorable women; **At Your right hand stands the queen in gold from Ophir.**
- 10 Listen, O daughter, Consider and incline your ear; Forget your own people also, and your father's house;
- 11 **So the King will greatly desire your beauty; Because He is your Lord, worship Him.**
- 12 And the daughter of Tyre will come with a gift; The rich among the people will seek your favor.
- 13 The royal daughter is all glorious within the palace; Her clothing is woven with gold.
- 14 She shall be brought to the King in robes of many colors; The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall be brought to You.
- 15 With **gladness** and **rejoicing** they shall be brought; They shall enter the King's palace.
- 16 Instead of Your fathers shall be Your sons, Whom You shall make princes in all the earth.
- 17 I will make Your name to be remembered in all generations; Therefore the people shall praise You forever and ever.

The Hope of our Inheritance

There are two types of inheritance:

- ⇒ **Our inheritance in Messiah, in HIM**
- ⇒ **Messiah's inheritance in US.**

Psalms 2:8

8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for **Your** possession.

The God who Burns with Desire for Us

John 5:1-47

- 1 After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
- 2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches.
- 3 In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water.
- 4 For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.
- 5 Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years.
- 6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"
- 7 The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me."
- 8 Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk."
- 9 And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.
- 10 The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed."
- 11 He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'"
- 12 Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?"
- 13 But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place.
- 14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you."
- 15 The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.
- 16 For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath.
- 17 But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."
- 18 Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.
- 19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.
- 20 "For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.
- 21 "For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.
- 22 "For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,
- 23 "that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.
- 24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.
- 25 "Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.
- 26 "For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself,
- 27 "and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.
- 28 "Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice
- 29 "and come forth-- those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.
- 30 "I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.
- 31 "If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true.
- 32 "There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true.
- 33 "You have sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth.
- 34 "Yet I do not receive testimony from man, but I say these things that you may be saved.

35 "He was the burning and shining lamp, and you were willing for a time to rejoice in his light.
 36 "But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish-- the very works that I do-- bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me.
 37 "And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form.
 38 "But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe.
 39 "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.
 40 "But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.
 41 "I do not receive honor from men.
 42 "But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you.
 43 "I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.
 44 "How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?
 45 "Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you-- Moses, in whom you trust.
 46 "For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me.
 47 "But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"

Matthew 11:1-30

1 Now it came to pass, when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples, that He departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities.
 2 And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?"
 3 Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see:
 4 "The blind see 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.
 5 "And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."
 6 As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?
 7 "But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.
 8 "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet.
 9 "For this is he of whom it is written: 'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You.'
 10 "Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.
 11 "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.
 12 "For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.
 13 "And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come.
 14 "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!
 15 "But to what shall I liken this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their companions,
 16 "and saying: 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we mourned to you, and you did not lament.'
 17 "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.'
 18 "The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a gluttonous man and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' But wisdom is justified by her children."
 19 Then He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent:
 20 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.
 21 "But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you.

23 "And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.
 24 "But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you."
 25 At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes.
 26 "Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.
 27 "All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.
 28 "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
 29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
 30 "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Deuteronomy 28:58-68

58 If you do not carefully observe all the words of this law that are written in this book, that **you may fear this glorious and awesome name, THE LORD YOUR GOD,**
 59 then **the LORD will bring upon you and your descendants extraordinary plagues-- great and prolonged plagues-- and serious and prolonged sicknesses.**
 60 Moreover He will bring back on you **all the diseases** of Egypt, **of which you were afraid**, and they shall cling to you.
 61 Also **every sickness** and **every plague**, which is not written in the book of this law, will the LORD bring upon you **until you are destroyed**.
 62 You shall be left few in number, whereas you were as the stars of heaven in multitude, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.
 63 **And it shall be, that just as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good and multiply you, so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you and bring you to nothing; and you shall be plucked from off the land which you go to possess.**
 64 Then the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other, and there you shall serve other gods, which neither you nor your fathers have known-- wood and stone.
 65 And among those nations you shall **find no rest**, nor shall the sole of your foot have **a resting place**; but there the LORD will give you **a trembling heart, failing eyes**, and **anguish of soul**.
 66 **Your life shall hang in doubt before you; you shall fear day and night**, and have **no assurance of life**.
 67 In the morning you shall say, 'Oh, that it were evening!' And at evening you shall say, 'Oh, that it were morning!' because of **the fear which terrifies your heart, and because of the sight which your eyes see**.
 68 And the LORD will take you back to Egypt in ships, by the way of which I said to you, 'You shall never see it again.' And there you shall be offered for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, **but no one will buy you.**"

Deuteronomy 30:9-20

9 "The LORD your God will make you abound in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your land for good. **For the LORD will again rejoice over you for good as He rejoiced over your fathers**,
 10 if you obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this Book of the Law, and if you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.
 11 For this commandment which I command you today, it is not too mysterious for you, nor is it far off.
 12 It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?'
 13 Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?'
 14 **But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it.**
 15 **See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil,**

16 **in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the LORD your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess.**

17 But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them,

18 I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess.

19 **I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;**

20 **that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."**

Psalms 2:1-12

1 Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing?

2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,

3 "Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us."

4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the LORD shall hold them in derision.

5 Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure:

6 "Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion."

7 "I will declare the decree: the LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You.'

8 Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.

9 You shall break them with a rod of iron; you shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."

10 Now therefore, be wise, O kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth.

11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

12 Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

Psalms 9:2

2 I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

Song of Songs 1:4

4 Draw me away! THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM we will run after you. THE SHULAMITE the king has brought me into his chambers. THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM we will be glad and rejoice in you. We will remember your love more than wine. THE SHULAMITE rightly do they love you.

Isaiah 29:19

19 The humble also shall increase their joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 35:1-6

1 The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose;

2 It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, even with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the excellence of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the excellency of our God.

3 Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

4 Say to those who are fearful-hearted, "Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God; he will come and save you."

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

- 6 Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

Isaiah 61:10-11

- 10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
 11 For as the earth brings forth its bud, as the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

Isaiah 62:5-7

- 5 For as a young man marries a virgin, so shall your sons marry you; and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.
 6 I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent,
 7 And give Him no rest till He establishes and till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

Zephaniah 3:16-20

- 16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear; Zion, let not your hands be weak.
 17 The LORD your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; **he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will quiet you with His love, he will rejoice over you with singing.**"
 18 "I will gather those who sorrow over the appointed assembly, who are among you, to whom its reproach is a burden.
 19 Behold, at that time I will deal with all who afflict you; I will save the lame, and gather those who were driven out; I will appoint them for praise and fame in every land where they were put to shame.
 20 At that time I will bring you back, even at the time I gather you; for I will give you fame and praise among all the peoples of the earth, when I return your captives before your eyes," says the LORD.

Psalms 36:8-9

- 8 **They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures.**
 9 For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light.

Psalms 16:2-11

- 2 O my soul, you have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my goodness is nothing apart from You."
 3 As for the saints who are on the earth, "They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight."
 4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after another god; their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, nor take up their names on my lips.
 5 O LORD, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup; you maintain my lot.
 6 The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; yes, I have a **good inheritance.**
 7 I will bless the LORD who has given me counsel; my heart also instructs me in the night seasons.
 8 I have set the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.
 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; my flesh also will rest in hope.
 10 For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.
 11 You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Isaiah 53:10-11

- 10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; he has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, he shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.
 11 He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities.

Psalms 149:1-9

- 1 Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, and His praise in the assembly of saints.
 2 Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
 3 Let them praise His name with the dance; let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp.
 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; he will beautify the humble with salvation.
 5 Let the saints be joyful in glory; let them sing aloud on their beds.
 6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand,
 7 To execute vengeance on the nations, and punishments on the peoples;
 8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;
 9 To execute on them the written judgment-- this honor have all His saints. Praise the LORD!

Psalms 147:7-14

- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praises on the harp to our God,
 8 Who covers the heavens with clouds, who prepares rain for the earth, who makes grass to grow on the mountains.
 9 He gives to the beast its food, and to the young ravens that cry.
 10 He does not delight in the strength of the horse; he takes no pleasure in the legs of a man.
11 The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His mercy.
 12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!
 13 For He has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you.
 14 He makes peace in your borders, and fills you with the finest wheat.

Psalms 103:21-22

- 21 Bless the LORD, all you His hosts, you ministers of His, who do His pleasure.
 22 Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Isaiah 12:1-6

- 1 And in that day you will say: "O LORD, I will praise You; though You were angry with me, your anger is turned away, and You comfort me.
 2 Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; 'For YAH, the LORD, is my strength and song; he also has become my salvation.'"
 3 Therefore **with joy** you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
 4 And in that day you will say: "Praise the LORD, call upon His name; declare His deeds among the peoples, make mention that His name is exalted.
 5 Sing to the LORD, for He has done excellent things; this is known in all the earth.
 6 Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!"

Hebrews 13:17

- 17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

Acts 13:52

- 52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 20:24

- 24 "But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so **that I may finish my race with joy**, and **the ministry which I received** from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

Luke 10:17

- 17 Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

Psalms 105:43

- 43 He brought out His people **with joy**, his chosen ones **with gladness**.

The Song of All Songs

The Bridal Revelation... the full emotions of God's heart toward us..

- ⇒ Does not UNDERMINE masculinity.. but establishes it...
- ⇒ Though it is feminine in language.. poetic in nature...is not ONLY for females...

The Song of Solomon is written for people who will mature in the 1st commandment...
The Song of the Singing God... the one who rejoices over us!

SOS 1:5 The Journey of the Bride Begins...with the paradox of grace

DARKNESS: sin in our heart

yet

LOVELY: before God, seen as pure

The journey begins with honesty.. about her bondage and failure

- ⇒ No denial
- ⇒ No cover up
- ⇒ Not deceived
- ⇒ Not presumption

We are in serious unreality when we equate our loveliness with God to doing good... NO!

I AM DARK, BUT UGLY.. NO ONE can mature starting HERE!

I AM DARK: I am struggling, I am fumbling...

This is the first seasons of awakened love.. of a journey of love..of progression in mature, holy love...

Holy Passion..

that is the vision that God has for His people..
that Father has for the people He will give to His Son as an inheritance...

We are lovely to God, even in our immaturity...

This IS the STARTING place for all who will MATURE and MOVE FORWARD in HOLY PASSIONATE LOVE...

SOS 2:3 Still immature, struggling...

I sat down:

- ⇒ Resting, not standing

In His shade:

- ⇒ It was great delight!
- ⇒ Young, capacity to sit
- ⇒ Eat sweet fruit
- ⇒ ENJOYING GOD!

She was not :

- 1) STANDING in her own righteousness (self-righteousness)
- 2) Creating HER own shade and shelter (self-reliance)

We struggle so much because we try to present ourselves to God based on our own maturity...

5 Faces of Jesus Seen in the Song of Solomon:

Our maturity is in between two targets: we shoot high and bound in pride, or we shoot low and are bound in rejection.. both are equally bad

The Dark Night of Love

Passionate Pursuit: Understanding the Heart of God

General Principle: We love BECAUSE HE FIRST loved...

Psalms 45

- 1 My heart is overflowing with a good theme; I recite my composition concerning the King; My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.
- 2 You are fairer than the sons of men; Grace is poured upon Your lips; Therefore God has blessed You forever.
- 6 Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.
- 7 You love righteousness and hate wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.
- 8 All Your garments are scented with myrrh and aloes and cassia, Out of the ivory palaces, by which they have made You glad.
- 9 Kings' daughters are among Your honorable women; At Your right hand stands the queen in gold from Ophir.

Psalms 94:19

- 19 In the multitude of my anxieties within me, Your comforts delight my soul.

Psalms 94:20

- 20 Shall the throne of iniquity, which devises evil by law, Have fellowship with You?

Proverbs 8:30-36

- 30 Then I was beside Him as a master craftsman; And I was daily His delight, Rejoicing always before Him,
- 31 Rejoicing in His inhabited world, And my delight was with the sons of men.
- 32 "Now therefore, listen to me, my children, For blessed are those who keep my ways.
- 33 Hear instruction and be wise, And do not disdain it.
- 34 Blessed is the man who listens to me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at the posts of my doors.
- 35 For whoever finds me finds life, And obtains favor from the LORD;
- 36 But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul; All those who hate me love death."

Psalms 16:8-17:1

- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope.
- 10 For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Psalms 22:21-26

- 21 Save Me from the lion's mouth.. And from the horns of the wild oxen! You have answered Me.
- 22 I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.
- 23 You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!
- 24 For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; Nor has He hidden His face from Him; But when He cried to Him, He heard.
- 25 My praise shall be of You in the great assembly; I will pay My vows before those who fear Him.
- 26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; Those who seek Him will praise the LORD. Let your heart live forever!

Psalms 19:1-6

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.

2 Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge.
 3 There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard.
 4 Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them He has
 set a tabernacle for the sun,
 5 Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, And rejoices like a strong man to run its race.
 6 Its rising is from one end of heaven, And its circuit to the other end; And there is nothing hidden from
 its heat.

Zephaniah 3:14-20

14 Sing, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O daughter of
 Jerusalem!
 15 The LORD has taken away your judgments, He has cast out your enemy. The King of Israel, the LORD,
 is in your midst; You shall see disaster no more.
 16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear; Zion, let not your hands be weak.
 17 The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He
 will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.
 18 I will gather those who sorrow over the appointed assembly, Who are among you, To whom its
 reproach is a burden.
 19 Behold, at that time I will deal with all who afflict you; I will save the lame, And gather those who were
 driven out; I will appoint them for praise and fame In every land where they were put to shame.
 20 At that time I will bring you back, Even at the time I gather you; For I will give you fame and praise
 Among all the peoples of the earth, When I return your captives before your eyes," Says the LORD.

2 Cor 4:3-4

3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,
 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the
 glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Col 1:15-18

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.
 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible,
 whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for
 Him.
 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.
 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in
 all things He may have the preeminence.

Col 1:19-20

19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell,
 20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven,
 having made peace through the blood of His cross.

Job 38:4-11

4 "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding.
 5 Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?
 6 To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone,
 7 When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?
 8 "Or who shut in the sea with doors, When it burst forth and issued from the womb;
 9 When I made the clouds its garment, And thick darkness its swaddling band;
 10 When I fixed My limit for it, And set bars and doors;
 11 When I said, 'This far you may come, but no farther, And here your proud waves must stop!'

Luke 20:35-38

35 But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry
 nor are given in marriage;

36 nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.
37 Now even Moses showed in the burning bush passage that the dead are raised, when he called the Lord 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.'
38 "For He is not the God of the dead but of the living, for all live to Him."

Phil 4:8-9

8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things.
9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

John 1:1-5

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2 He was in the beginning with God.
3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.
4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.
5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.