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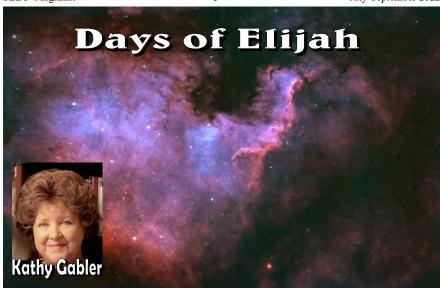


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Over a two week period I kept hearing, "These are the days of Elijah." It wasn't a song echoing within me but a declaration. I later discovered several other folks were hearing this also. Since I know we hear in part, I figured it was likely that each of us was hearing a different emphasis in the Days of Elijah. Setting out to embrace my part, I searched out significance in the Days of Elijah. I was amazed how vividly the conditions he faced were the same we are facing in our days of history.

Days of Elijah were crucial times under wicked leadership. Ahab was the king, but the true ruler was his witchy wife, Jezebel. Her influence had infiltrated the nation and led Israel into idol worship as they bowed the knee to her Phoenician god, Baal. Baal was considered the sun god and the storm god, and worshiping him involved sensuality, ritualistic prostitution and human sacrifice. (Who would have imagined such would ever be the case in America?!) The evil forces behind Jezebel and her puppet king were the cause of Israel's troubled state. Elijah came at the peak of their arrogance and atrocities to warn them God had had enough. Like the days of Elijah, we too stand at just such a precipice to confront the wicked arrogance and atrocities of this day because God is saying enough is enough.



Days of Elijah were times of confronting governmental powers that be. Elijah showed up in 1 Kings 17 to confront the puppet king of Israel with a proclamation: "I'm a servant of the living LORD, the God of Israel. And I swear in his name that it won't rain until I say so. There won't even be any dew on the ground." Beyond the forecast of a drought, it had to unnerve King Ahab that a man would get in his face and tell him, "I have the say so over your domain and over the weather warfare of your storm god, because I represent the higher government of God Almighty." In these days of Elijah, whether we are dealing with dark forces at work against our home or community or region or nation or other realms, we can take a stand when we are convinced and confident that Almighty God is backing us.

Days of Elijah were times of shortages and scarce supply. The God-backed stand we take must pivot on obedience to God's will and directions. After Elijah confronted the king, the Lord told him to leave and go hide near Cherith Creek. He was to drink water from the creek, and eat the food God told the ravens to bring him. Elijah obeyed the LORD and ravens brought him bread and meat twice a day. He drank water from the creek, but after a while, it dried up because there was no rain. The drought lasted over three years and everyone was affected. The shortages even reached Elijah, but so did God's detailed plans and supernatural provisions. After the airmail deliveries stopped, the Lord told Elijah to go to Zarephath where a widow would give him food. At first the widow adamantly told him she couldn't feed him because she was also in scarcity and lack. In fact, she was planning her last meal before dying, but there was Divine connection between Elijah's lack and the widow's shortage of supplies. That connection not only brought provision for both of them, it also revealed a supernatural resource for both of them. We too shall come through days of Elijah having experienced the miraculous of our God and His planned connections.

Days of Elijah were war-torn times with fresh battles continually breaking out. Several days into the battle against lack and starvation, another battle broke out in the widow's life. Her son got sick and kept getting worse until finally he died (1K.17:17). The woman shouted at Elijah, "What have I done to you? I thought you

were God's prophet. Did you come here to cause the death of my son as a reminder that I've sinned against God?" War has a way of bringing the struggles of a warrior's heart to the surface. Not only was she battling for survival and the life of her son, an old enemy showed up too. Condemnation reared its ugly head and pushed the war-torn woman to the edge of hopelessness, anguish and anger that had her shouting at the prophet. Hopelessness can smother the fight in us and usually leads to a pit of self-examination and despair. The widow went there and decided that losing her son was due to her past sins. That thinking would have had her throwing up her hands and quitting . . . BUT GOD.

The Days of Elijah are BUT GOD times. "Bring me your son," Elijah said. Then he took the boy from her arms and carried him upstairs to the room where he was staying. Elijah laid the boy on his bed and prayed, "LORD God, why did you do such a terrible thing to this woman? She's letting me stay here, and now you've let her son die." Even Elijah's issues surfaced in this battle of life and death. Evidently shaken by the widow's upset and shouting, the prophet spoke to God as if He was being unjust! BUT GOD was waiting on him to calm down and work a miracle. (Remember that in days of battle.) Elijah stretched himself out over the boy three times, while praying, "LORD God, bring this boy back to life!" The LORD answered Elijah's prayer, and the boy started breathing again. Elijah picked him up and carried him downstairs. He gave the boy to his mother and said, "Look, your son is alive." As the widow could testify, the days of Elijah undeniably manifest the Power of God on earth.

Days of Elijah were days of de-masking the troublers who projected their blame on others. After three years of no rain, there was almost nothing to eat anywhere and the LORD said to Elijah, "Go and meet with King Ahab. I will soon make it rain." So Elijah went to see Ahab. When Ahab saw Elijah he shouted,

"There you are, the biggest troublemaker in Israel!"

Elijah answered: "You're the troublemaker, not me! You and your family have disobeyed the LORD's commands by worshiping Baal. Call together everyone from Israel and have them meet me on Mount Carmel. Be sure to bring along the four hundred fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah who eat at

Jezebel's table. Ahab got everyone together, then they went to meet Elijah on Mount Carmel. Elijah stood in front of them and said, "How much longer will you try to have things both ways? If the LORD is God, worship him! But if Baal is God, worship him!" The people did not say a word. The masks were off!

Days of Elijah are days when lovers of darkness are dramatically desperate!

1Ki 18:28 And they called with a loud voice, and cut themselves, according to their way, with swords and with spears until blood gushed out on them. 1Ki 18:29 And it happened as noon passed by, that they prophesied madly until the offering up of the offering; and no sound came, and no one was answering, and no one was paying attention. Well, so be it in our day.

Days of Elijah mark a time when God's people have their identity established.

1Ki 18:30 And Elijah said to all the people, Come near to me. And all the people came near to him; and he healed the altar of Jehovah that had been broken down. 1Ki 18:31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the Word of Jehovah came, saying, Israel shall be your name. With those stones, he drew a line between who they had become and who they were meant to be, and they were about to see their God confirm it. 1Ki 18:36 And it happened at the offering of the sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, O Jehovah, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known today that You are God in Israel, and I am Your servant, that by Your Word I have done all these things. 1Ki 18:37 Answer me, O Jehovah, answer me; and this people shall know that You are Jehovah God; and You shall turn their hearts back again. 1Ki 18:38 And fire fell from Jehovah and burned up the burnt offering, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and the water in the trench was licked up. 1Ki 18:39 And all the people saw, and fell on their faces, and said, Jehovah, He is the God; Jehovah, He is THE God! So shall days like the days of Elijah go down in history again!

Days of Elijah are days of justice. In 1Kings 18, Elijah told them to seize the *prophets of Baal and not let a man of them escape.*

And they caught them, and Elijah brought them down to the Kishon and killed them there. The justice was public and did not end there on Mt. Carmel. In the following chapters The LORD told Elijah to appoint Hazael to be king of Syria and appoint Jehu to be king of Israel and appoint Elisha to take his place as prophet. Hazael was to start killing the people who worship Baal. Jehu was to kill those who escape from Hazael, and Elisha was to kill those who escape from Jehu. Jezebel died when Jehu had her thrown from a window of Jezreel's palace, and her body was eaten by dogs. Justice continued in the next generation when King Ahab's sons were beheaded and their heads piled at the gates of Jezreel.

As our days mirror the days of Elijah in so many details, (more than those listed in this article), may we be encouraged that we too will see the called of God follow the Lord's directions and take down corrupt government and willful evil, both now and in generations to come. And may we see the power and original design of God manifest in our homes and nations, both now and in generations to come.

(KATHY will be speaking at DREAMS VISIONS AND PROPHECY 2022 which will be held at Grace Church Willis,TX gracewillis.org. The dates are September 9-11, 2022. The theme this year is "Getting Ready for the Next Level". There is no fee to attend. All information for DVP2022 is at martygabler.com/dvp2022/)

Kathy—One lady had a recurring dream all her life that her right hand would suddenly become grotesquely huge. It was a tormenting dream and though she had never talked about it, her daughters did. At breakfast one morning, she discovered that two of her three daughters were having the same dream she had always had. The huge right hand was a picture of authority out of balance or out of control. The torment of the dream was a fear of abusive authority.

Why would two generations or more have the same dreams? The simpler question might be 'Why wouldn't they?' One generation can impart to the next, knowingly or unknowingly. Character traits, beliefs and fears can be imparted by lifestyle. Unresolved issues and strongholds in one generation can, and usually do, become an heritage to the next. We do not have to allow recurring dreams to be a cycling torment or a mysterious unknown. If we take them to God, we can discover the root and find answers . . . perhaps for generations!

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Heb 12:22-24 You have now come to Mount Zion and to the heavenly Jerusalem. This is the city of the living God, where thousands and thousands of angels have come to celebrate. Here you will find all of God's dearest children, whose names are written in heaven. And you will find God himself, who judges everyone. Here also are the spirits of those good people who have been made perfect. And Jesus is here! He is the one who makes God's new agreement with us, and his sprinkled blood says much better things than the blood of Abel. (Abel's blood spoke of justice. Jesus' blood speaks of redemption.)

Hebrews is critical to understanding the move from one order of God to another. This transition took 40 years. From A.D. 30 when Jesus died to A.D. 70 when the temple was destroyed, there were two orders overlapping, the Old Covenant and the New Covenant. Hebrews was written primarily to Messianic Jewish believers encouraging them not to back away from their faith in Yeshua despite the fact that the old order animal sacrifices continued at the temple mount even after God's Lamb had already been offered. God was not pleased with this, but change does not come easily nor overnight. The old was transitioning to the new for 40 years. The old order was dissolving and the new order was evolving. It's like an appeal to patience when we know we are not where we were but we are not yet fully where we are headed. It had been prophesied and the newness was growing and developing as they were moving into New Cove-



nant realities.

The Romans came in A.D. 70 and destroyed the second temple. The first temple was destroyed in 586 B.C. by the Babylonians. That was Solomon's temple. Now the third temple is here, His name is Jesus. *Eph 2:21 Christ is the one who holds the building together and makes it grow into a holy temple for the Lord. Eph 2:22 And you are part of that building Christ has built as a place for God's own Spirit to live.* We are not just family, not just army, we are temple. The temple is about heaven and earth touching. It's called sanctuary because it's set apart for God. Jesus, including His Ekklesia Church is the third temple.

Paul said in Hebrews that we do not come to Mt. Sinai, but that does not mean that we diminish Mt. Sinai. In Psalm 68 He is on a ride from Sinai to Zion. He said He desires Zion as His place of abode. Zion is the place of God's government, glory and gifts. Sinai is important because 50 days past Passover became known as Pentecost. Moses ascended Mt. Sinai to get the law of God on tablets of stone, to get the pattern for the tabernacle and to get the protocol for priesthood. He ascended to get gifts to bring them down to men. So Sinai is important, the city of the great King. Moses got the law written on tablets but in the New Covenant of Zion, the law is written on our hearts. Zion internalizes the law. This is the root of Peter's revelation about the Church in 1Peter when he speaks of 1) the chosen race or a redeemed race: there's only one race, the human race. 2) The royal priesthood: Levi was a priestly priesthood. Melchizedek was the royal priesthood. 3) A holy nation: if the Church does not understand nationhood, it cannot disciple nations. If Jesus commissions us to disciple nations then we must think about individuals and families for sure but we cannot leave out nations, all people groups. 4) A people for God's possession: El Elyon, God most high, possessor of heaven and earth.

In Stephan's last sermon he said that Moses and Israel received living oracles from God. Any nation that receives oracles from God will have a biblical worldview. Politics is down stream from culture. Culture is downstream from worldview. Israel was to set the example of a nation living according to God's purpose, plan and principles. And today, the 10 commandments are still the staples of a blessed life and a blessed nation.

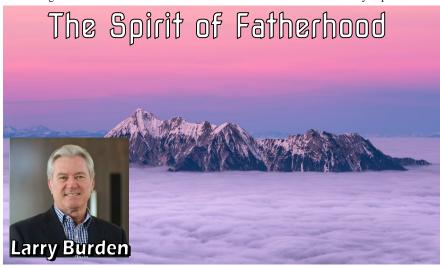
You have come to the general assembly of the Church of the first born. The general assembly has to do with God's people getting together and celebrating. That's an insight that before we get to discharge our governmental responsibilities we are called to have a celebration of God, who He is, what His plans and purposes are and how we fit in them. The Church, the Ekklesia was the word Stephan used when he mentioned

Moses leading God's people through the desert. Moses was a pastor who led a church in the desert. So when Jesus said He would build His Church (Ekklesia), the disciples were familiar with that term in their history. The Greeks used the word Ekklesia for the process by which they called out certain citizens to set in authority in the city gates to legislate public policy. So it is a governmental term. The Romans used the word Ekklesia to describe some people groups they deployed as mobile teams to extend the authority of Rome. That is three usages of the term Ekklesia. It has a religious spiritual sense, a political sense and a military sense. This Ekklesia of God with revelation and understanding govern the earth under the authority of King Jesus. There are more people around the globe with this understanding of Ekklesia than there has ever been in history. This explains why the battle has gone to a new level in our day. Satan is not omniscient, but he can observe the maturity of the Church and that enrages him to attack.

Jesus said He would build His Church (Ekklesia) and give them the keys of the Kingdom of God. The governmental authority of the Ekklesia is represented as keys that can bind, lose and open and shut to allow access or disallow it (as with the key of David, Rev 3:7). Keys are the offensive entity, gates are the defensive entity. Keys unlock gates. Jesus said He would build His Ekklesia and the gates of hell would not prevail against it. Hell's gates are under siege. These keys are governmental and hell's evil structure in this world is being brought down.

We have shifted. A good friend from South Africa put it this way, "In the Old Testament we are marching to Zion. In the New Testament we are Zion marching." We are not wandering nomads in the desert. We are citizens of Zion under the authority of the Lion of Zion. Nor should we see ourselves as exiles in a dark, hostile Babylonian world. We are in this world as sons and daughters of the Light reflecting His light which cannot be overcome by darkness. Yes, it is dark in this world, but we are not exiles wandering with a desert mentality. We are citizens, inheriting and reigning with Christ.

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In the last moments before His arrest and subsequent crucifixion, Jesus shared with His disciples that the Father would send the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to take His place in their hearts and be to you a Friend just like me - and He will never leave you (John14:16 TPT). He also shared, I am the sprouting vine, and the farmer who tends the vine is MY FA-THER. He cares for the branches connected to me by lifting and propping up the fruitless branches and pruning every fruitful branch to yield a greater harvest (John 15:1-2). He went further to say, You didn't choose me, but I've chosen and commissioned YOU to go into the world to bear fruit. And your fruit will last, because whatever you ask of MY FATHER, for my sake, He will give it to you! So, this is my parting commandment: Love one another (John 15:16). It is fair to say that the main mission of the Son during His earth life was to pay the ultimate sacrificial price to purchase your redemption and restore within you the Father-Son relationship that was forfeited by Adam. Paul stated that, The first man, Adam, became a living soul. The last Adam became THE life-giving Spirit (1 Corinthians 15:45). You are the living Spirit container of the Father in the earth. He is the Father of your Spirit, and because of this truth, you will never be abandoned, or orphaned, by Him. Never.

The Father lives in your human spirit through His Spirit. He props and lifts you up when you are going through challenging times. He prunes you to make your life more fruitful; that is, to become more like His nature and character. Hs love for you never wavers, and His heart for you never



changes or grows indifferent. You are never too ugly that He would reject you and never too wonderful to earn His favor. He has given you an amazing inheritance – oneness with Himself! Jesus shared with His disciples that the Holy Spirit would, UNVEIL the reality of every truth within you ... He will glorify me on the earth, for he will receive from me what is mine and reveal it to you (John 16:13-15). It is His Spirit within you that settles forever that you are HIS OFFSPRING (Acts 17:28). Paul shared the importance of this revelation in Romans 8:15-17, where he stated, "And you did not receive the spirit of religious duty, leading you back to fear of never being good enough. But you have received the Spirit of full acceptance, enfolding you into the family of God. And you will NEVER feel ORPHANED, for as He rises up within us, your spirits join Him in saying words of tender affection, BELOVED FATHER! For the Holy Spirit makes God's FATHERHOOD REAL TO US as He whispers into our innermost being, YOU ARE GOD'S BELOVED CHILD! And since we are His true children, we qualify to share His treasures, for indeed, we are heirs of God Himself."

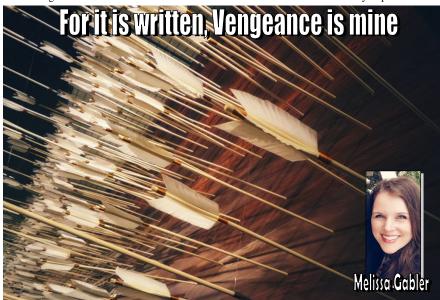
Clearly the Father shares His heart with you through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit within you as a son or daughter of your Beloved Father. He shares with you His authority, your ability to rule on His behalf. He shares with you His trustworthiness, your ability to hold a confidence. His values, the ability to walk in honor and uprightness; His affection, the ability to love with the love from His own heart; His faithfulness, the ability to believe that what He says, IS; His acceptance, the ability to rest in His favor; and His healing, the ability to heal a wounded heart, are ALL and MORE given to YOU! Look at what else John shared in his first letter. Look with wonder at the depth of the Father's marvelous love that he has LAVISHED on us! He has CALLED US and MADE US HIS VERY OWN BELOVED CHILDREN, "Beloved, we are God's children RIGHT NOW; however, it is not yet apparent what we will become. But we know that when it is finally made visible, we will be JUST LIKE HIM, for we will SEE HIM AS HE TRULY IS." (1 John 3:1-2). What an amazing revelation. The more you seek after the heart of Father, the more you grow and mature in your relationship with Him as His son or daughter, and the more you become like the Father that He is! This is the work of Holy Spirit within you.

When Jesus called the twelve, He released a simple directive, Follow Me. He shared with them the truths about His Father, and he demonstrated the Father's heart in practical ways such as healing, deliverance, acts of kindness, forgiving sins, and manifesting incredible signs and wonders. All these actions had one purpose, to reveal to them the reality that He

represented the Father's heart as His Son. Jesus then sent the twelve into the communities to do the same things He did. He instructed them to heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out the demons, and declare that the kingdom of heaven has come. They returned to report to Jesus the amazing manifestations of healing, deliverance, and more that occurred at their hands. After hearing their report, Jesus admonished them not to rejoice that even demons were subject to their authority but rather to rejoice because your names are written in heaven (Luke 10:20).

Jesus trained the disciples to become sons who would grow and mature into great fathers of the faith. The same is true today. There must be mature sons and daughters who evolve into able mothers and fathers of the faith. In a recent article by former NFL player Jack Brewer, he stated that Americans should be embarrassed that more than eighteen million American children do not have active fathers in their lives. Recent data from the United States Census Bureau, according to a Fox News article dated June 15, 2022, nearly 18.5 million children grow up without their fathers, which has in return led to the United States owning the title of the world's leader in fatherlessness. If there was ever a time in history for the fathers and mothers of the faith to arise, it is now! Father is counting on you! The longer you live in the reality of the Spirit of the Son, the more you will become like the Father who created all sons. You are not baptized in the Holy Spirit to simply birth and pursue your ministry. You are not blessed with the rights of sonship to simply manifest signs, wonders, and miracles. You are not given access to the Throne Room to become an elitist five-fold minister. You have been invited into the family of God as a son or daughter to become transformed into the image and likeness of your Father Himself. John stated that you are your Father's child RIGHT NOW! As you grow and mature, you will see Him as He truly is. When that happens, you will the see yourself as you truly are! May you see the YOU that HE sees and BECOME ONE with the Spirit of His Fatherhood.

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A couple of months ago I asked the Lord to show me if I was missing anything with all that has been happening in our nation. I instantly saw a picture of an octopus with more arms than are natural. On the tip of each arm was either a television, phone, tablet or computer. I knew this was about distraction and brainwashing. As I watched, in slow motion, another arm, that was massive, started coming up from the deep. It did not have any device on the end of it, and it was in motion to land quite a blow on its target. As it rose from the depths it began to shrink. By the time it was in position it was completely dwarfed! This led me to pray, You will not have the impact you planned BUT YOU WILL BRING MORE AWAKENING! Fast Forward to the Roe vs. Wade leak and then it being overturned. Darkness tried its best to keep that from happening but that blow did not land as intended!

The opposition to this decision is relentless because souls influenced by the spirit of the age are acting out what is going on in the spirit realm. While it looks like evil is gaining control what is really happening is that it is falling apart but needs to sound like it is still winning. This is why the opposition seems so fierce. What we just saw was God deal a death blow to the spirit of Molech. Molech was a god to which Israelites sacrificed children and this is the spirit behind abortion. This is the spirit behind sexualizing a nation through entertainment and social media. So what just happened was bigger than we understand right now.



The attack has been against the children to wipe out future generations, BUT what the evil agenda of the day cannot account for is what God's vengeance looks like. The Holy Spirit started putting some pieces together for me and showing me what God is doing through all of this, and it has blown my mind. Here's how it started to come together: Deuteronomy 32:42-43, I will make My arrows drunk with blood, and My sword shall devour flesh, with the blood of the slain and the captives, from the long-haired heads of the foe. Rejoice [with] His people, O you nations, for He avenges the blood of His servants, and vengeance He inflicts on His foes and clears guilt from the land of His people. Psalm 127:4-5, Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate. Nahum 1:2, The Lord is a jealous and avenging God; the Lord is avenging and wrathful; the Lord takes vengeance on his adversaries and keeps wrath for his enemies.

The "arrows drunk with blood" are the youngest generation alive to-day. That generation IS the vengeance of God! Let me explain. The Holy Spirit has been highlighting children to me over the last couple of years. I have noticed how their personalities and mannerisms are fascinating and beyond their years. Their intelligence level is a bit on the scary side! They come out of the womb knowing how to operate technology, and for the most part there is a level of fearlessness that sends a chill up your spine. There is just something extra about them. I did some research on the current generations and the ones that were born in 2010 through 2025 are called, (are you ready for this) Alpha. Come on! Alpha is a new beginning. The Alphas ARE the arrows in the hand of the warrior (Psalm 127:4). They ARE the arrows drunk with blood of the slain (Deuteronomy 32:42). They ARE the VENGEANCE OF OUR GOD (Nahum 1:2)!

Who knew that the vengeance of God would be so adorable?! This is why God said that vengeance is His, His is way more comprehensive than ours could ever be! I could never have imagined this. I still can't imagine this! God is doing something so much bigger than we have ever seen. I don't know what this will look like but I'm excited to see it. We have a whole troop, in diapers, about to be dispatched. Here's one thing that I see happening. I saw a Millennial/Gen Z sandwich happening. On one side were these generations: Traditionalists, Boomers, and Gen Xers, and on the other side was generation Alpha. Let me say, not all Millennials and Gen Z's are asleep just like not all Traditionalists, Boomers, and Gen Xers are awake. But in this vengeance sandwich there's going to be a lot more waking up!

God bless the parents and grandparents of the Alphas to train them up in the way they should go! You don't have kids? You don't have grand-kids? Well, according to Isaiah 54, you better "enlarge your tent because the children of the barren one will be more than the married one"! We have work to do, and we have a generation to lead into victory! Hey, I don't mind holding pacifiers while they take down the enemies of our God. The days ahead are going to be epic, full of wonder and miraculous. Who would have ever imagined that God's vengeance would be the babies themselves destroying Molech?

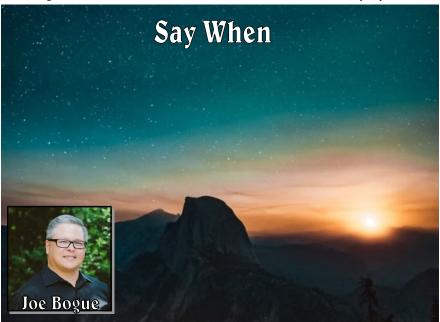
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Melissa — It's our time to be who God intended us to be. First things first, however. Let me clarify. A prophetic lifestyle does not mean you have to be a Prophet. The office of prophet is designated by God and recognized by the Five-fold ministry. We are all capable of living a prophetic lifestyle without being a prophet. What is a prophetic lifestyle? It is hearing and seeing God's intention about the here and now, and what is to come on a regular basis. Or as my Mom puts it, "PROPHETIC" is God revealing Himself, His thoughts, His will, His insights, His plans, His wisdom or instructions or warnings or the plans of hell. Why is a prophetic lifestyle important? A prophetic lifestyle starts with a hearing ear. The statement "He who has ears to hear let him hear" is made in all of the following passages: Matthew 11:15; 13:9; Mark 4:9; Luke 8:8; Revelation 2:7; 3:6. To be said this many times must mean it's rather important. This lifestyle lives in agreement with the intentions of God and stops enemy assignments from manifesting on the earth.

Marty—God takes us to a NEW LEVEL so we can be more aware, more sensitive, more discerning, more influential, so we can understand more so we can be more of an encouragement and blessing. He has been and is equipping us for that NEXT LEVEL of understanding and function. Father wants us to overcome present opposition so we might be prepared to meet the NEXT LEVEL of challenges. Now, and in the NEXT LEVEL, we are casting off doubting and fear and courageously reaching forward to Christ Jesus Who is so graciously reaching out to us.

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DVP2022 — HEARING AT THE NEXT LEVEL, SEEING AT THE NEXT LEVEL, SPEAKING AT THE NEXT LEVEL



An interesting thing happened during Sunday Service a few weeks ago. I had sensed in prayer that morning while preparing that we were going to have a time of healing. So, in my mind, I begin thinking about a ministry time that we could do this. As we prayed with the worship team, Melissa Gabler spoke and said she felt that we needed to open the service with healing. This was a confirmation to me and empowered us as a team to move forward. Well, Melissa got up and just opened service with prayer for the sick. We began to make declarations and have people come into agreement with what the Spirit wanted to do that morning. It was a powerful moment that was outside of what we normally and traditionally deem as prayer for the sick. God is moving in unusual ways these days and we need to be open to flow with the rhythm of the Holy Ghost.

As service continued, I heard in my spirit the words, "Say when." This is a famous phrase from the movie Tombstone. Doc Holiday would be in some sort of duel, and with a smirk on his face challenge his opponent with a "say when." I even heard it in that South Carolinian Aristocratic accent. I believe the Holy Spirit was asking us when we wanted these healings, deliverance, breakthroughs, prodigals and prayers to be answered. As I began to release this word of "say when" the congregation



responded with a resounding ..."NOW!" This is the "now faith" of Hebrews 11:1. It always astonished me when pharaoh would call for Moses to remove the plagues from Egypt and Moses would ask when do you want this plague to end? Pharaoh's response was, "Tomorrow." What? Why would you wait till tomorrow when you can be delivered today? Why wait until tomorrow when deliverance was at hand. We need to look for and have that right now attitude for each and every day. Know that if God can drop something into your spirit, He can also bring change in a moment.

Secondly, find the flow of the Holy Spirit each day. We all are creatures of habit. We like things a certain way. I like my toothbrush in this drawer, pants on this side of the closet, the Joe Bogue Hawaiian Shirt Collection on the other side, breakfast at this time, my favorite show after dinner, Tuesday is chicken night, and so on. Routine helps us accomplish things throughout the day and allows for a lowering of stress and effort in our lives because we don't have to use our gray matter to fulfill these tasks. Many times we are on autopilot. We know what is going to happen, what our food tastes like, what excitement our show will give us, what time we go to bed. There is very little in the way of adventure with our daily lives. But what if we were to be open to the Holy Spirit leading us in another way today. What if I didn't take the same route to work, or make my same coffee stop that I always do? What if I asked the Holy Spirit if He wants me to wear something different today, leave a little earlier, stop at another store instead of the same thing I do everyday? I believe this is an era of quick obedience. The little menial seemingly insignificant acts of obedience can align us with the daily purpose of God. I wonder how many times a day I just miss what God is doing because I'm on a task to get things off my list for the day. My wife has to remind me at times that she is not just a check off of my list, but is worthy of my full attention and interaction. How much more our Jesus. Listen to what the spirit of God is saying each and every moment and allow yourself to find and participate in the Kingdom's purpose for your life. Always being aware that God is on the move and wants mature sons and daughter to be the change agent bringing agreement "on earth as it is in heaven."

Thirdly, we had a testimony come out that same Sunday. A lady in our church had been in the hospital 4 times during covid. She had kidney stones prolifically and was on a ton of medications. She sat down and cried out to the Lord that she didn't want to live this way anymore. Faith rose in her, and she felt the Holy Spirit tell her to receive communion everyday. And so she began every morning to celebrate the table of the Lord in her home. After several months of daily obedience to the Lord's table, she began to feel terrible. Great... here I am doing what I thought God told me and things seem to be getting worse. She went to the doctors and they told her that all her blood numbers were better than normal and that the medicine was making her ill. So, they took her off of all her meds. Praise God! The doctors are now testifying to the goodness of God in our bodies. What I hear from this awesome testimony is this, the daily is manifesting

into suddenlies.

Our daily obedience is coming into this realm with kairos suddenly interventions of God. Nothing, nothing, nothing, then... suddenly!!! If the Holy Ghost is leading you into a daily activity of obedience, don't be surprised when a sudden miracle manifests itself in your life. Don't lose heart, don't grow weary, your suddenly is right around the corner.

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"Worthy are you, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for you created all things, and because of your will they existed and were created." (Rev. 4:11) Glory. Honor. Power. He is worthy to receive them all. Why is He worthy? Because He created all things and did it by His will. He meant us when He made us! A couple of translations use the word "pleasure" instead of will. The Message Bible says it like this - "... You created it all; It was created because you wanted it." I love that! It was His pleasure to create us and it is our pleasure to worship Him. He wanted us! Why shouldn't we want to worship Him?

Glory

Glory is the Greek word *doxa*, meaning, among other things - majesty, the kingly majesty which belongs to him as supreme ruler, majesty

in the sense of the absolute perfection of the deity, the absolutely perfect inward or personal excellency of Christ; the majesty. (Thayers)

He is the King of kings and we worship His Majesty! Jesus brought glory to the Father in everything He did on earth. "I have glorified you on the earth by faithfully doing everything you ve told me to do." (John 17:4 TPT) May we be able to say the same thing.

'Question: What is the chief end of man? Answer: Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever." -A.W. Tozer

Honor

Honor is the Greek word "time" (pronounced tee-may). It means a "value by a fixed price and status". What you value is revealed by what you spend on it whether it be your time, energy, effort, or money. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:21) How much value do you place on God? How much value we place on Him is demonstrated by the choices we make daily. Have you ever thought about the fact that Jesus also honors us? He did this by His death, resurrection, and ascension. The Father honors us by calling us beloved sons. In ascending to the throne at the right hand of the Father, He prepared us a place and brought us there with Him in the Spirit. It is there in that place of union with Him that we live and move and have our being. When we choose to honor Him with our lives and our worship, we increasingly stay aware of His presence. Have you prepared him a place? Do you love the house of God? I'm not talking about a physical building where we gather to worship and pray, but His house. You, individually, are His house and we, together, as the body of Christ are His house. I love to worship Him when I'm alone and I love to worship Him with the saints! "Lord, I have loved the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells." (Psalm 26:8) I meditated on this verse daily over and over for a month and it shifted something in me drastically. I began to see my body as the actual temple of the Holy Spirit. If my body is His house, then I should love it enough to take good care of it. It caused me to want to honor God in everything I do. My love for Him and people deepened and my expressions of worship expanded, including my worship vocabulary. I even started losing weight! Can you imagine what corporate worship would be like if we all loved His house? If I love His house, I'll fill it with worship and the Word of God. This honors Him!

Power

It is the word *dunamis* - miraculous power, power for performing miracles. The Amplified Bible, Classic Edition uses the word *dominion*. We're saying to the Lord, "You have the power and dominion over everything you created, especially me, to perform miracles! When we give Him glory and honor and power, we're positioning ourselves for miracles. Pure worship that honors Him opens up realms where miracles take place.

Holiness

Recently I was out of town for a conference and checked into my hotel. I released a prayer of consecration over my room immediately after I walked in it and set my bag down. It was the first time I had ever done that in a hotel room and I'm so glad I did! I made declarations over it, bringing it under my authority and the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ. What a difference it made as I was so aware of His presence the entire time I was there.

The more we worship, the more holy we become, and the more holy we become, the more we see God. Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." (Matt. 5:8) Pure (Katharos) means: clean, purified by fire, like a vine cleansed by pruning and so fitted to bear fruit, free from every admixture of what is false, sincere, genuine (Thayer).

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." (Hebrews 12:14) Holiness (hagiasmos) means: consecration, sanctification. The Lord is honored when I set myself and everything I have apart for His pleasure.

Our Union With Him

We have been brought into union with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit through Christ's finished work. We have been raised from the dead with Him and are seated with Him in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6; Colossians 3:1-3) It is easy to lose sight of that in our daily busyness. We need our soul restored on a regular basis where we are brought back to experience that union with Him. One way I have found to do this is to pause several times a day and just love Jesus. I'll stop what I'm doing and simply say, "I love You, Jesus. Thank you for loving me. You are so good. There is no one like You. You're worthy of everything I am and all I have. I love You, I worship You, I trust You". It brings me back into alignment with Him and His purposes and almost every time I feel His warm presence engulf me. Who wouldn't want that? I must be about my Father's business and it's a lot more enjoyable when I do it in *union* with the One who spoke those very words to his parents as a 12 year old boy in the temple.

Release Your Sound

Each one of us has a distinct sound. I don't sound like you and you don't sound like me. Our sound can get silenced or diminished by fear, intimidation, comparing ourselves to others, trauma, etc. I was drawn out of a religious stronghold as a teenager when I was invited to a Friday night renewal service at an Episcopal church and it was right in the middle of the Charismatic Movement and the Jesus People Movement. It was shock and awe to this Baptist boy who was hungry for more from a God who I knew was much bigger than my churchianity paradigm. I was captivated that night as I heard singing in the Spirit for the first time. The heavenly sound of 500 or more people all singing in other tongues drew me into wanting what they had. It was like the most beautiful symphony I had ever heard magnified by ten! There was something in that sound that called out to the deep longing in me for something more, something real. A month later, I was baptized in the Holy Ghost and speaking in tongues myself. What if all

those people had suppressed their sound that night? What if Paul and Silas had held back their sound that night in jail? (Acts 16:25-32) There are chains ready to be broken all around us. Let us release our worship sound and be silent no more!

The Beauty Of Holiness

Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name; Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. (Psalm 29:2 NKJV)

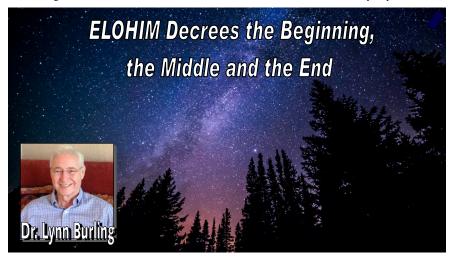
In 2Chronicles 20, the Lord speaks through Jeiel and tells Jehoshaphat and the people of Israel to go up against Ammon, Moab, and the people of Mount Seir, enemies of Israel. He tells them not to be afraid because the battle is the Lord's. So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear Me O Judah and you Inhabitants of Jerusalem; believe in the Lord your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper." And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the Lord, and who should praise the beauty of Holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise the Lord, for his mercy endures forever. Now when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated. For the people of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir to utterly kill and destroy them. And when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they helped to destroy one another. (2 Chronicles 20-21 NKJV) Amazing! Through their worship, their enemies were defeated. A holy sound was released that day that routed the enemy. Instead of relying on carnal ways of thinking when it comes to putting our enemy (satan) in his place, let us release the worship sound that comes from our spirit.

I have wondered for years what is meant by 'the beauty of holiness". Only recently, I began to study it and found that it means to be adorned in holy attire. Beauty is the Hebrew word Hadarah: decoration, beauty, honor, adornment, glory (Strongs 1927, Brown-Driver-Briggs). I asked the Lord what this means for us today and this is what I heard: "It means to worship him dressed in a robe called *Beloved Sonship*. You come wearing a robe of righteousness washed in the blood of Jesus with the words written on it - *This is My Beloved Son in Whom I Am Well Pleased*, and when you worship wearing that robe, you feel my pleasure."

Sadly, there are many sons and daughters who don't know who they are in Christ and many of them sit in churches, but this is changing and there is an uprising of holy worshipers who are awakening to their true identity. Hell doesn't stand a chance!

Worshiping our King in the beauty of holiness enables us, the ekklesia, to do kingdom business from the highest place of authority - where we are seated with Him! It is for that purpose we were created and exist.

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"For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, my purpose shall stand, and I will fulfill my intention." (Isaiah 46:9, 10)

It didn't take long for God to decree "The Gen 3:15 Messianic Prophecy": creation, Adam, then Eve, the garden, the serpent, the fall, their nakedness, the first bloodshed to cover them, then great hope and intervention for all humankind in the Messiah-King! We start with Gen 3:15 saying "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between YOUR offspring and HER OFFSPRING; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

The serpent represents Satan and the woman's seed (the mother of Christ, Mary and the Holy Spirits overshadowing). Satan knew God's plan to destroy him, so he sets out to destroy any path for this "seed" to come to fruition. First there is Cain killing Abel, but Eve says "The Lord has given me 'another seed,' another path for Messiah Redeemer instead of Abel (Gen 4:25).

Who or what is the serpent's seed? The Torah suggests that the serpent's seed does not refer to baby snakes, rather to opponents of the chosen seed of the woman, "Cursed be Cain" Then Ham's perverted actions resulted in his son sharing of the serpent's fate, "Cursed be Canaan," (the Land of Ham) (Gen. 9:25). In Gen. 12:3, we are reminded in no uncertain terms that those who curse Abraham "and his seed", will also share the serpent's fate. We can deduce that the serpent's seed are those who curse the chosen seed.

Remember that God's judgment against the serpent included a prediction that the "seed of the woman" shall also suffer a fatal blow, preparing the reader for predictions of the glories of the coming Messiah-King. Yet it also paves the way for appreciating the suffering of the coming King and Messiah, spelled out in Isaiah 53. Gen 3:15 anticipates the coming of an individual seed of a woman, a priest-king, another Adam who will defeat the serpent through many struggles. God starts over with Noah, a clean slate. On the ark is Shem, the seed continuing by the counsel of God from eternity past. Just as God brought all the animals to Adam to name, God sent all the animals to Noah to be rescued. However, the

serpent wants to eradicate "the seed". Noah does well until he gets drunk and his son, Ham, does what he does to his naked father. So, here we go again! Noah is like Adam in his dominion over the animals and in his creation mandate, but also, he is like him in his downfall. What happened in the first garden to uncover Adam and Eve's nakedness (sin), picks up on this side of the flood. Noah's fall shows he is "A seed" of the woman, but not "The Seed".

If we look closely, we can see a genealogical trail blazed from Adam through Shem (Noah's seed); to Abraham, (Gen 12:1-3), to Isaac, (Gen 22:17-18), to Jacob, (Gen 27:28, 29), all the while separating the chosen from the not chosen seed in order to find Adam's purest and truest descendent: Ishmael not chosen - Isaac chosen, Esau not chosen - Jacob chosen, even Jacob's first three sons are passed by for Judah! The story drives us on to a single seed, the new or second Adam, who will rule over the nations and defeat the serpent and its seed. "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the rulers staff," Gen 49:8-12. Jacob's blessing of Judah has been traditionally, and correctly interpreted as a messianic prophecy that the Messiah-King will come from the tribe of Judah.

Let's forward to the book of Numbers, but before we look at Numbers chapter 24, we will consider Balaam and his prophecies. First, he is presented as a spirit-filled prophet who refuses to compromise the Word of God. We also need to ask the question: Whose side is he on? On the other side of Balaam, he is depicted as a pagan diviner, (Num 24:1; Josh 13:22 "Balaam, also the son of Beor, the one who practiced divination, was killed with a sword by the people of Israel among the rest of their slain"). Did I mention a donkey? Get ready for God's revelation about Messiah. Some have said he had less spiritual insight than the donkey. Can we trust what this guy says? He speaks from both sides of his mouth. We have Balaam and Balak and God supernaturally inserting a talking donkey for "A Divine Purpose and Revelation". Prepare yourself for true revelation. So far for Balak, all Balaam has done is "try" to speak a curse upon Israel, yet he does not have the power (authority to do it). He finally tells Balak, "How can I curse whom God has blessed"! Josephus wrote that Balaam lived during the time of Moses. Moses was an instrument for the power of God in the Earth. Balaam was an instrument through which the kingdom of darkness gained access in the earthly realm. Not to be confused as a prophet like Moses or Elijah, Balaam's practices were opposed to the ways God manifested himself through the prophets. Josephus simply used the word "prophet" in a general sense to denote "one who was able to foresee the future". To say the least, he was controversial. Remember, Balak sent emissaries 400 miles to entice Balaam to come and curse the people of Israel on his behalf, offering him great honor and eventually tons of money just to curse a nation. This may serve us as a help to believe the message in spite of the messenger.

In the account of spiritually blind Balaam and his donkey, Balaam tries unwittingly to force his spiritually insightful donkey to circumvent the messenger of the Lord three times (Num 22:28, 32, 33). On the other hand, the spiritually blind Balak tries to force the spiritually insightful Balaam to curse Israel three times (Num 23:7, 27 and 24:10). This is where it gets inter-

esting to drive home the point of Gen 3:15. God is in total control of all things pertaining to his Messiah. Once he decrees a thing, it will come to pass regardless of the impediments.

Balaam's third attempt, (he forces his donkey) which culminates in a "divinely enabled opening of his eyes," to behold things he had not seen before, Num 22:31. "Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, with his sword drawn in his hand, and he bowed down and fell on his face, Vs 32. And the angel of the Lord said to him, "Why have you struck your donkey three times? Behold, I have come out to oppose you because your way is perverse before me. (This was really who Balaam was) Vs 33. The donkey saw me and turned aside before me these three times. If she had not turned aside from me surely just now, I would have killed you and let her live. To summarize from this point, he is told to only speak the word he is told. In Num 23:16, "The Lord met Balaam and put a word in his mouth: Return and speak it to Balak. After giving him a partial reply to what God had told him, Balak said okay don't curse them, but also don't bless them. In Num 24:2, it says "And the spirit of God came on him." In Num 24:17, he said, "I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near; a star shall come out of Jacob and a scepter shall rise out of Israel."

The Revelation of the mystery of Gen 3:15 continues to be woven through the Holy Scriptures by his prophets. God can and did use a man easily swayed, but had to invoke an angel and a donkey, (a talking one!), to get his attention. Thank God. The Redeemer has come, suffered, died and rose, and is coming back again! (Lynn Burling is a retired pastor. He is Texas Bishop for the Association of Evangelical Gospel Assemblies and President of From The Heart Ministries. He is an apostle to leaders and pastors in multiple countries worldwide. lynnburling@sbcglobal.net)



For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. (Romans 8:19 KJV)

All of creation is waiting for one thing - for us to become the sons of God. You may be thinking, "I gave my life to the Lord long ago. I already am a son/daughter of God." Well, you are right, and you are not quite right. As George MacDonald said, Since we are the sons of God, we must become the sons of God.

The focus in the church for a long time has been conversions. But what God

wants is not converts. He wants sons. And what Jesus gave us with His life, death, resurrection, and ascension was far greater than the ability to be saved from hell. What Jesus gave us was the most powerful element in the universe, the only way we might ever become the sons God always desired us to be: A seed.

Let me explain by taking you back to the story of Peter responding to what seemed like a simple question from Jesus (Matthew 16:13-16): Whom do men say that I the Son of Man am? You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God. When Peter uttered those words, it meant something different than it often means today. Peter didn't learn about Jesus in Sunday School. He didn't learn the term "Jesus Christ" from the Bible. That term wasn't thrown around church services and written all over tracts. The point is there was nothing cliché about what Peter said. Jesus - as the Christ - was a revelation from the Father (v. 17). Peter received this revelation from a different dimension - an eternal dimension.

Peter also clues us into the meaning of the word "Christ" that often gets translated to mean "anointed", "Chosen one", or messiah. While those are not wrong, Peter's response reveals something deeper, something that holds profound implications for our own identities. Peter wasn't merely referring to the long awaited messiah that many thought would overthrow the tyrannical government of that day and take a seat of political power. He realized something else - something much more profound: *You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God*.

According to what Peter says, the word Christ can be defined as "Son of the Living God." Again, "son of the living God" is a phrase we've heard so much that we don't quite understand how big of a deal it was that Peter received this revelation. In fact, what Peter suddenly discovers was a deep, hidden mystery up until then; so deep that Jesus later tells them not to tell anyone that He is the Christ. Then He warned the disciples that they should tell no one that He was the Christ. (Matthew 16:20) That seems like a strange directive to give the disciples. You would think that would be the very thing to tell everyone, but they discovered something far beyond what the religious leaders of the day understood. This revelation needed to be protected until the right time.

Paul later reveals to the Colossian church the "mystery" of Christ, helping to explain what Peter realized: 25 Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God; 26 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: 27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: 28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: 29 Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily. (Colossians 1:26-29 KJV)

Christ in you, the hope of glory.

If you are born again, Christ is *in* you. I know, I know - another phrase that has become lost in the noise of "churchianity". But let's revisit this with fresh eyes and ears. This "Christ in you" is also the *hope* of something: *glory*. It helps to define these terms here: Hope is the confident expectation that goodness is

coming. Glory is the full expression of something's potential made manifest. An apple, for example, is the glory of an apple seed. It is the full manifestation of that seed's potential. Think of it this way: Christ in you is a seed. (see Luke 8:11, John 1:1) Just like a seed is the hope of something - the *guarantee* of it given the right conditions (like an apple seed is the hope or guarantee of an apple, given that you know how and where to plant it and ensure it reaches its fruit bearing maturity), Christ in you becomes something.

What does that seed produce? Well, we know according to Genesis 1 that God made seeds to produce after their own kind. SO, naturally we could assume that the seed of Christ will produce Christ in us. That is true, but it's not the whole picture. Because the term "Christ" has become so commonplace nowadays, it's so easy to miss what's really going on here and why Paul says it is one of the greatest mysteries ever to be revealed.

Peter says "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Not, messiah, not "chosen one", not anointed. Son. Here's the point: Jesus was the full expression of sonship made manifest. Let me put it his way based on Paul's revelation: Christ in you is the seed of sonship. Jesus is what it looks like when the seed of sonship grows to full maturity in man. Put another way, Christ is the sonshipness of Jesus.

In Colossians 3:1-4, Paul also says: 1 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. 3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. When Christ is revealed, you also will be revealed. In the Greek, that word "revealed" means "made manifest". This is not a statement about heaven someday. It is a statement about you as a new creation in this present reality. When Christ is made manifest, we also are made manifest. Let's put this in context through the lens of sonship using the analogy of the seed. When the seed of sonship (Christ) is planted (hope), nurtured, grown to maturity and producing fruit (glory) in you, then the you-that-is-a-son will be revealed. Your true identity, the son-version of you, the version of you God knew before you were formed in your mother's womb, exists in seed form.

Christ is the perfect seed of sonship that is able to be planted into imperfect man, allowing the perfect son version of that man to be born, making it possible now to die to the old, imperfect, self-reliant version of that man so that the seed of perfect sonship can produce the son-version of that man. This is what Christ, the seed of the son, produces - sons. That is the most perfect version of you possible. That is what Christ made available to us by becoming a man, dying for us, and rising from the grave - so that we could become the son-versions of ourselves. This explains why Jesus responds to Peter with a revelation about who Peter is as a son. Jesus shows Peter the son-version of his identity: Blessed are you Simon bar Jonah... And I say to you that you are Peter... Do you see the shift, the revelation of identity? Simon bar Jonah is suddenly revealed as Peter when he receives the revelation of the son. Jesus was prophesying to Peter who he would become when the revelation of sonship becomes reality in his life. This is how he

is known in heaven. We, too, must allow our heavenly identities as sons to become manifest in this natural world. That is how heaven comes to earth. That is how the will of God is done and how His *Kingdom* is made manifest in the earth, through his ruling creation - **man as a son**.

How do we become sons?

We must plant the seed of sonship within us (be born again as the sons that we are), while at the same time dying daily (1 Cor. 15:31) to the old version of us. Then we must nurture that seed into maturity, when fruit is a natural byproduct as our maturity as sons. When people taste of the fruit that your life produces, they will not taste your glory, they will taste Christ - and long for the seed of sonship to be planted in their own life. They will taste sonship, the greatest need within every person. But you cannot do this on your own. You cannot "achieve" your way into sonship. Sons, after all, are not self-reliant. They are father-reliant. The only way to discover who you really are is to get a revelation of who Jesus really is. He is the son fully manifested. When you know the son through and through, you will know yourself as a son. For now we see dimly in a mirror, but then we shall see face to face.

So, plant the seed (See Luke 8). It must take root, withstand the "elements" and grow to maturity. The seed of Christ can only grow in the soil of holiness. Surrender to the Father, become good soil, and become the son you were born to be.



There is a lot of downloading coming to us from heaven. There is also a lot coming to us through the internet. Take caution with what you do with what is coming in on your computer. There are all manner of prophecies out there about what is supposed to be happening in the near future. I received a call from a pastor recently who told me that there were some people in his congregation hearing one thing from one prophet and others were hearing from another prophet who contradicted the first prophet and the church was torn as to which one they were going to go with concerning the future.

WEIGH AND JUDGE

We are in a time when there is a great need to weigh matters and judge words rather than just taking everything that we hear and zealously trying to get it to fit into our theology and our eschatology. There are even some folks who are willing to adjust their theology to get it to fit words coming from voices that are continually predicting near events even though many of them have not come to pass. Some of those people and their words are finding acceptance because of what seems to be widespread fear and despair. If someone is in fear or suspicion, they can find a word that will accommodate it.

It is time to come to balance and one of the best ways to do that is to realize who God is in this hour. His throne is not and cannot be shaken. His plan has not changed nor has He throttled back on His purposes in this earth. There are no oil spills on the carpet around His throne and there are no fault lines running through the floor.

GET AHOLD OF THE HANDLE

We need a handle to hold on to for the tomorrows to come. On a documentary about the Colorado River I saw a raft full of people going through rapids. The guy at the very back of the raft was not holding on good and when the raft hit some very turbulent water he flew up into the air, flipped over backwards and hit the water while the raft simply continued down the river with all the other adventurers still inside. We need a handle to hold on to because our nation is in the rapids and is going through some turbulent water but we have a raft (Isa46:10;2Pe1:19). We have heard what many, who are called prophets, have said and we have heard what politicians and advisors have said but we need to stay in the raft, we need to know what God's Word says. In the day of Noah, while the world was deteriorating around him, Noah had a raft. It was the preparation of God for those who would heed His voice. Jesus is still the solid Rock. Recent and threatening events have not turned Him into a pebble. There is Someone solid for us to cast our anchor on. Stay in the raft.

GOD IS WORKING IN THE SPIRIT REALM AND IN THE EARTH

There are things happening in the spirit realm that are governed by the throne of God. They are not governed by physical circumstances, not governed by politicians

nor parliaments (Ps2:4). God is in charge but that does not mean that we are to just sit back and take everything that comes along and say, "Well, that must be what is supposed to happen to our wicked nation now." We sometimes get so caught up with current events and possibilities and what seems like is the inevitable that we tend to forget about God and His mandate upon our lives (Ps71:6;Isa14:24;51:1). What God is doing in the spirit realm is having an effect in this earth. He is not finished with earth, with this nation nor with us so there is still a great need to get into alignment with the purposes of God in His ever-expanding Kingdom.

FEAR CAUSES US TO LOSE FOCUS

The hand of God is moving. Recently, as I was praying about all the predictions, estimations and concerns coming in over the internet I had a vision of a hand moving and very active. It was moving people from one location to another. It was moving money and buildings and equipment here and there. As I watched this busy hand I realized that a veil was beginning to form between the busy hand and myself. Finally I could not see anything the hand was doing. The Lord spoke to my heart that the reason so many of His people are losing heart is because their fears and despair have formed a curtain between them and what His hand is doing. His hand is still moving and working but we can't see it because of what we have allowed in the forefront of our thoughts and considerations.

STAGING AND SUDDENLIES

There is a staging going on in the spirit realm. God is processing and placing people and things in proper order so that His purposes are fulfilled by the moving of His hand. What will seem like suddenlies will come into being because of God's careful staging of the events long before they manifested. Some of the frustration people are dealing with is the lack of their knowledge of what God is doing behind the veil which is beyond their comprehension and beyond their preoccupying worries. Just because we cannot comprehend the actions of an all-wise God while many voices of judgment and despair are speaking, doesn't mean that this God is inactive or withholding His actions. The whole world was in turmoil while Noah was able to hear God's preparation plan for his family.

OUR MANDATE FROM GOD HAS NOT CHANGED

The mandate is still in place. It has not changed because there is political turmoil throughout the nation and throughout the world or because there is a natural disaster in several nations at one time. We don't have to look for a new mandate because it is the same one we have had for a long time (Mt.28:18-20); we just need to begin to give ourselves, our effort and our money to it. We are still supporting missions and investing in our spiritual sons, still making plans for the future and increasing efforts for the Kingdom. There are people talking about changing their plans and goals for their church because the coming of the Lord is so near. What we best be planning is planning to live like we have never lived for the purposes of God. Perhaps we should put less emphasis on *talking* about a Savior and begin to *live* like we have a Lord Who has left us with a mandate.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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We have been putting dates on the Calendar after the magazine goes out. Please Check Marty's Facebook page and martygabler.com for dates. We also serve on presbyteries, councils and prayer groups during the week that we don't post. Thank you for your prayers and support as we travel.-Marty & Kathy

July 3 * Coldspring, TX Victory Gospel Church Pastor Carolyn Aycock 10:30am Info: 936-653-4509 victorygospel@peoplepc.com

July 10 * Gause, TX Wellspring Community Church Pastors Nick & Brandi Burns Marty, Joe Bogue, Bill Traylor Ordination Service Check them out on Facebook

July 17 * Willis, TX **Grace Church Willis** Pastors Joe & Virgie Bogue Marty speaking 10:00a.m. 936-856-2455 Map & info: gracewillis.org

July 18-22 * Frisco, TX North Texas Tent Revival Worship with Crystal Yates and Sean Feucht Speakers: Sam Brassfield, Brandon Burden, Scott Hinkle, Isaac Tucker, Clay Nash All info: ntxrevival.com

July 24 * Cedar Park, TX Dickinson House Church 6pm Info: Don Dickinson 512-775-2105

July 30 * Iraan, TX Marty, Kathy & Melissa Iraan Community Church Pastors James & Michelle Kent Prohetic Gathering 6:00pm Info: 432-639-2734

July 31 * Iraan, TX Marty, Kathy & Melissa 10:00am Iraan Community Church Pastors James & Michelle Kent

Aug. 14* Houston, TX Global Advance Church Pastors: Luis y Korey Gomez 12:00 * 281-580-8574 luis1gomez@hotmail.com Bilingual Service*Spanish/English Check them out on Facebook

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