

# **THE UPWARD JOURNEY**

## **Part 2**

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Tonight I'm going to be teaching—I'm going to try to help you understand what we started trying to help you understand last Sunday night—how to correctly interpret the word of God. How many were here for the Upward Journey sermon? Well you're going to be starting off in the second semester without knowing what the first one was all about. But we'll try to catch you up as we go along.

Last week we asked a question of why you have so many Christian denominations. They all read the same Bible and yet they all interpret that Bible completely different. Last week I tried to explain to you that you have to understand the Bible from what perspective? A Hebrew perspective because the Bible was written by Hebrews.

Last week I tried to teach you that God does not think in a straight line, but Yahweh thinks in circles. That's how he knows the end from the beginning. Because to him there is no end and there is no beginning because God is a circle, right? So when you're studying your Bible, if you're looking at this Bible from left to right, you're always going to misinterpret it, ok? The teaching of the Bible is not from left to right.

The teaching of the word is in circles, one foundation building on another. So tonight I'm going to train this church—why do we see the Bible so different than other churches see it? Why do we see it totally different? How many's been talking to other Christians and it's like they're talking down here and you're thinking over here. Because they're reading their Bible the way they were taught to read in school, from left to right.

So if you're reading the Bible from left to right, here's what happens—here's what you can do. You can find a stopping point and another starting point. You can call this point the Old Testament and this point the New Testament. And in your mind you can stop these thoughts over here and separate them from these thoughts over here.

God doesn't do that. This Bible was not written that way so you need to quit reading—how many's ever been talking to another Christian and the first thing they say to you is...*well that's the Old Testament, that's been replaced by the New*

*Testament.* With God, nothing replaces anything. Remember that. Why? Because the circle at the bottom is the foundation that creates the next circle, ok? What does a tornado do? A tornado sucks up and spits out. Ok? When you begin the upward journey in God, he's going to suck you up and start spitting you out. The old you, right? As you go from one level to the next in God, something that was in there shouldn't have been there—that level gets spit out. Amen?

So you start off...God lets you by with things in that first circle (oh help me now) that he doesn't let you by with in that next circle. Why? Because we're moving on up (to the east side, to the deluxe apartment in the sky, we're moving on up, ha! ha! ha!). That's what God's doing to you—he's moving you on up! And the things you got by with down there, he'll spit them out up here.

That's why some Christians—it doesn't bother them the things that bother you. Why? You've moved on up a little higher, you see? So God is dealing in our lives in an upward journey. That's the title of this series: The Upward Journey. Not the forward journey, but the upward journey, because if you go forward then you wind up going backwards. But if you're going up, you're going straight up all the time.

So when you're studying the word of God, get rid of this Old Testament New Testament mentality. Get rid of all that straight-line thinking and know this: What God did yesterday, he's not replacing it, he's building on it, ok? Remember that. But Christians don't see it that way. They see that that back there to the right was no good and therefore it had to be done away with.

If you believe that brothers and sisters—now listen, if you came here to just fall out, to have church, you're in the wrong place. This place is the depth of the word of God, ok? We love to do all of that, but if you're going to leave me when I start teaching you're in the wrong church. We're here to equip you in the knowledge of the word of God.

So what God is doing in you brother is he's taking that first level of the word of God and he is adding...the Bible says add to your faith now knowledge. And in the upward journey, add understanding. And then add patience. You didn't have patience down there and God was ok with it. But up here he spits out that lack of patience and adds to your journey as you go up in God.

Now you've got to always think in circles or you won't think like God, ok? Now the church has a linear way of thinking. Rather than spiraling upwards, it has start points and stop points. There's not any start and stop in God. Quit saying *well that was for that day and this is for this day*. He's the same yesterday, today and forever. Why? He's always pulling us up, he's always calling us, always. We

used to sing a song that said...walking up the king's highway. It's a highway to heaven. God is calling you and I up that highway.

The modern church creates a timeline and places the past on the left and the future on the right. It then puts a stop point on a timeline. Where is the stop point for the church? The cross of Calvary. That's where the church draws their line. That's where most churches draw their line. That's why, if you tell them you keep the Sabbath day, their minds can't comprehend it because they've drawn a line. They've drawn a line that that was for yesterday. They don't know in God there is no yesterday.

So the church draws the cross as their stopping point. They teach that everything to the left is totally obsolete and it's severed from that which is coming on the right side of the timeline. That is why today's church builds their doctrines around Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, and the book of Acts and the Pauline epistles totally re-orchestrating God's word.

God has a tool to teach us with and it's repetition. God takes a top and keeps spinning it around and around and around in your life until you learn your lesson. God uses repetition as his mechanism of instruction. You only get repetition from a spiraling pattern. Every revolution of a cycle repeats the one which preceded it bringing new enlightenment and understanding and maturity as the cycle is repeated. The substance of the previous cycle is experienced again in the new cycle. If the cycle is altered then you destroy the sacred lesson, the sacred message of heaven to earth.

Here's what that means. When you don't let God spin you around and around, you destroy what he's already done in your life. If he's not bringing you upward, you're going around and around. If you're going around and around you've got to be going upwards to be going somewhere or else you keep winding up where you started.

The fault in understanding the word of God is the linear model. With the linear model you can create new beginnings with new thought processes and deviation is totally unacceptable. The sacred flows of heaven's information has been stifled by our western way of trying to force new revelation on a timeline. (Now you stay with me—I'm going to get you there tonight.)

When heaven speaks to us new revelation, we try to find a place to make it fit on a timeline. God's not trying to fit new revelation—for example, every day he's teaching us something new. Now maybe it will not fit in what you understood yesterday. So you can't look back to yesterday—you've got to look up and let that new revelation draw you up! It doesn't mean that yesterday was wrong. It means

that God has moved and he's drawing you up another level. The God of the Bible is teaching you in circles.

Now this develops a unity with God. The subset of the previous cycle is the seed of the plant that will grow. The cycles that you're in where you begin in Christ is the seed of your walk with God. Here's what happens. As that seed begins to grow, you must follow the growth circle that God is doing. And when you get to the next level, you can't separate from the seed of the previous level. Why? Because there's something in that last experience with God that's supposed to flow up to your next experience in God. You don't leave it behind, you take it with you.

That's why many people who have come into this last move of God that comes from the Pentecostal faith as I have, and they find the Hebrew Roots message, they want to leave behind their Pentecostalism, their spiritual understanding. You see, that's the problem. God's not calling you to leave behind anything he gave you down there. He's calling you to take what he gave you and let that seed come on up a little higher. God will never replace Spirit with knowledge.

You see, here's the problem. We're trying to split this seed up. We're trying to say...ok now we just want knowledge (without the Spirit). In those days they just wanted the Spirit without the knowledge. We make the same mistake they made when all we want is the knowledge without the Spirit. You see folks, listen. You can't leave behind the journey God's brought you on because there was something in there for you. You take it to the next level. You learn at the lessons of every level and God begins to bring you higher.

Now listen, the seed of an apple will never produce an orange. Neither will that which grows from the previous experience in God produce a result that is different than the original seed. When this happens it produces what's called *replacement theology*. What is Replacement Theology? You all know what it means—that God is through with natural Israel, he replaced Israel with the church. Do you know why the church has replacement theology? Because they don't understand circles. They think God had to replace something rather than enhancing it.

Now I just said a mouthful and you missed it. They think God has to replace something when really all God does is enhance it. He never replaces the seed. Israel was the seed! God's not done with natural Israel, that was the seed. But he has enhanced on natural Israel and brought you and I into natural Israel. So we think he's replaced it because we put natural Israel to the left of the timeline. Come on! When God's just putting it in the whole circle and creating Israel out of

two—us and them. Quit replacing what God is doing. Just because it's new doesn't mean it's better. It just means it's new. Hallelujah.

Quit replacing what God did in your life yesterday. What God taught you yesterday you don't leave behind. You cause it to be the seed that brings you upward in God! I know many people that believe the Sabbath day just like we do. They believe in the holy days. They believe what we believe about the kingdom of God. They believe all of that. But they have no roots of the Spirit of God that I had growing up as a child. They don't have the power of the Holy Ghost. Their churches are like cemeteries when you go to their Sabbath meetings. It's like you're sitting in a graveyard. Why? They've tried to replace what God did yesterday! You can't replace it. You only grow with it!

I don't want to go to a Messianic meeting. It's a mess. People ask me...*are you Messianic Jews?* No! We're Holy Ghost-filled Apostolics! We're not trying to be Hebrew Roots, we're trying to be Holy Ghost roots that just happens to go back to the Hebrew roots of our faith. But we're not going to leave behind the Holy Ghost looking for knowledge. People want me to go in their class and study 20,000 Hebrew words, they don't even know how to pray in the Holy Ghost.

We don't leave behind this great heritage that we have. As we grow we bring it with us and experience the total blessing of it all! I prayed we'd make a mistake when we come into knowledge. We want to be smart and that's good—I'm going to teach you tonight God wants you to be smart, he wants you to understand. But he doesn't want you to leave behind the beginning of your faith, the fundamentals. He didn't say to move on to perfection and leave everything that you ever learned. He said add to it. Go up.

God's calling you today to go up. How many of you come from the Baptist church? The Baptist church will teach you how to pray. Don't leave that behind. Bring it with you. No you don't have to leave anything, you just add to your faith. You bring everything you've learned.

My grandmother, who pastored in New Orleans, they would convert a lot of Catholic people to her church. She told me if I ever get a Catholic believer in my church, they make the best church member of all the religions of the world. Do you know why? The Catholic Church taught you to love the church, right? So when you come over here, you don't have to leave what you learned over there unless it's junk. See there's that tornado. Let it spit out what needs to be spit out and bring what needs to stay as you grow in God. Hallelujah. Praise God.

So the process is an upward journey. People misunderstand us. They ask me all the time...*Are you not Pentecostal anymore? What are you?* I don't know. All I

know is I took everything I started with, I've still got it, and I'm adding more and more and more, and they don't have a label yet. Hallelujah. They haven't made a label yet. I'm trying to find out what I am. All I know is I'm in a tornado and it's going higher and higher and higher and higher! Hallelujah. Whew!

We can't splice up the seed. Brother when you received the Holy Ghost, that was a seed we can't splice up and say...*well that was then and we're moving...* No, no, no. We let that seed grow and as it grows, how does it grow, sideways? It goes straight up! God's growing you up tonight. He's bringing you up. Don't be afraid of the new level. Do you know why people are afraid of new levels? It brings new devils. And when you get new devils, you want to give up, you want to go back to the old. Listen, I love the old, but I'm not staying there! I'm going up in God all the way to the kingdom of God! Learn to grow up. More Lord. Don't take what you taught me yesterday, but give me more as you bring me up higher and higher.

What happens when you split the seed up that God started in your life? You get spiritual GMO. Genetically modified spiritual food. Most of the sermons you will hear in a Christian church are GMO. It's been spliced and diced. Do you know what GMO is? It's a mixture, little bit of truth, little bit of lies. In this ministry, we strive to teach you the truth. Because why? If you think in a linear line—for example, I want to give you a linear line—most of the church that I grew up in will tell you that Jesus Christ did away with the Sabbath day. Do you know why? They splice the Bible up. *Jesus came, he did away with all that.* Do you know there's not one scripture in the Bible that says that? Not one.

But we split up the Bible and now when we preach to the people we don't preach to them the beauty of the Sabbath day. We can't. We already told them it's done away with. So now we can't preach to them that it represents the coming kingdom of God on the 7,000th year. Why, we already told them it's a nonissue now. Ok? Splicing and dicing the word of God is spiritual GMO.

Do you know, I was reading a study yesterday that 30 years ago Americans did not have heart disease, cancer, and the things they have now. Do you know why our bodies are crumbling? G.M.O. There's no life in our food! None whatsoever. Do you know what GMO corn has in it? Nothing. It's a copy of the original.

The church is offering to the people a copy of the original gospel and there's no life in it. No life whatsoever. God's calling us back to the original seed. Which is what? The total word of God. The whole word of God. The plant of the GMO seed is not equipped to provide the same nutrition as the plant from the unadulterated seed. I want to give you an example. In 2 Timothy 3:1-6, it names all the sins that people commit. It talks about fornication, lying, cheating, stealing, homosexuality. It lists all the sins there. Do you know what it says in verse 5?

What did verse 5 say? “From such turn away”. Now the church says “of such accept them into the church”. The Bible says to turn away from them. Whose message are you going to eat? With their message you’re eating GMO. But if you eat this message you’re eating original seed doctrine. You’re eating original seed. You’ve got to turn away. The Bible said have nothing to do with them.

The Bible said if they’re lovers of themselves more than lovers of truth from such turn away. I dare you to go post “from such turn away” on your Facebook page. The people will call you every name in the book for quoting the word of God. FROM SUCH TURN AWAY. Because why? What God’s doing in your life there’s no room in there for that junk. And when you get around that junk you become that junk, ok? The Bible says you’ve got to separate yourself from the unfruitful works of darkness. You cannot live halfway in God’s church and halfway in the world. You cannot do it!

If you do, what do you have? A GMO church. What is a GMO church? Half and half. Half in the world, half in the church. This half loves praise and worship, but they hate the preaching of truth. That’s GMO. They love coming to church and having the social with the donuts and the coffee, but they want to tell the preacher he preached a little long today. Let me tell you something. When you go to a GMO church you want to make it equal praise and worship and equal preaching.

But when you go to a real church you want the preaching of the word of God from start to finish. That’s what you crave. That’s what you long for! If your spirit is GMO it doesn’t want the word of God. It wants a little mixture. But when you’re original seed you crave what feeds the original seed which is the original seed the word of God.

It appears the same but it brings about long term destruction. In this ministry we teach a lot of things that most churches don’t teach. Number one, you know how we believe about heaven, you know how we believe about life after death. That just separated us from about 98.2% of the Christian churches. Yeah, we are a separated people. Do you know why? Most the time pure seed is very rare. You can find hybrid seed at every market. But pure seed, what you’re getting in this ministry, is the pure seed of the word of God.

We don’t mix it with tradition, we don’t mix it with anything else. If it’s not raw I do not want it, do you understand? I want the raw word of God without a GMO mixture. God is calling us to leave behind a mixture of GMO! Why? Here’s what happens when a message is GMO. By the way, you can’t see the results of GMO overnight. No, no, no. This church started getting infected with false preaching about 30, 40 years ago. It took that long to see the powerless churches that we

see today. The message began to be mixed with the world. When I was a little child, this message was pure. It was holiness or hell, does anybody remember that? It was straight or it was nothing, you see? And people make fun of that, they mock that. But that was pure seed, do you hear me? That was pure seed!

*When I go to church I don't want to hear all of that.* Of course you don't, you're GMO! You want to hear about the blessing, you want to hear about your best life now. Can I tell everybody the truth, this ain't near about your best life, it ain't never going to be your best life, it's going to be trouble every day of your life. But I'll give you the rest of the story. But the Lord will deliver you out of them all. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. That's pure preaching!

But because we've mixed this gospel, because we've mixed this truth, the church is showing a body that's had GMO food. Cancer comes years later. The cancer we're seeing in the church today is from a GMO message, mixing it with a little truth and a little error, a little of the world, a little of the church. Replace the altar with the smoke screen, put the lights up instead of the loud prayers. You see it's the mixture!!

God is calling the church back to the original seed of the preaching of the word of God! When you drive up to this building, yes you should look for a move of God, but your purpose for coming should be the preaching of the word of God!

There is a structural flaw in what we're feeding today. We divide the word of God and we put the Old Testament against the New Testament by favoring one over the other. The new is now viewed as separated and superior to the old. In opposition this then produces GMO doctrine. What's wrong with the doctrines of the church today? They don't understand the Old Testament. So now they're preaching a gospel that comes strictly from the New Testament.

And now what begins to happen? Do you know what that New Testament gospel tells you? God's grace covers your sin no matter what you do. He knew before you did it that you were going to do it. He's fine with it. Just love him. That's New Testament gospel. Turn your TV on and see if you don't hear what I just told you.

Now I love this brother, I'm not going to call his name, some of you all like him. He was preaching on TV and do you know what he said? And he's one of the most famous preachers on TV. He said it, I heard it, my wife was sitting there and I screamed out at him on the TV. He said that God knew that you could not keep his commandments and he's ok with it because he knew you couldn't do it. You see, that's New Testament gospel. And he said Jesus came so you didn't have to live those commandments. You see, that's New Testament gospel, that's GMO because they separate the Bible.



Now I want to teach you the four levels of Biblical interpretation. I'm going to teach you how to correctly interpret your Bible. Tonight you're going to understand your Bible, how to interpret it, how to make it line up with the rest of the Bible.

There are four levels of understanding the Bible. This is known as the Pardes algorithm of the scriptures. I'm going to teach you PARDES. This church needs to learn Pardes. It's the formula for correctly interpreting the Bible. Each level of understanding builds upon that which is beneath it.

Now, I want you to see your Bible, and I don't want you to look at your Bible anymore like this:



I want you to look at it like this from now on:



Quit seeing your Bible in chapters and verses. Start seeing it in layers, ok? I'm going to teach you tonight how to interpret your Bible. Quit reading it from left to right and start reading it from bottom to top. Why? I'm going to teach you tonight that every verse has at least four layers to it of this Bible. It's called the Pardes Formula. I'm going to show you tonight how I can read a scripture and see it totally different than most of my colleagues see that scripture. It's in the Hebrew formula Pardes. I've learned this formula over the years and tonight I'm going to teach it to our ministers and members here today.

Now, as you read the Bible from bottom to top, every layer of a scripture is not replacing the layer below it. It's encircling the layer below it. Remember this now as you study your Bible. You read a verse—there's four layers. I'm going to teach them to you tonight. Those layers don't sit on top of each other, they join each

other in a circle. I realize it's a little quiet in here, but if you'll learn what I'm teaching you, you'll quit misinterpreting your Bible.

**PARDES.** Where do we get the word Pardes? It comes from four Hebrew words. PARDES is an acronym. It comes from **P.R.D.S**, we just call it Pardes to help you understand it. But it comes from four Hebrew words. Of these four Hebrew words, the first one is **PESHAT**. I'm going to say 80% of the church reads their Bible on the Peshat level.

Peshat is the most simple level of the Bible. Peshat is the elementary school level of the Bible. The Hebrew scholars called this level what Paul calls it—the beginning of your faith. The Peshat level is where most people in the world read their Bible, the simplest, letter-by-letter, word-by-word, it says what it says, A + A, B and C, and...*that's what it says brother Vaughn, see right there. It says that!* Ok that's the Peshat level.

That level of the word of God comes through our own thinking, our own education. This...*but, but, but, but let me tell you now.* The Peshat level is not unimportant, it's the starting point of understanding the word of God. We don't put down on the Peshat level because we have to start there. Let me show you the Peshat level.

Husbands love your wives just as the Messiah loved  
the called-out ones and gave himself for them.

You read that on a Peshat level and all you see there is husbands love your wives as Christ loved the church. That's good. That's a good level to start out. I've got to be careful here. God wrote this Bible to be graduated in. You see, every experience in the circle will bring you to a new way you read the Bible. For example. Matthew 28:19. What does it say?

**Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost...**

That's the Peshat level. *That's what it says. End of point. We're done. That's what it says.* No it's not. That's what it says on the Peshat level. If you just read it in English that's what it says. And you've got people trying to argue these scriptures with you from that level! There's nothing you can do about that. That's it. All you can do is say I love you, have a good day.

You cannot deal with Peshat-level Christians. Why? They don't understand that God's word is a living book, not a letter. Ok, the word of God is not a book, it's a living creature. I hope you heard that. The word of God is a living, breathing

creature. And it is waiting for you to divide it according to the Spirit so you can mine the depths of it! But most Christians don't want to mine the depths. They want to say...*right there, see it says, right there, no more discussion*. There's nothing you can do with those people.

Now the next level of Pardes is what we call the **REMEZ** level. The Remez level is where when you read the word of God you notice a little hint. It's a more implied meaning to what the text is alluding to. It's an allegorical level, a philosophical level. It transcends elementary knowledge. It is the more practical application of scripture and how to live by that scripture.

Some people have graduated in the circles to the Remez level of the Bible. They see a little hint there and they say...*ok there's something more there than the Peshat. I see what it says, but it's like it's telling me 'come on in a littler deeper'*. How many of you have ever read your Bible and felt that little hint that you need to dig a little deeper? That's the circles. You're moving on up. You're coming up, you're on the upward journey now in the word of God. This is why, when you're teaching the Bible to people who do not desire to come on up, you can't teach them—not on that level.

Now we're coming to the **DERASH** level. Remember Pardes (PRDS). We started at Peshat. We've come to Remez. Now Derash level is the theological interpretation or the studied level. This is your theologians. This is those who have studied the Bible all of their lives and they put line upon line, precept upon precept, they've connected the dots. They love to study the Hebrew meaning, the Greek meaning. They're on the Derash level of the word of God.

But today I want to teach you the **SOD** level because this ministry has been called to call you into the Sod level of the word of God. The Hebrew word Sod means secret. (This thing's going to open up wide for you tonight.) The Sod level in Hebrew is the secret level. God's word has a Peshat where you just read it. It has a Remez where it hints to you. It has a Derash which it says study it.

But then there's a level in your growth in God where God's secrets begin to be revealed to you through that same verse that ten years ago was just a letter to you. You opened your Bible ten years ago and you read "Jesus wept". Then ten years later you can feel him weeping. You see, there's a growth in studying God's word that God is calling this ministry to. It's the secret level that's only revealed to the bride of Yahshua. It is hidden from the world.

This Bible is not a book. It's been hidden from the whole world. This is a secret book. Oh yeah, that book contains the divine mysteries. Do you think God's going to show those divine mysteries to dogs? What did he call a gentile, a dog? God

only reveals the divine mysteries to Israel. God only reveals this level to his people Israel! Why? Because it is a divine secret level! It is hidden from the world. It's beyond human understanding. Oh you all feel that Spirit starting to move now don't you?.

That Peshat level is human understanding. See...it says that, it says that, it says that. And then the Derash level is where you just argue with one another—theologians. But when you come into the Sod, the secrets of God, all of a sudden now everybody cuts you off, not because they don't love you, not because they don't like you—they can't deal with the level that your speaking to them from in the word of God. Somebody say “the upward journey”. In your Bible God's got you on an upward journey.

You started Peshat, you come into Remez, you go into Derash, and you wind up at Sod, at God. It's the God level. It's the secret level that God is calling to you. It is not a literal interpretation. It is a spiritual interpretation of the word of God. And most of the church cannot handle that interpretation!

*Brother Vaughn, are you all trying to know more than everybody?* No, he's trying to teach us more than everybody, that's all I can tell you. We're just being sucked up into this. We're just sorta being sucked up into this. Whew! Hallelujah. Deep is calling unto deep! There's a deep level of the word of God! And if you've got deep in you, the deep in that reaches out to the deep in you.

That's why I cringe when people tell me to keep my preaching simple. I cringe when people tell me that. *Keep it simple brother Vaughn.* Why would I do that to you? Why would I keep a bottle in your mouth till your teeth fall out? We've got a toothless church because we've fed them 'Jesus loves me' so much that that's all they know and therefore their teeth are falling out. We're rocking them in the arms of sin and hypocrisy telling them Jesus loves me this I know. There comes a time when you've got to throw them out of your arms and say...walk a straight way.

It's a straight path and ladies and gentlemen, some of you moved here from distant places because you've been sucked up into this. You were sucked up into this sister—you still don't even know how you got here. You were sucked up into it! Amen? You wound up here, you weren't planning on coming to this little old church. But you got sucked up into the Sod level of what God is revealing in the scriptures!

I want to give you an example and then we're going to go further. When people read John chapter 14, it says in the first verse...

“In my Father’s house are many mansions. I’m going away to prepare a place for you, that where I am you may be also. And behold I will bring you unto myself”.

Alright, we go to funerals and every Christian preacher in the world reads that as saying mansions in heaven, we’re all going to go up there where he’s at building us mansions. Have you ever thought about those mansions? Number one, we’re not going to need plumbing, we’re not using the bathroom I suppose. Number two, we’re not going to need electricity. Number three, we’re not going to need any beds, I don’t reckon we’ll sleep if we’re eternal. Have you ever thought about these mansions?

Now, the city is 1,500 miles square. Is your mansion going to be 1,500 miles away from Jesus or 5 miles? See now? On the Peshat level you see “in my Father’s house there are many mansions”. That’s Peshat. But then you get down to about verse 14, and that Remez level starts bothering you because now it gives a hint.

“And me and my Father will come and make our abode with you”.

Uh huh. You read there because there’s a hint that something’s there. Wait a minute, I thought I was going to him? But now it says...him and his Father are coming to me. Well then why’s he talking about my mansion in heaven if he’s planning on moving to my mansion?! Well? You see, I’m trying to teach you this ministry teaches you on the Sod level, ok?

Now let’s go over to the Derash level. On the Derash level, all you’ve got to do is take the word mansion and be a theologian and look at the Greek word. That level is Derash. That’s a little higher than Remez. You’re actually studying. When you get there studying the Greek, there’s no such thing as the word mansion in the Greek. It simply means a dwelling place.

Where did we get mansion from? I’ve got a dwelling place, it is no mansion. I mean it’s a beautiful home, but it’s not a mansion. So how are we going to take dwelling place and interpret it to mansion? But if you’re dealing with a Peshat believer, all they see is mansion, you’ll never get them off that mansion. *In my Father’s mansion...brother Vaughn it says it right there! In my Father’s house are many mansions! You’re teaching false doctrine!* That’s the Peshat level, it’s a carnal level. I’m telling everybody, there ain’t one mansion in heaven, do you hear me? You need to quit saying it, it’s not true.

The mansions in heaven are going to be your glorified bodies. You are the mansions. You’re going to leave your cabin behind, this is your cabin, but you’re going to have a mansion which is your new body!! That’s Sod level. But I had to

get to the Sod level by reading the Peshat and then hearing the hint of the Remez level, and then studying it on the Derash level, and then understanding it on the Sod level!

God's calling you to come on up. Come out of Peshat. Come on up and divine the mysteries of God! Do you know what the mystery is in John 14:1? When he says in my Father's house, that word house there is *family*. In so-and-so's family, there's many members of that family where God wants to dwell. Hallelujah to God! Whew! But Jesus Christ was the only dwelling place of God at one time. In him was the fullness of the what? God in body. It was only in him.

But he said if I move out of the way, you can get where I'm at and God can dwell in you. He said I'm going to go away to make room for you to become a dwelling place of the Father, that where I am right now you might be also! Honey if that doesn't put shout in you, you don't have Sod level anointing. Quit dreaming about mansions, God's wanting to turn you into the mansion, don't you understand child?

Jesus said I'm the only mansion right now. In me God dwells fully. But he said if I will go away then I can make a place for you so that where I am right now you may be also. And then he says in verse 14...and when you get into the place I'm in right now, me and my Father will come and dwell in you!

God's not looking to build a mansion. He's looking to turn you into a mansion so he can live in you. Do you know what's funny about John chapter 14? The whole book is about the infilling of the Holy Ghost. Go read that chapter tonight. It's got nothing to do with heaven. It's all got to do with the baptism of the Holy Ghost. You couldn't get that baptism until Jesus moved out of the way. He said I've got to go away to make a place for you so that where I am right now you can move into that position, and then we can come and dwell inside of you. That's the Sod level.

God's revealing to this ministry those mysteries, those divine understandings, not to make you smart, but to bring you up. If this knowledge is just making you smarter, then you've missed the point. When you just heard about those mansions, do you know what that should've done to you? It should've made you want to clean up your house so that he can move in fully in your life.

Knowledge will puff you up if it doesn't change you. When you think about that you are God's mansion. He didn't want to dwell in just one son did he? He didn't want just one son did he? But said that Jesus was the captain of our salvation bringing many sons into the same position as the first son was in. But he had to go away to do that. So I'm trying to show you right there what the Sod level will

do for you as you go up in God. When you open your Bible it will no longer be a dead letter on the Peshat level to you, but you'll feel those hints that say dig a little deeper, hear what God is saying through the words.

The reason God's called many of you to this ministry, he wants you to know him in that Sod level of understanding. He wants you to come and prepare your mansion for him to live in. That's the purpose of understanding these things. Hallelujah. He wants to dwell in this church. He wants to dwell in every member of this church. Many dwelling places in my Father's family.

Not just one son, not just Yahshua, but many sons. He said when you receive the Holy Ghost, me and my Father will come and dwell in you. Why? You are the mansion. You're trying to move up there to a mansion and he's trying to move into your mansion. Don't be a cabin when God's called you to be a mansion! Don't have leaks in the building, don't have cracks in the wood, build him a mansion!

Now how can we be safe at the Sod level? Many people are super spiritual and they get all these divine revelations in the Sod level. How can we be safe from those people? I know one right now. There's one lady right now. Everybody in the patriot movement thinks she's a prophet. But she thinks she's in the Sod level. Dangerous things happen in the Sod level because you're coming around saying you've got a revelation, ok? Sometimes revelations are reve-delusions, ok?

So, how do we protect ourself? I had people tell me after I've taught for three hours from the word of God what happens to the dead. I've had them raise their hands after I've shown them from Genesis to Revelations what God's word says, and they said...*Yeah, but I can tell you my mama came to me.* I don't care who came to you, what came to you. God's word is what the truth is, your delusions and hallucinations are not the word of God! *My mama came to me...* your mama didn't come to you! You had a familiar spirit from your mama that's deceiving you.

So in the Sod level how can we protect ourself and not go into false doctrine? How can we protect ourself from the delusions? It's real simple. You don't go to the Sod level if you can't bring it back and tie it to the Peshat level. If you can't tie it to the Derash level, the Remez level and the Peshat level, it's false doctrine, ok? You've got to take the top (there's your circles), it's got to connect all the way down to "Jesus wept". I feel like this is one of the most important lessons you'll ever learn.

People are so used to having church that they can't learn anything. God wants you to learn tonight how to walk and not be deceived. So, when somebody raises

their hand and tells me what they believe, I make them all mad and say I don't care what you believe. Your belief matters not. It has to tie back down to the Peshat level. It's called the rule of advancement. By the way, when you get into this Sod level, everybody's a prophetess. I hope you heard me. Now everybody's a prophet. Everybody's got a vision and a revelation. And the minute I ask them to show it to me in the word, that's where they don't want to talk anymore.

This ministry will never bring you into the heights of Zion without keeping you connected to the Peshat level. Your anchor is in the clear text of the word of God, ok? (Is anybody with me?) Don't ever get so super spiritual that you lose connection to the word. That's how ministries start going off into strange doctrine.

So tonight we're going to teach you the rule of advancement. Check the validity of the higher level with each progressive level beneath it and they must interlock. For example, I just gave you the Peshat level of what John 14 means in the Spirit, right? We're not going to have any mansions in heaven. Now if I came to this church tonight sister and said God showed me that there's no mansions in heaven, it is your duty to pull out the Peshat level and say...*Brother Vaughn it says right here 'in my Father's house are many mansions'.*

Now I better be able to take that Peshat and bring it to the Derash level, the theological level, where I can show you the meaning of every word. It better all connect together and it better all come out as one circle. One circle. You're safe in this ministry. I will never teach you the secrets without teaching you the ladder that brought me to that secret. There's a ladder that God walks up and down. It's that Jacob's ladder—somebody told me about it— that Jacob's ladder going up and down. That's how God's dealing with you from Peshat to Sod. Does anybody see it? Peshat to Sod.

You start off reading a verse, you wind up way up yonder in the Sod, but you better come back down, connect it to the Peshat and you'll be safe every time. Hallelujah. The problem with our churches today is we've either got them that's Peshat level or we've got those that's all in the Sod level, everybody saying they saw a vision and nobody can connect it to the Peshat. We need that divine ladder of truth that God is revealing to us.

Anyone who wants to mystify the scriptures, and listen, the scriptures are a mystery, hold on! For example, the two witnesses in the book of Revelation. I taught you many times who those two witnesses are. And my teaching of who they are is completely different than most churches. It's not Moses and Elijah, it's not Enoch, none of those people. But I couldn't come to you sister and say I had a revelation, you see? But the Peshat churches are telling you the two witnesses are



Moses and Elijah. Why? That's what they see in the text. But God revealed to us it's Spirit and Truth. God revealed to us it's the Old Covenant and the New Covenant, the law and the prophets. God revealed that to us. But I had to tie it back down to the scriptures. Don't follow a teacher who cannot tie it down all the way for you from top to bottom or you'll follow false doctrine.

Everybody wants to mystify the scriptures and it is a mystery. For example, the 144,000. God showed me ten years ago who the 144,000 are. But I have to be able to lock it down. Most people won't lock it down—they'll just tell you God showed them and that's it. That won't work. I don't care what God showed you, you better show me.

Anytime you're talking to somebody sister and they tell you it takes a revelation, don't follow them another day. Truth doesn't take a revelation, truth can be proven from the scriptures. I'll say it again—truth can be proven from the scriptures. Now it may bring you up to a revelation, but that revelation better bring you back down to the scriptures.

Next screen please and we'll get out of here. I'm not going to look at Joseph tonight, but let me just say this. On the Peshat level you read about Joseph in the Bible, right? But when you get to the Remez level, you say...wait a minute, wait a minute, he looks a lot like Jesus. You got a hint there, didn't you? Something's sort of hinting at you...come a little deeper. Now those of us that's on the Sod level, we know that Joseph is a type and shadow of Jesus Christ, you see? But you don't get that on the Peshat level, you just read a nice little story about Joseph.

But when you're growing in that circle, that cyclone, that Remez level kicks in on that next level, says...hey, my Lord, he had how many brothers? Wow there's something, wow, now maybe that...hmmm (now come on a little higher). Now you'll come on up to Derash and you'll connect the scriptures. Then you'll come into Sod and you'll see it all, you'll know what the whole story was about. God's calling you to come higher tonight in understanding him and understanding the scriptures. For in the scriptures you find life.

Next screen. Now Christ is our example, but I don't have time to give you that example. I tell you what, let's do this. Oh Lord, there's still so much I need to teach. Let's do this. Let's read Matthew 5:17. I want to show you what I'm trying to teach you tonight.

**Matthew 5:17**

**Think not that I am come to destroy the law (the Torah), or the prophets, I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.**

Ok, the modern church tells you the total opposite. What do they tell you Jesus came to do? To replace the law. The law and the prophets, the Torah. What did Jesus just say? He said I didn't come to do that. He came to do what? To bring that circle higher. You see, he's not going to get rid of it, he's going to bring you to the higher level of it.

But if you're thinking that the Old Testament is in the past, then you think—well that's the dividing line over here. No, no. He said put it under me. Put the Torah under me and let me show you the Torah on a higher level. This lesson's called the upward journey. Come a little higher.

So, Christ is our example of how we're all supposed to be coming into the fuller measure. For example, we don't just keep the holy days because the Torah told us to. No, no, no. We've come into a higher level of understanding than in the way that even the Jews don't understand them. We're going up in those levels with God, into that Sod level of those meanings.

Next screen. I'm not going to deal with the parables tonight. I wish I had time. But go to Proverbs 3:32 and we're closing as soon as we do.

### **Proverbs 3:32**

**For the froward is abomination to Yahweh, but his secret is with the righteous.**

Did you hear that? The secrets of God. Do not go to those who are not righteous. God's got secrets. It goes to those who are what? Who are in a right-standing with God. When you open that book you have an access to an understanding of it that your neighbor doesn't have. It's a mystery. He said that the secret goes to the righteous.

Now let me ask the rest of you. What does the modern church teach that makes us righteous? Give me an answer. *The blood. Jesus Christ is my righteousness. That's all I need is Jesus.* Has anybody ever heard that? All I need is Jesus. Well, there's a problem and I posted it in the chat today. Paul talks about the holy scriptures. He said that they are instructions in righteousness. Now if Jesus made you righteous, why do you need instructions in righteousness?

Why do you need to be instructed in righteousness if you're already righteous? You see, you all better stay with the book and get out of these lying churches. *No, don't read it because you're already righteous*—that is the GMO gospel that these churches are teaching. And when we try to give you instructions in righteousness, you call us legalists.

*You don't need to instruct me in righteousness, I was made righteous, my righteousness is in Christ.* Let me tell you something. You can't be shackled up and call yourself righteous. I don't care if Jesus is your savior, your mama or your daddy—it won't work! You need a man of God to instruct you in righteousness.

You've got to have instructions. The Torah was your first instruction in righteousness. Then Yahshua brought that Torah up higher because the first instruction in righteousness said don't commit adultery. But the second level said...hey, it's more than just don't commit adultery, don't even think about it. Somebody say THE UPWARD JOURNEY!

You see, you could say...*well I didn't commit any adultery.* Jesus says...do you want to say that again? Do you want to stay on the Peshat level: thou shalt not commit adultery, or do you want to come into the Sod level that says...don't even do it in your heart? You see, God didn't do away with the law, he brought you the perfect example of the law! And then Jesus said...now take up your cross and do what I did. He's the pattern son. Remember that sermon?\* He's the pattern son. He's the pattern, not the copout. He shows you how to live, not the excuse of what not to do.

You see—instructions in righteousness. So what did that scripture mean that we are made righteous by the blood of Jesus? It's very simple. When you go before a judge and you've committed a crime, and you've stole \$50,000. There's a law that says the crime for \$50,000 is four years in jail. So here you come before the judge. You say...*Your honor, I've got an idea. Now I know you want to give me four years in jail. But I tell you what I'll do. If you won't give me four years in jail, I won't never steal \$50,000 again.*

That's what Paul meant when he said that the works of the law will not justify you before the judge. Hold on. The Jews are trying to make a deal with God, they don't need Jesus to cover their past sin, they'll just keep the law. Paul was telling them....no works of the law will pay that debt for what you owe.

Only the blood of Yahshua will pay that past debt! But I can see the judge now saying...*I tell you what son, I'll make a deal with you. I'm going to give you the four years because that's the only way to balance the books. There's a sin debt here, you've got to pay it, but I tell you what I'll do. I'm going to give you the four years, and then when you get out, don't ever steal \$50,000 again!*

\*The Pattern Son ([firstharvest.tv/video/1190](http://firstharvest.tv/video/1190))

Jesus paid a debt that he did not owe. You owed a debt you couldn't pay. But he says now that I've forgiven you, go and sin no more! Don't ever do it again! Get instructions in righteousness! I'm trying to teach you the truth tonight.

Everybody's depending on Jesus instead of learning from Jesus. My God, my God, my God! Jesus paid the debt you owed, he didn't pay for you to live like you want to live. He said now go forth and do works that are worthy of this calling. My God. My God, when you read the Peshat level...*Jesus is my righteousness*. Jesus paid your debt and he said now that I've paid it, go and don't do any more and follow my instructions, how to be righteous before God.

I'm trying to help you understand your word tonight because the first thing people will tell you when you tell them that you go to church here...*Brother Vaughn's teaching you the law!* They believe we're teaching we keep the Sabbath to be saved. We know better. We're keeping the Sabbath because we're saved, because we've come to know God, because of what he's done for us. We're not keeping holy days to be saved. Are you kidding me? We're doing it because we read the instructions in righteousness.

It would be like a man sitting in a prison cell and the governor sending a letter saying son you're going to be on the death chamber tomorrow, you're gong to the death chamber. He's got to die. The governor sends him a letter and says "you're free to go, you don't have to die now". And then that criminal walks out that prison and goes right back to the same life of crime. The governor gave him grace, but he didn't give him grease to slide back in to what he was doing.

Jesus gave you grace to set you free from your sin, not that you could go right back into it screaming you're saved by grace. When he opened that prison door for you, there should've been such a love for what he did for you—thank you governor, thank you governor! I'm going to show you that I'm going to live by the law of your state! Mr Governor, thank you for setting me free! I was supposed to die, but you paid the price that I owed, so now I'm going to be a model citizen in your state. I'm going to pay your grace back by righteous living.

You all, I just taught you a lot right there! I'm going to pay your grace back by righteous living. Do you know what the Bible says about the man that goes back and sins after he found grace? He puts the blood of Christ to an open shame. Do you know the Bible says that any man that goes back into that life after the governor sent him that pardon, he puts that pardon to an open shame? (I hope you're with me now because I'm trying to teach you.)

That governor sends you a pardon free and clear, and everybody in the state told the governor...don't do it, that you didn't deserve it. And instead of walking out

and living a life that wouldn't bring a shame to that governor, oh my God—instead of a life of thanksgiving, you take his pardon as an excuse to go back to that life that lead you there. You bring the blood of Christ to an open shame when you say that you're saved by the blood, but you don't live a blood-covered life.

Quit believing these lies. Yes Jesus loves you. Yes he died for you. But he didn't die for you to walk on his blood. He died so that I could still go free—free from my sin, free from my shackles, free from the chains that bound me. Don't make fun of the blood of Christ! The Bible says that any man that puts his hand to this plow and looks back, he's not fit for the pardon he received.

Sister, you had a pardon when you confessed Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. You received a pardon from the death sentence of eternal death. You were supposed to die eternally, never to see your heavenly Father face to face, never to live in his glorious kingdom. That was your sentence! But a man called Christ came and paid your debt! Now why don't you go live like it?! Why don't you say thank you sir? Thank you sir! Thank you!

My son lives in our home right now until God opens something else for him. And do you know what? Son, if you want to tell me thank you for living in my home, you don't even have to say thank you. Just obey the house rules. Do you want to thank God for the blood? You don't even have to say thank you. Just show respect to the blood. Show respect to what Jesus did. Show the love of God in return for the love of God!

That other gospel that you've heard is a GMO gospel—I'm preaching you a pure gospel. No we're not saved by works in this ministry, we've never preached such tomfoolery that we get accused of preaching. People get convicted when they see you sold out for God. And they must label you as a legalist. They must label you as something so that they will not feel guilty for their lack of love for God. Hallelujah. Let's give the Lord a handclap of praise! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Thank you Lord for what you've done! Hallelujah!

I want to sing that little chorus before we leave. I hope you've learned from that Sod level tonight, the revelation of the word of God.

He paid a debt he did not owe.  
I owed a debt I could not pay.  
I needed someone to wash my sins away.  
Now I sing a victory song Amazing Grace.  
He came and washed my sin away.

He paid a debt he did not owe.  
I owed a debt I could not pay.  
I needed someone to wash my sins away.  
Now I sing a victory song Amazing Grace.  
He came and washed my sin away.

How many are glad he paid a debt he didn't owe? Hallelujah. But now you owe him a debt. A thank you debt. A thank you debt to walk holy and circumspectly before the Lord. Tonight we're on the upward journey, every one of us. Let's go higher. Let's go higher as we grow closer to the coming of the Lord. God bless you. Shabbat Shalom. Good night. Make sure you love on somebody. Hallelujah.

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