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- Elohim (God)
- El Shaddai (Lord God Almighty)
- El Elyon (The Most High God)
- Adonai (Lord, Master)
- Jehovah Nissi (The Lord My Banner)
- Jehovah-Raah (The Lord My Shepherd)
- Jehovah Rapha (The Lord That Heals)
- Jehovah Shammah (The Lord Is There)
- Jehovah Tsidkenu (The Lord Our Righteousness)
- Jehovah Mekoddishkem (The Lord Who Sanctifies You)
- El Olam (The Everlasting God)
- Qanna (Jealous)
- Jehovah Jireh (The Lord Will Provide)
- Jehovah Shalom (The Lord Is Peace)
- Jehovah Sabaoth (The Lord of Hosts)

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PREFACE

In the Book of Ephesians Chapter 5, there are three verses of scripture which hold the key to understanding why the Omega Church series of Books are released to the Body of Yahshua, Jesus at this time. The King as Head is preparing His Body for His soon return!

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

—Ephesians 5:25-27 (KJV)

The core instrument heaven adopted for this purpose is to bring forth the freshness and purity of the Word to renew minds of saints and transform their hearts. In so doing, saints are delivered from precepts and practices which turned the glorious gospel into a religion of bondage.

In 1996, Yahshua separated us from the bondage of denominational Christianity to begin a journey to know His mind for His one universal Church. As He released the truth in the Holy Scriptures and charged us to share same with all ministers and ministries who were open to receive, one fact stood out in bold relief. It was the reality that The New Testament Church is designed to function like a School for training saints to walk in their Royal Priesthoods!

In this setting, leaders are to ensure that all saints are Taught the Truth; Trained to take their place in the Body; Equipped to understand their unique identities as organic parts of the Body; Activated in Gifts of Holy Spirit and

released to serve the purpose for which they were chosen in Yahshua, Jesus before foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:3-4).

This concept of Church as a school which prepares all saints for ministry was later articulated into a simple, integrated curriculum of 35 courses in 5 modules called Global School of Ministry which was launched in August 2006. That curriculum has been placed in the public domain and is available free of charge for all ministries and congregations who desire to come out of religiosity to become dynamic hatcheries of Kingdom destinies. You can also access it at www.globalschoolofministry.info .

In 2013, the Lord took the project of raising fit for purpose laborers for the final harvest a step further with launching of the Global Advanced Mentorship Program. Under this, selected vessels from across the world participate in a 9 month Master Class each year where they are equipped to understand and walk in greater dimension of understanding of the Divine Purpose. The idea is to equip them to be instruments of training and mentoring saints within their loops of influence to become Royal Priests after the Order of Melchizedeck modelled by Yahshua, Jesus Himself (Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 5; 6; 7).

The entire project, on which this and other books in the series rest, will provide actionable resources to enable saints walk in their calling as sons of Elohim and Royal Priests. Because of this, no monetary price is placed on the materials so that no one is excluded from the heavenly food! They are all made available, free of charge on various Facebook groups. The eBook series are edited and formatted to make it easier for those who want each course or theme in one single volume to have it in digital format for ease of reference. If you are minded to support this noble venture with love offering or volunteering to promote the heavenly vision on social media and other means please feel free to share with us at this email address: visionarymail7@gmail.com

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INTRODUCTION

We live in a time where the word “purpose” has been distorted to mean pursuit of human ambitions or self-interests clothed in either religious garbs or “kingdomese.” It is important therefore to note that there is a world of difference between human ambition and divine purpose. Human ambition leads to self-purpose. In essence, it is carnal, and a product of personal thoughts or emotional responses which have nothing to do with Divine Purpose. Humans are finite with limited understanding. But Elohim, the I AM WHO AM —our God has a Name— has infinite thoughts which are limitless. He alone knows tomorrow from yesterday and is not limited in any way. Regarding His thoughts (and by extension, purposes for us) and our thoughts (by extension, purposes for ourselves), Isaiah the Prophet of Israel captured the wide differences in graphic language:

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

—Isaiah 55:8&9

NECESSITY OF UNDERSTANDING DIVINE PURPOSE

If we are to truly walk with the Lord and be who He created, ordained and called us to be, it is critical that we jettison a tendency to decide what “we want to do for Him” and rather wait on Him to reveal what He wants to do in the earth realm with us and through us! This latter paradigm is what it means to walk in Divine Purpose. Let it be restated that Divine Purpose has to do with the reason for which Elohim created, redeemed and called His Own. It is our reason for remaining in the earth realm even after redemption;

the reason for which a specific number of years has been appointed by our Father for us to live on planet earth for which He preserves us from danger and provides for our needs.

THE TWO DIMENSIONS OF DIVINE PURPOSE

1. The General – These are purposes for which all saints are called, irrespective of their specific assignments. In other words, the Church must begin to see itself as one single organic entity that has a Divine Purpose in the earth realm that needs to be collectively achieved. It should be noted be pointed out that Elohim did not leave us to guess or assume what His purposes for the redeemed are. Rather, He took plans to reveal His purposes through various human vessels that were inspired of Holy Spirit. Those revelations are well articulated in His Holy Scriptures otherwise called The Word or Holy Bible. His Word is forever settled (See Psalm 119:89).

Out of carelessness, ignorance or convenience, many so called “churches,” “ministries,” and individual “saints” are living and doing all kinds of “works for the Lord” but none which are in line with His revealed will for the Church generally in His Word. Many have invented various assignments which give them emotional satisfaction (the general thrust of religion and religiosity) but have literally done so out of rebellion. Though it seems tough to say, the truth is, to abandon the general calling of the Kingdom Church on earth is to deny Yahshua His Kingship over lives of the redeemed.

2. The Specific – This encompasses the core area where individual saints are specifically called to fulfill within the context of the general call. The specific area of divine purpose represents what every joint of the organic Body is to supply for the general well-being of the whole Body according to the Kingdom concept the true Church:

From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

—Ephesians 4:16

GENERAL PURPOSE OF ELOHIM FOR HIS SONS IN THE EARTH

In order for the Kingdom Church to walk in full understanding of its general calling, it is necessary to go to the Book of beginnings, Genesis. There, we can discern clearly why mankind was created in the first place. Adam and Eve were the first sons of Elohim in the earth realm. For that reason, the command to them on creation morning represents a Mission Statement on all humans. Because Yahshua Ha Mashiach fully paid for the sin of Adam and Eve, He literally recovered the Kingdom and its mantle which they lost to Satan. Let us break down the reason for creating Adam and Eve using the exact words of Elohim in order to walk in the fullness of Divine Purpose stretching all the way to the essence of our being human, firstly and the redeemed sons of Elohim who ought to live and walk like the ultimate son, Yahshua did.

General Purpose #1:

Genesis 1:26-30 says, “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.”

Adam and Eve, and all of mankind was specifically created in the image of Elohim and thus equipped with the capacity to exercise dominion or rule over all creation. It is tragic that unbelieving humans have laid hold of this general purpose of mankind to subdue and domesticate all kinds of animals; conquered space and the deep of the waters while at the same time, the

redeemed allowed religion to cause them to walk as victims of circumstances, full of ungodly fear of their environment! The Omega Church will arise out of the shadows to manifest true sons of Elohim who operate with the DNA of their Creator; are bold and courageous to occupy their environments and assigned territories on behalf of the King! The redeemed must walk in the reality that we are ambassadors of the Kingdom of heaven in the earth realm, vested with the mandate of our Father to exercise rule over all created things, on His behalf!

General Purpose #2:

Genesis 1:27 says, “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”

Created in His image, Adam and Eve had the capacity to be as He is. They were of the same DNA; had the nature of love, holiness and power like their Creator. It was in this mold that Adam did the incredible feat of naming all creatures. Genesis 2:19-20 says, “And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found a help meet for him.”

It was a case of like Father, like son. This must have riled Satan to no end that man walked in the creative propensity of Elohim. That is why he set out to attack Adam and Eve so viciously at the jugular: disconnect them from the nature of Elohim!

Genesis 3:1-7 says, “Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman

said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden. But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

When Yahshua, Jesus went to the Cross, He comprehensively paid the price for the sin of Adam and Eve and restored to us the capacity to function like Himself. Let us remember that while on earth in a Human Body, nature was subject to Him. His miracles were simply enforcement of His Dominion mandate over the earth realm. Look at what Yahshua triumphantly declared to His disciples and all saints who believe, after He conquered Satan and Death on the Cross. Matthew 28:18 says, “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.”

This all-encompassing power Yahshua paid the price of death for is the basis of our ability, if we truly believe to exercise dominion over the material and spiritual worlds! Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you (Luke 10:19.)

Every solicitation of sin by Satan – whether direct or indirect - is designed to take away from saints, the nature and power of Elohim imputed to us by the Blood of the eternal covenant.

General Purpose #3:

Genesis 1: 28-30 says, “And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to everything that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.”

Adam and Eve were not merely created but they received two incredible mandates:

- 1.) To be fruitful, multiply and replenish the earth. This speaks of capacity to reproduce and expand their sphere of influence across the world. Modern saints.

- 2.) Satan did to fallen men in Genesis 11 was to reverse the ordinance of Elohim and rather seek to build the Tower of Babel! Today, the religious Church glories in towers of Babel where people gather around secular humanistic models that make them inward looking, building of denominations and refusal to make the Great Commission a paramount activity! As we shall see in Chapter 2 of this study, the Omega Church needs to recapture the “be fruitful, multiply and replenish the earth” dimension of the heavenly mandate.

3.) All that Elohim had in the earth realm was placed at their disposal. All the resources or assets needed to fulfill their awesome responsibilities as Ambassadors of the Kingdom of heaven in the earth realm were willed over to them. In the same way, saints who are redeemed by the Blood have a sure promise of the same kind of blessings and resources Abraham walked in to fulfill destiny. Galatians 3: 13&14 says, “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”

The Kingdom Church must release faith to walk in the Blessings that come from our Father. Two opposite dogmas of finance/material resources are equally wrong:

- **Demonizing Finances** as if money is inherently wrong, when 1 Timothy 6:10 clearly condemns the “love of money.” This error glorified Poverty and made it appear to be a sign of true holiness and being in the center of the will of Elohim.
- **Glorifying Finances** and material resources as if they are the “be all,” which all saints should pursue passionately in order to be seen as “successful.” This materialistic narrative feeds into the nefarious design of Satan. By so doing, saints are in danger of serving Mammon, the principality assigned by Satan to distort the essence and use of money. This error glorified money and wealth making it an index of knowing those who find favor with Elohim! As King Yahshua noted, it is impossible for saints to serve Yahweh and Mammon with the same heart (See Matthew 6:19-24.)

Matthew 6: 24 says “No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”

A BALANCED PERSPECTIVE

Our King clearly gave a balanced perspective of the correlation of sincere pursuit of the divine purpose (restoration of the Kingdom) and manifestation of His righteousness in the Book of Matthew (See Matthew 6:25-34.) Matthew 6:33 says, “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.³⁴ Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.”

What our King is saying to those who will receive it is this: If we allow ourselves to be consumed with the Divine Purpose and the righteousness of Elohim, He guarantees that all finances and material resources needed to fulfill dispensation of the assignment committed to our trust will be granted unto us from the heavenly realms. In other words, there are **ALLOCATIONS** of resources appropriate for **KINGDOM ASSIGNMENTS** committed to our trust. Both Apostle Paul and Apostle Peter understood and preached this principle and all the remnant of all generations have walked in it! We do not chase after material things but rather they are used by our Father to decorate our lives for destiny fulfillment!

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

—Ephesians 1:3

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.

—2 Peter 1:3

Let us continue in the exposition of the original purpose of Elohim in creation of human kind

General Purpose #4: Adam was ambassador of the Kingdom of heaven in the earth realm with the grave responsibility to manage it on His behalf. Genesis 2:15 says, “And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the Garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.”

We see here that Adam was placed in Eden to “dress it and to keep it.” This speaks of overseeing and managing the resources Elohim placed on the earth realm. The earth realm is the inheritance of Human kind! “The heavens, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men” (Psalm 115:16.)

The Kingdom Church must rise and move away from the limitations of religion which confined saints to what happens inside the four walls of buildings where saints congregate. We need to realize that He has committed unto our trust the responsibility of overseeing the earth realm on His behalf. We must affect our neighborhoods, cities, nations and indeed the whole world with the good nature of our Redeemer. Churches cannot afford to ignore socio-economic crises within their spheres of influence and be content with going into their hallowed buildings on certain days of the week, at certain hours while armed robbery, prostitution, poverty and other ailments ravage people within our scope of influence! There needs to be engagement by the Church, as led by Holy Spirit in prayer, spiritual warfare and doing good! It is true that from the day of snatching out the mantle of overseeing the world from Adam, Satan has functioned as god of this world

(2 Corinthians 4:3-4; 1 John 5:19.) Yet, the Kingdom Church has the delegated authority of Yahshua, Jesus to function as Salt which preserves our spheres of influence from corruption, release redemptive purpose and shine brightly as Divine Light in the midst of gross darkness.

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

—Matthew 5:13-16

Chapter 1

NEW TESTAMENT PERSPECTIVE TO DIVINE PURPOSE #1&2

Building upon the foundation laid in the previous chapter, let us now proceed into the New Covenant to locate the general aspects of divine purpose which are equally applicable to all saints.

1.) The General Call: Fishers of Men

It is important that we go to the beginning and locate within the text Yahshua's official biographer Matthew to determine what He first required of those He called. Matthew 4:18-20 says "And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him."

To this end, one single illustration of Yahshua graphically illustrated the fact that upon His return, He will account for how we utilized the gifts and assets in which He graciously endowed us to invest in the critical mission of bringing souls into the Kingdom. To speak of His return without engaging in critical Kingdom duty is to engage in a sick joke. To become occupied with hundreds of activities which have no bearing to increasing the population of the Kingdom is to despise the Spirit of Grace.

Luke 19:10-27 (KJV)10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.11 And as they heard these things, he added and

spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear.¹² He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.¹³ And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

—Luke 19:10-27

The Omega Church (End-time Church) must emulate the Alpha Church in evoking the core essence of engaging as conduits of bringing the lost back to the Father. Congregations, ministries and individuals must recapture this general divine purpose by investing substantially in prayers, spiritual warfare, building bridges of friendship and communication and engaging in the vital act of “going forth,” otherwise called “go ye.” They are to seek the lost right where they are, share the good news and give them a reasonable opportunity to make a decision to reconcile with the Father through Yahshua, Jesus.

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.¹⁸ And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

—2 Corinthians 5:17-21

It is in acute engagement with the “go ye,” Kingdom lifestyle that we are most engaged with the profound business of preparing the way for the King of Kings to return.

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

—Matthew 24:14

2.) To Make Disciples of Believers

In speaking of reconciling sinners to the Father through Yahshua, we must take note that He was not merely mandating that we gather crowds of consumerist believers. Heaven has little value for those who claim to be believers yet their lives are out of sync with the life and passion of Yahshua. Heaven is interested in their imitating Yahshua, Jesus. That is why the full implication of the Great Commission is about making disciples of all nations. The language of Yahshua is very clear! Matthew 28:18-20 says “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

Disciples are believers who have been taught all that Jesus declared. In other words, they do not only believe in Him, but have been systematically taught the Constitution of the Kingdom. They know Who they believe and understand their responsibilities as citizens of the Kingdom. The tragic reality of today is that Churches have devised a thousand and one strategies borrowed from the playbook of Babylon—including show business, marketing, public relations and mass communication—designed to make multitudes to “believe in” Yahshua, Jesus based on a gross misrepresentation of Romans 10:8-10 which says “But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

Leaving new believers at that minimum entry requirement, many begin to live the spiritual life on natural energy. Churches are then stuffed with natural people with un-renewed minds who are fixated with jockeying for

positions and engaging in gender, ethnic, racial and socio-economic strife. The result is captured in this scripture:

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

—2 Timothy 3

Unfortunately, these are the Christian nonbelievers' encountered in their work places and in neighborhoods. These "believers," do not behave like their Savior and are the worst representations of the Kingdom in the earth realm. Let us take note that Yahshua did not just send out people to preach. He sent out disciples to be His witnesses and a witness is a preacher whose lifestyle validates the message. In this class, we are trusting Yahweh our Father to ensure that we become true witnesses, offering living evidence that Yahshua is alive and real.

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. When Christian leaders refuse to pay the price to be witnesses, their focus is on ABC. They glory in their shame, using the accumulation of material assets or even crowds who gather around them, drawn to their 'charisma' rather than to Yahshua, Jesus Who sent them. In that regard, what Yahshua, Jesus said to the Scribes and Pharisees becomes a vivid reality:

— Acts 1: 8

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

—Matthew 23: 15

Leaders and Ministers who will bear abundant fruit in making disciples will go against the grain of religion. In order for this to happen they must firstly, recover intimacy with King Yahshua. The King desires intimate communion with His own so that we will understand His heart afresh. Secondly, leaders, ministers and saints must be those who are sent by Him and not by themselves. Their ambitions or desires to have fame or popularity must not be upon the throne of their hearts. It is from that place of intimacy and communion that true discipleship can proceed with passion:

And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him. And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:

— Mark 3:13-15

This is why Apostle Paul enjoined the saints at Philippi to rightly discern who to be devoted to and who to give access to their souls. Philippians 3:17-19 says “Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.¹⁸ (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:¹⁹ Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.”

Chapter 2

DIVINE PURPOSE 3

We stated in the previous chapter that in the New Covenant, certain purposes of Elohim, our Creator are clearly defined. The first is that souls of those outside the Kingdom be brought in through the preaching of the gospel. The reason is that the sacrifice of Yahshua, Jesus is the ONLY remedy to the sin problem which entered the world through Adam and Eve. We also saw in the previous chapter that Yahweh, our Father in heaven, is not merely interested in having a mass of individuals who claim to “believe in,” Jesus, but their lifestyles do not add up. For this reason, Jesus charged the Church to go and make disciples of all nations. To “disciple,” is to change mindsets which have been wired and change value systems through systematic presentation and understanding of the culture of the Kingdom in the Word which is its Constitution.

3.) Yahshua Came to Birth Sons in the Earth to Serve Him

Majority of Christians discontinue at making disciples of Yahshua Jesus, unwittingly sliding into religion thereafter. When discipleship is presented as the ultimate, saints tend to become so bound to rules and set activities that they lose sight of the profound act of enjoying an intimate relationship with a real Father in heaven and representing Him in the earth realm as sons.

The very first disciples of Yahshua followed Him for three and half years. During this time, they were servants. Servants have limited knowledge of the hearts of their masters and work for reward or pay. Servants can be

driven by selfish agendas in doing what is expected of them. This was the case with James and John, the fiery sons of Zebedee. The fisherman, in a fit of ambition recruited their mother to engage in the first recorded act of lobbying for position in the New Covenant. Let us read the account of their endeavor and the response of Yahshua. Matthew 20:20-28 says “Then came to him the mother of Zebedees children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him. And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able. And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father. And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren. But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

For this reason, Yahshua did one of the most profound things of His earthly assignment. He announced to mortals, the capacity to live on earth in an intimate relationship of friendship with Divinity! He announced the possibility of intimacy with Yahweh as Father which would trump the rituals of religion for which Judaism had become burdensome.

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his

lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

—John 15:12-15

Friendship with Him was not an end in itself, but was part of a process that would prepare the disciples to receive the ultimate purpose of redemption, that saints on earth are to be and live like sons of Elohim in the earth realm. They were to enjoy a vibrant, intimate personal relationship with Him with 24/7 access and not as an “unknown god” or an impersonal, fearful Being to be sought after inside of buildings constructed of brick and mortar on certain “holy” days. It is significant that as soon as He rose from the dead, Yahshua made a startling announcement to Mary. “Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God” (John 20:17.)

So let us apprehend with clarity, the divine purpose of redemption which the spirit of religion has long obscured, Heaven sacrificed Yahshua, the Ultimate Son so that through His death, multitude of sons would be brought to glory throughout the earth realm.

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me. Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

—Hebrews 2:9-16

Something more profound than the walls of Jericho had just been pulled down by the realization that saints are to function on earth as sons of Elohim, adopted into His family because of the Blood.

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

—Hebrews 10:19-23

Adoption is a legal covenant. One who is adopted into a family is entitled to all the rights and privileges which the new standing and relationship with Yahweh offers. Just as justification wiped out our past, adoption gives us access to the present and future.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

—Romans 8:14-17

Through adoption, we become heirs of Yahweh and joint heirs with Yahshua. This glorious privilege is not to be tossed away by ignorance. Each saint is under obligation to resist every attempt of Satan or humans to suggest that you are on your own in this life and that Elohim is a distant reality. Refuse error and press into the fullness of your identity in Yahshua, so that you will live like the victor you are and not a victim of circumstances. When we were babes, we did not fully understand our identity as adopted sons of Yahweh. Now that we are mature in Yahshua by His Grace, let us

cast off the orphan or slavish mentality which keeps us away from intimate relationship with our Father in Heaven.

Galatians 4:1-7 1Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; 2But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. 3Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: 4But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. 6And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. 7Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

—Galatians 4:1-7

Those adopted into the family of Yahshua are not judged by their race, color, gender, socio-economic status or geographical location.

For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

—Galatians 3:26-29

Therefore a person who has been adopted is to be known to no one by natural qualities. No one is permitted to know us after the flesh, but by the Spirit.

Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.

—2 Corinthians 5:16

The adopted sons that the world is waiting for are to be carriers of the presence of Yahweh and dispensers of His power received by the Holy Spirit at work within them. They are to take the Church from the building

to the community to demonstrate— by the power of the Holy Spirit —the fact that Yahshua, Jesus is alive and reigning. As they stand boldly across this earth as His witnesses, sceptics, agnostics and even principalities and powers in heavenly places cannot but stand in awe of what they witness.

To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

—Ephesians 3:10

One of the radical blessings Yahweh offers lost humanity is an opportunity to become members of His holy and divine family. This reality is offered through a legal process and covenant relationship called adoption for all who accept the free gift of salvation in the Blood of Yahshua, Jesus the Messiah. It is important that you understand this glorious truth so that your faith can stand on the secure word of Yahweh rather than the fables of men, religious dogmas of denominations or the massive twisting of truth which Satan has caused to invade the camp of saints. For those in leadership, one of the most important truths you can ever communicate to saints is that they are adopted legally into the Family of Yahweh and are His! They are adopted to be accepted in the beloved!

According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

—Ephesians 1:4-6

By adoption, a spiritual transplant is offered to whoever will receive the gracious invitation of Yahweh. From being part of the dominion of Satan and kingdom of darkness a penitent sinner who puts faith in the blood that was shed is conveyed into the Family of Yahweh and His Kingdom.

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

—*Colossians 1:13*

Because of the redemption price which was fully paid by the blood that Yahshua, Jesus shed, the saint is now adopted into the family of Yahweh with full rights and privileges as a son indeed who has a personal relationship with a personal Father who is Creator of the whole universe. Adoption is the core basis on which Kingdom life differs from religion and religious devotions. Religion requires you to worship an “unknown god” even in fear and trepidation of what he or she will do if you do not meet a long list of expectations and rules. In the old Covenant, Yahweh revealed Himself to Israel from afar. Only Moses knew Him intimately while the populace was content to worship from afar! On the other hand, Yahweh Who we have to deal with has revealed Himself in Yahshua, Jesus as One who is truly a real person.

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:

—*Hebrews 1:1*

In the New Covenant, Yahweh firstly revealed Himself in Yahshua, Jesus. Secondly, through the relationship between Father and Son, Yahweh reveals how intimately He wants to relate with His own children who are on earth. In effect, Yahweh wants the relationship with members of His family to be as modelled by the intense fellowship between Him and Yahshua, Jesus when He was on earth. This is why we must not forget that Yahshua, Jesus came to call many sons to that same relationship with the Father through the principle of adoption.

For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.

—Hebrews 2:10-13

According to Romans 8:19 a day is coming when the whole creation will see the full manifestation of the sons of Elohim. Adopted sons will presage that realm of life. The Church will be the agency of the Kingdom it is purposed to be if saints were to believe the report of the Word, trusting their heavenly Father while releasing their faith as He processes them to walk as His sons in the earth realm. We will then live like the Ultimate Son lived.

Chapter 3

DIVINE PURPOSE 4 (PART 1)

Many sincere Christians are stuck in the dogmas and theologies that organized Christendom handed down throughout the ages without checking such out in the Holy Scriptures. One of the worst spiritual diseases any one can be afflicted with is to be sincerely wrong! That terrible state results in “churchianity,” where people cling to “Christian” religious traditions which have no place in the New Covenant.

In this chapter, let us consider this statement made by Yahshua, Jesus to His disciples which illustrates the reality that when we pay the price of digging into the Word and receive illumination of the Holy Spirit, we will come into a fuller understanding of the Kingdom. Matthew 13: 51&52 says “Jesus saith unto them, have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord. Then said he unto them, therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.”

4.) To Restore the Kingdom which Adam Lost (Part 1)

Original creation purpose guaranteed that Adam was king or ruler of earth realm. In the purpose to re-populate the world with sons which was discussed in the previous chapter, we need to grasp the reality that there was also a higher purpose: sons of Elohim alone are qualified and have the capacity to exercise the mandate of the Supreme Ruler of the universe in the earth realm. Adam was created and functioned as a true ruler of the earth realm, exercising the mandate of His Father. In other words, he was a delegated authority or king who exercised rule under authority to his Father in heaven as these mandates reveal.

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to everything that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

—Genesis 1:26-30

Genesis 2:15 says “And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.” Adam, the king was imbued with wisdom of the grade flowing from the very fountain that is Elohim. How else could he undertake the remarkable feat of naming all animals created by Elohim? It was as if Elohim gave him co-creation standing.

And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

—Genesis 2: 19-20

As ruler of the earth realm, Adam and Eve were bound by a Constitution prescribed by Elohim, whose Ambassadors they were. The simple, uncomplicated set of rules described what was permitted and what was not permitted. Like every true Constitution, there were blessings for obedience and punishment for disobedience.

And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:¹⁷ But of the tree of the knowledge of good

and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

—Genesis 2:16 – 17

Lucifer had experienced the glories of Kingship in heaven. He was cast out when the sins of pride and ambition entered his heart and became Satan, wandering across the vast creation. When Satan coveted the earth realm to be its ruler, what he did was simple: as a spirit being, he entered or possessed a corporeal body which had legal right to function in this sphere (that of a serpent). The vile enemy then engaged in that dangerous dialogue with Eve and through her got to Adam who was simply irresponsible. Genesis 3:1-7 was not just about sin entering the world as religion vigorously teaches. It was much more; a kingdom was lost by the carelessness of Adam. As a result, Adam, Eve and their offspring suffered terrible consequences for embracing Satan, especially the curse of ‘works’ as means of sustenance.

Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

—Genesis 3:16-19

Until this day, this has been the portion of many who profess to be redeemed. Not knowing fully and appropriating the blessed inheritance from the atonement of Yahshua, Jesus at Calvary Cross which is accessed by death of the old man, a life totally surrendered to worship Elohim and seek first His Kingdom, Christians ignore the clear warnings of Yahshua, Jesus not to labor for the meat which perishes but rather are burning their candles from two ends to sustain the Babylonian system which is doomed

for ultimate destruction. Ignorance can be expensive. Worse still, myriad “Churches” and “ministers” world-wide derived their core validity by devising various strategies to make Christians chase the very things that are already theirs by inheritance, having no room to understand or engage with the divine purpose for their creation and redemption. (See Matthew 6: 19-34; Galatians 3:13-16; Ephesians 1:3; 2 Peter 1:3.)

Also as a result, Adam, Eve and their offspring became separated from the Nature and Presence of Elohim. Because of the Law of lordship in Romans 6:1-16, Adam and Eve and by extension humanity received the sinful nature of Satan and were thus cut off from the nature and presence of Elohim. Only the Blood sacrifice of Yahshua has the capacity to reverse this state, if those who believe follow through with becoming disciples and sons of Elohim as intended.

And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

—Genesis 3:22-24

Thirdly, Satan became the god of this world or its ruling king. As ruling king, the world system lies in his grip.

And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

—1 John 5:19

Satan was so confident in his lordship of the world that he used it to tempt Yahshua, Jesus in Matthew 4:8-10 which says “Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these

things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.”

Yahshua, Jesus did not dispute the claim of Satan. He even acknowledged the reality in a word to His disciples, “Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me (John 14:30.) Satan blinds their eyes so that they cannot see, hear or know their state.

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

—2 Corinthians 4:3-4

He structures the world in such a systematic way that political, social and economic systems including life on all the so called “Mountains of Society” are based on the same principle that he used to take away the mantle from Adam and Eve. Pursuit of the things the world esteems highly in fashion, sports, entertainment and indeed the broad spectrum of modern life and living is structured to foster carnality. This is why saints are warned to understand and not love the world.

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.

—1 John 2:15-17

What has been said here of Satan’s ruler ship of the world applies equally to the strange invention called Christian religion which was carefully packaged without the core components of the true gospel which we are

considering in this Course. Religion is designed to make humans have a “feeling” of being godly but in reality further away from Elohim. This is because Religion is substantially fuelled by carnal ordinances and objects (See Colossians 2:16- 23.)

We may yet share in detail of how Satan tried to hijack the gospel and use it to make multitudes twice the children of hell. But let us take note of these two realities:

1. Yahshua Himself taught very clearly that even as Elohim had created His Own sons to function in the earth realm, Satan was also working overtime to populate the earth with his own children!

Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

—Matthew 13: 36 -43

2. John the beloved—one of the few who had privileged insight into the true identity of Yahshua, Jesus— reported, less than 60 years after His death a strange development: some assumed saints had fallen away from the true gospel.

Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but

they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

—1 John 2:18-19

For a while, it appeared as though Satan had succeeded in permanently seizing the earth realm. Throughout the various systems he spawned on earth including religion, the world was, so to say, a safe extension of the kingdom of Hell. But then came something called “the fullness of time,” (See Galatians 4:1-7.)

On that day, heaven invaded the earth realm without fanfare and only two humans were privy to what was about to happen: Mary and Joseph. What happened is one of the Grand Mysteries of the Ages: Divinity became Humanity so that the basis for humans to recover the nature of Elohim would be laid.

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. 34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? 35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

—Luke 1:26-35

Take note of verses 32 and 33. Yahshua, Jesus was being incarnated for a Kingly role in the earth realm. He Who became Emmanuel – Elohim

amongst us – was incarnated to assume ruler ship of the Kingdom which Adam lost.

Several prophecies were to be fulfilled through the Incarnation of Yahshua Ha Mashiach, Jesus the Messiah in the earth realm. Some of the most profound Messianic prophecies clearly showed that His Incarnation was to recover rulership of the earth realm from Satan.

Both Christian Religion and the Pseudo-kingdom movement missed it. Christian religion missed this strategic truth completely with the result that many Christians lived and died over the years with only a vague understanding of the Kingship dimension of their Savior and how that truth impacts their salvation.

On the other hand, when a group of Christians saw some glimmer of light concerning the Kingdom and that there was more to our relationship with a loving Father than to “go to Church, keep away from the world and die,” they revolted at the stifling effects of religion.

Unfortunately, as with anything that is pursued with selective cherry picking of scriptures, pride of life entered and pride resulted in the distortion of the Kingdom message. Because pride is a function of self-exaltation, their self-nature induced sedition against the King of Kings, Yahshua, Jesus much as Lucifer did in the heavenlies. They exalted the god called “self,” and threw Yahshua, Jesus aside. Wrongly twisting the concept of our being, brethren of Yahshua basically used it to devalue His worth. This distortion of both the King and the secular humanistic undertones that drives their ambitions for power, money and influence makes their proposition nothing but a pseudo-kingdom gospel. In clinging to their perspective that Yahshua, Jesus is not very important again and should not be preached but only the “Kingdom” they were in clear breach as the Holy Scriptures.

Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

—1 Corinthians 12:3

They also deliberately ignored a critical truth Yahshua declared concerning relationship of Him and Holy Spirit:

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

—John 16:13

THE PRINCIPLE OF PROCESS IN RESTORATION OF THE KINGDOM

It is necessary to state clearly that the Incarnation of Yahshua was not a plan B, switched on after Adam and Eve fell as most religious interpretations of Genesis 3: 1-15 may suggest. In His Omniscience and Omnipresence, Elohim knew that mankind would stumble and lose the kingdom to Satan. Yet, love drove Elohim to make a sacrifice for Himself, seeing that all things in the earth realm – from animals, birds and plants were under the curse and being of lower form than Adam, could not atone for his original sin nor for the sins of his progeny. What love! What wisdom!

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

—Revelation 13:8

The Lamb was slain because nothing else could do!

For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

—Hebrews 10:1-4

By His death, the power of sin and death in mankind was to be broken so that eternal life would become a reality in the experience of sons of Elohim. With that recovery of the nature of Elohim by His sons in the earth realm, the Kingdom of heaven on earth which Adam lost to Satan was to be recovered and exercised.

Let us proceed to have the proper understanding of the Kingdom purpose for which Yahshua was incarnated and how Elohim had ordained the process of its full manifestation. Yahshua was incarnated in order to recover the governmental mantle Adam lost to Satan.

YAHSHUA WAS INCARNATED TO RECOVER THE GOVERNMENTAL MANTLE ADAM LOST TO SATAN

We saw what Angel Gabriel said to Mary concerning the governmental assignment of the Child planted in her womb in Luke 1:32&33. That was also clearly articulated in this prophecy of Isaiah, several centuries before Angel Gabriel had that encounter with Mary.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

—Isaiah 9:6-7

That which was prophesied by Isaiah was brought into bold relief by Daniel who was saddled with the assignment to interpret the dream of Nebuchadnezzar. It pleased Elohim to release a panoramic view of the Kingdoms which will rule on earth until His Kingdom is restored by Yahshua Ha Mashiach:

Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold. And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.

—Daniel 2: 37-40

*Commentary: Babylon was the first Kingdom to rule the world. Medo-Persia was the next power to rise after Babylon and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. Greco-Macedonia was the next empire to rule the world Rome was the legs of Iron which crushed the preceding empires on earth.

Let us explain something critical here. Yahshua was incarnated into the earth realm during the Roman era (while Augustus, the first Caesar to become an Emperor was reigning as recorded in Luke 2:1-14). He came in the flesh to pay the price to recover the Kingdom which Adam lost and by His Blood, bring many sons to glory who would rule and reign with Him. Yahshua was incarnated and lived as a Priest, teaching the principles and practices of the Kingdom. He taught the saints to pray for its manifestation and live for it, even at the expense of temporal needs, trusting Yahweh to provide all their needs. He also taught through various parables, the right heart attitude towards the Kingdom and the need to forsake all, else, if necessary, for the sake of the Kingdom (See Matthew 6:10; Matthew 6:19-34; Matthew 13; Matthew 5: 29, 30.) In this regard, Yahshua, Jesus suffered while on earth, culminating in His crucifixion by Roman Soldiers. His epic

encounter with Pilate, the Roman ruler where He emphatically stated that His Kingdom is not of this world is worth recounting:

Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews? Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done? Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

—John 18: 33-37

THE LAST EMPIRE: FEET OF CLAY AND IRON MIXED TOGETHER

And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.⁴² And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.⁴³ And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.⁴⁴ And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.⁴⁵ Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

—Daniel 2:41-45

*Commentary: The revelation granted to Nebuchadnezzar which was interpreted by Daniel gave very clear description of when the Kingdom Yahshua recovered legally would become an existential reality throughout the earth realm. It was to be in the days of the “Kingdom” described as Feet of Clay and Iron. In trying to track that Kingdom, three possible nations and entities come to mind: The United States of America which has

attained the apogee of its peculiar nationhood of people groups, races and ideological camps that are in a state of mutually assured destruction. Secondly, The European Union which comprises 'weak' and strong economies; diverse peoples and ideological camps drawn together by revulsion at the savagery of post-World War II Europe. Thirdly, the United Nations system which also fits the description.

Chapter 4

DIVINE PURPOSE 4 (PART 2)

Saints are to live in their present lifetime in the earth realm as Ambassadors of the Kingdom who function spiritually as Priests and Kings after the Order of Melchizedek as a dress rehearsal for future fulfilment of this reality.

4.) To Restore the Kingdom which Adam Lost (Part 2)

It is important to understand the interpretation of the dream of Daniel. It presaged two realities which have been validated by History: He was incarnated during Roman rule but will return to establish the fullness of the Kingdom which Adam lost here on planet earth in what is called the “Manifest Kingdom.” Between these two phases, the Kingdom Church was birthed to represent the Person, Presence and Power of the King and be His appointed instrument to be a bridge of reconciliation for all those appointed to be part of the Kingdom to come into it. Luke 19:10-27 and Matthew 24:14 affirm this reality. In order for the Kingdom Church to fulfil its Divine purpose and assignment therefore, it must be comprised of the following:

- 1.) Sinners who are truly converted with their names written in the Lamb’s Book of Life. There is no room for “church goers” or engagement in Churchianity or in the contemporary gathering of dependent, consumerist crowds around fellow humans. (See Acts 3:19.)
- 2.) Those who are converted or truly saved need to become disciples or followers of Yahshua, living as He lived in service to the Father, obedient to His Word (Matthew 28:18-19.)

- 3.) Those disciples are not to be caught up with service so much so that they become robots, serving thoughtlessly. They are to press on in to intimate relationship with Yahweh as a personal Father arising from their adoption into His family. In that regard they take responsibility for bringing heaven to earth by living in full submission to His will, just as the Ultimate Son, Yahshua, Jesus.
- 4.) For these functional relationships outlined here to be a present reality, saints are to function as a Kingdom of Priests and Kings after the Order of Melchizedek which was modelled and originated with Yahshua in Whom the old Levitical/Aaronic Priesthood was fulfilled and taken away.

The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

—Psalm 110:4

In Yahshua, heaven was announcing the end of the era of religion and a new era in which the spiritual component of the Kingdom would create the way for the manifest, physical Kingdom. Of that spiritual Kingdom, here is how the Holy Scriptures announced the Priestly and Kingly role of Yahshua, Jesus while in the Body:

If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life. For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness

thereof. For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God. And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest: (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:) By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament. And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

—Hebrews 7: 11-24

This particular species of priesthood where the redeemed function in as spiritual rulers of their spheres of influence, legislating by prayer, decrees and spiritual warfare to affect their natural realms implied that two kingdoms would operate side by side at the same time for a season – until the stone cut without hands – even Yahshua Ha Mashiach returns to rule this earth in a physical sense. Saints were not redeemed to be entangled again with the yoke of bondage offered by Religion. They were to function in one single holy Kingdom described vividly by Apostle Peter:

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light; Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

—1 Peter 2:9-10

Saints in the earth realm were redeemed to manifest the present dimension of the Kingdom as a separate entity from the kingdom of this world ruled by Satan through keeping humans bound by lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh and pride of life. The simple plan of Elohim is for all the redeemed, regardless of gender, age, race, geographical location or congregation/ministry to function as citizens of one single Kingdom. Nothing was permitted to divide them – then and now. Paul the apostle

captured the desire of heaven for the earth realm in his epistle to the Ephesians:

There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism,⁶ One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. Paul was merely echoing the heart beat of King Yahshua for His Kingdom Church of 'called out people' in His prayer to The Father:

—Ephesians 4:4-6

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

—John 17:20-24

Let it be said again and again: the true Church that Yahshua established in the earth realm; the one He is personally building; the one which is based on a revelation of His Divinity which the gates of hell cannot prevail against is ONE, under Himself as King!

And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

—Matthew 16:16-19

Yes, Holy Spirit will lead and orchestrate use of human vessels to be vessels for bringing other saints together. But they are not permitted to be taught or encouraged to function in the Elijah complex and stay alone. They are to know that our congregating together is simply for iron to sharpen iron so that disciples can be raised; sons can be manifested and the Kingdom activated and manifested in the local community as saints are empowered to discover their individual organic roles as activated by the governmental system instituted for that purpose by King Yahshua.

But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

—Ephesians 4:7, 11-16

The Kingdom was designed to function at optimum capacity when sons of Yahweh in the earth realm know Him and submit to Holy Spirit to form Yahshua in them. As they discover which part of His Body they are and equipped to release and receive grace, the entire Body is resourced miraculously with all that is needed to be an organic whole. Saints derive great joy from seeing themselves as vessels Holy Spirit uses to build up and provide for the lack of others so that there is vibrant life throughout the Body. No saint needs to be a stranger when visiting a community, city, state or nation where other saints are. By leading of Holy Spirit, their spiritual antennae would pick up the same Holy Spirit working in others as in themselves.

This universal, royal priesthood of saints who are individually holy unto their Father, live in love, united by the same Holy Spirit and in active service to each other is the single, holy nation which though in this world, is not of this world!

I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

—John 17: 9-11;14-18

When Rome crucified Yahshua, Jesus, it thought that it had destroyed the Kingdom He represented. Unfortunately to their dismay, His death paved the way for Holy Spirit to come and indwell and empower those redeemed by His Blood to live like He lived – as sons of Elohim anywhere and everywhere they were found in the empire. In that state, the Alpha Church turned the then world – Roman Empire – upside down with a radical, raw gospel accompanied by signs and wonders. Rome switched onto the persecution mode and threw everything in its book against the Kingdom Church. From exclusion to imprisonment as well as gory spectacles of martyrdom, Rome did everything to stamp out the gospel. Of the 12 disciples who lived with Yahshua, all but John suffered violent martyrdom. Some were thrown to be consumed by lions or gored by bulls in sporting arenas while citizens of the empire ‘feasted’ on such terrible sights. Rather than be cowed, the Alpha Church embraced fire with great grace. Ahead of his beheading between the ages of 65-66, here is how Paul embraced his certain fate:

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

—2 Timothy 4: 6-8

This attitude in the face of torment and death revealed knowledge of something very profound: the highest ideal of all saints on this side of eternity is to be vessels through which Elohim fulfils His Divine purpose. Those who lay down their all for the Creator to use have a guaranteed reward of ruling and reigning with their King when He returns to rule in the manifest, physical Kingdom. For them therefore, physical death is not the end of their life but merely a gate way into the full phase of the Kingdom (See 1 Corinthians 15:50.)

Even if saints were not required to die for the Faith, by living lives that represented submission to the will of the Father and leading of Holy Spirit meant giving up their self-interests, they experienced a profound type of suffering.

If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

— 2 Timothy 2:12

Unable to destroy the Church from outside, Rome changed tack: it embraced the Church in a union which re-defined the gospel of the Kingdom which Yahshua preached; paid the price to birth with His Blood and gave His disciples charge to proclaim. The result was organized Christian religion, which though having an outer veneer of “faith” in Jesus, was actually based on a paradigm opposite to the gospel of the Kingdom and denying His Kingship. Christian religion became an organization people “join” buildings people go in to on certain “holy” days. It became a means where by Christians would gather around “anointed” priests who operated in the Levitical priesthood, wearing special robes and engaged in

certain routine rites which create an “atmosphere” for people to experience an otherwise distant God. Because of this, humans who were ambitious and powerful enough began to build denominationally, dividing the flock.

Though Martin Luther received Light on the reality that righteousness is a gift that is received in Faith, the Protestant Movement which grew out of his challenge of Rome has retained, to varying degrees, tiny or major strands of the DNA of ‘Churchianity’ or Christian Religion. This leaven of Babylon will never please King Yahshua in as much as they represent diversions from His Master Plan.

To Elohim is all the glory for preserving to Himself a remnant who refused to bow their knee to this Religious construct! That remnant which He preserved according to the election of Grace is the same with whom and through whom the radiant, spotless, powerful Omega Church will be manifested in the midst of the gross darkness coming on the whole earth!

Chapter 5

DIVINE PURPOSE 5

Let us remember that in this chapter, Holy Spirit is leading us to gain a deep understanding of the Divine Perspective of Purpose. How then can the truly redeemed manifest the Divine Life that Yahshua gave them through His sacrificial death on the Cross? How can saints practically demonstrate the DNA of their Father in the midst of a world that is essentially under the control of Satan who is its god? How can Kingdom Life be lived in such a way which demonstrates that what saints have is far greater and superior to what the world offers?

5.) All saints are to live the Divine Life in the earth realm while in the body to demonstrate the DNA of the Father in them and reality of the superior Kingdom they are ambassadors of.

Let us trust Holy Spirit to release some simple keys in this chapter:

1.) We must receive by faith, the righteousness of the Father in Yahshua and hold on to it by Faith.

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

—2 Corinthians 5:17, 21

The fact that we are the new creation of Elohim in the earth realm ordained to manifest right standing with Him on account of the bloodshed by Yahshua is a reality that can only be received by Faith. Righteousness cannot be obtained by self-effort of those who try to observe carnal rules

and religious regulations. Righteousness is a gift of grace that can only be received and appropriated by Grace through faith.

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

—Ephesians 2:1-8

He Who gave Yahshua to die for us has also ordained to supply us with the power (or Grace) to live as His sons in the earth realm:

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

—John 1:12

When saints abandon Grace and Faith but attempt to be holy by self-effort of observing rules of denominations and religious organizations, they lose sight of the reality that righteousness is entirely a gift of grace given by the Father to be received by Faith. When this faith is truly active, it reckons what Yahshua accomplished on our behalf as a “done deal” and refuses to engage with the lies of the enemy which seeks to question whether it is so manipulating the mind and emotions.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.¹³ Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and

your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

—Romans 6: 11-16

When saints are actively holding onto the righteousness received by faith, true holiness sets in as the character of Yahshua manifests as fruit of Grace, not works of religiosity. Holiness is therefore the fruit of our Faith response to the gift of righteousness or right standing with the Father. It requires us to do three things that signify a positive response:

■ Knowing its potentials for sin and evil, we consciously reject and give up the old man so that it is crucified with Yahshua on the Cross in an act of sanctification. This instantaneous experience paves the way for a lifelong walk of sanctification which refuses to make room for the enemy.

■ We consciously love righteousness and hate iniquity as Yahshua Himself did Hebrews 1:9. This makes us to consciously separate ourselves from things that are evil – in thought, word and deed – relying not on our strength but His.

■ We consciously consecrate all of our beings – spirit, soul and body for His glory and use.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

—Romans 12: 1

For this to really take place, we allow Holy Spirit, the Word and Blood of the Lamb to renew our minds so that we think righteously and according to Kingdom pattern in all situations.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

—Romans 12:2

When these fundamental shifts take place in the mind, the thinking pattern of the saint becomes powerfully representative of His King. Because the mind is a vital engine which drives the response of the will, a renewed one is a powerful asset for true kingdom living. This is how the character of Yahshua, Jesus is formed in an organic, rather than organizational paradigm! It is an “inside-out” rather than “outside-in” operation.

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

—Philippians 4:8-9

When the righteousness which works by faith is lost, religion sets in and human nature glories in carnal observances in a bid to try to please Elohim as Colossians 2:16-21 asserts. In the process, rituals seek to replace the relationship with Yahweh which was appropriated by faith. This is what happened to the Galatians who started kingdom life by faith and were sliding into carnality, seeking to be pleaser of men (See Galatians 1:6-10.) It must be noted however, that the acid test of true righteousness and real grace is the divinely imparted ability to overcome temptations to sin against Elohim. To claim that one is righteous by Grace and yet actively living in sin is a contradiction of extreme proportions.

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:

—Romans 6: 1- 8

But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

—Ephesians 5:3-7

2.) We must abide in Him and allow His Words to abide in us.

When we are thus connected to Yahshua, living the Kingdom life ceases to become a struggle. Holy Spirit uses the Word to form Him in us and embeds His word, deep into our hearts. Whatever we encounter in our daily life, the simple question would be: “what does the Word say?” Once this comes to our mind, Holy Spirit quickens the appropriate instruction and we simply find ourselves empowered by knowing the mind of our King.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches:

He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

—John 15:1-7

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

—Psalm 119:11

The Word is Constitution of the King to which its citizens and ambassadors should subscribe.

3.) We must be led by Holy Spirit in all things.

Holy Spirit has been given as Elohim in and with us. The degree of our “yielded-ness” to Him will determine how far we can be vessels through whom He will manifest the Divine life and character of Yahshua, Jesus to the world around us. We have the option therefore to refuse to give flesh any room.

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

—Romans 8:12-16

Whenever the Flesh (combination of soul and body) rules the life of a Christian, carnality sets in) and the individual cannot please Elohim.

4.) We must imitate Yahshua in Character, Attitude and Lifestyle.

In Yahshua, heaven released a Model for all of the New Creation to emulate. He is the only acceptable frame of reference that heaven will use to judge all people on earth. Saints must know that in seeking Elohim, we do not need to go far: In Yahshua, we see all that mankind desires in the Invisible Creator!

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;² And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour.

—Ephesians 5:1

Once He becomes our ultimate frame of reference concerning the Kingdom life, whoever He brings into our lives – Fivefold leaders, mentors, parents and friends can be received through the single prism that is Him. Those who are walking after the pattern of His life and are passionate about obeying the Father become instruments of pointing us to Him, not themselves.

Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

—1 Corinthians 11:1

For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: This was why one of the overriding desires of Paul the apostle was to be like Yahshua, Jesus. We too should lift the bar of our desires to seek deeper realms of intimacy with Him!

—1 Peter 2: 21-23

But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.⁸ Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be

found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

—Philippians 3:7-14

5.) We are not to love the world.

In this regard, we are to know what the world is, how it manifests and make a conscious decision not to love or be caught up in it. To love the world or be caught up in its patterns, fashions and carnality-driven entertainment is to reject the Fatherhood of Yahweh and actively negate the New Creation reality. Carnality is an active enemy of spirituality and cannot lead saints to please our heavenly Father. His instructions on separation from the world and its systems are very explicit:

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

—1 John 2:15-17

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

—2 Corinthians 6:14-18

6.) We are to manifest the Authority and Power of the Kingdom in everyday life.

Ours is a miraculous life in which faith is used to bring heaven to bear on the earth realm as miracles in all dimensions of life. The divine purpose is to reveal Elohim through manifestation of His power in His sons on earth. The Kingdom has a health care and wellness plan far superior to that of the world.

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

—Luke 10: 19

In doing this, we need to know the nature and extent of the unction released to us as individuals and be humble to know when to tap into the wider anointing released to the whole Body to which we are connected.

Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

—Matthew 18:18-20

Mark 16:15-20 reveals that the Great Commission and Authority of the Name of Yahshua is an assignment for the whole Body manifested. This is why individual saints need as a matter of real priority understand the specific parts of the Body they are and what Yahshua has given them as gifts of Holy Spirit to release to bless others.

The idea of saints gathering around a “super anointed” vessel who uses the ability to perform miracles or healings to seek fame, popularity, make money or control and manipulate others away from knowing and growing up in Yahshua and discovering their place in Him is one of the motifs of religion fostered by strands of Babylon found in many Independent, Pentecostal, Charismatic and Evangelical Ministries. When this tendency is structured to entrench the ABC syndrome, Holy Spirit is then “used,” negatively, to build Towers of Babel in the name of “successful ministries.” In this environment, people remain babes ever needing milk and living lives dependent on fellow humans. Lacking maturity and not growing, they become part of consumerist religious organizations seeking first cash and their bellies and the membership registry and tithing records of religious organizations as status symbols.

7.) We are to consciously function as instruments of increasing the population of the Kingdom.

Here on earth, it is through preaching of the true gospel that sinners are saved and translated from the Kingdom of darkness into that of King Yahshua.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

—Romans 1:16-17

That starting point of taking Kingdom responsibility should never be neglected! Every saints needs to get back to the primal assignment of reconciling the lost to the Father as 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 states. In so doing, we are both increasing the population of the Kingdom through the ONLY appointed way as well as taking away excuse from those who would claim ignorance on the last day.

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

—John 3:3-7

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

—Matthew 24:14

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Until all who are on earth have the opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel, no saint is supposed to be smug and unconcerned. We are to spend and be spent, well invested in enabling those appointed to Salvation to make it into the Kingdom.

—Acts 1:8

As we have learned so far, all saints individually and collectively should also make their vessels available to Holy Spirit for transition of saints from one level of glory to the other. What goes around comes around. Saints are to grow from believers to disciples; from disciples to sons of Elohim who take responsibility for His domain in the earth realm; they are to live, walk and minister as citizens and ambassadors of one single, indivisible Kingdom

which Yahshua recovered from Satan. His Kingdom is to be known and experienced through the saints.

Chapter 6

DIVINE PURPOSE 6&7

Let us quickly explain the call of heaven on saints to be separate from the world. It is not a call to be isolated into monasteries and abbeys where saints interact only with their fellows of like precious faith. The twin realities are that though saved, we are still in the world. The “called out” ones share the same earth realm with the world which lives in darkness. As such, the separation is not physical but rather spiritual and in terms of operating culture. The world lives out the culture of its “god” while saints live out the culture of the Kingdom. Our separation, therefore, is to be placed on the solid ground of unity in order to generate the synergy to effectively engage with our communities as people on assignment from the King.

6.) Though called to be separated, the idea is not to live in isolation but to be catalysts who engage the world with Kingdom culture to transform it from inside out.

I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

—John 17: 9-18

In being placed on earth to engage with it, saints are to be the “salt of the earth” and “light of the world.” If we isolate from the world, we will be unable to impact them. True saints are catalysts of change. The redemptive purpose of various people groups, communities, cities, states and nations can only be manifested when saints are truly engaged thereunto. If we do not engage, the door is opened for Satan to ravage and enslave, without hindrance. In the same way, it is the presence of the Church in the earth realm and its values that beams a strong search light that has enabled humanity to drop some of its baser instincts in favor of what is today called “civilization.” The truth is that the great prosperity that the Western world enjoyed is directly related to the Light brought about by Kingdom culture enshrined in national constitutions and mores of Europe and its global sphere of influence.

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

—Matthew 5:13-16

Let it be known that apart from edification and building up of itself in love, the main assignment of the Kingdom Church is not within itself but rather to the host community for purpose of transformation. The presence of the Church in the earth realm effectively holds back some of the baser manifestations of humanity’s rebellion from the ways of Elohim. As soon as the Church is caught up or raptured, the worst chapter of humanity, the Great Tribulation during the reign of the anti-Christ will manifest.

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders...

—2 Thessalonians 2-9

7.) Saints are to individually and collectively manifest the Love and goodness of our Father in a wicked world as arrow head of holistic evangelism and transformation. Whereas the world is selfish and self-centered, saints are called to be selfless. The culture of the Kingdom is hinged on the Love nature of Elohim who gives beyond measure.

He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

—1 John 4:8

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

—John 3:16

The fact that Elohim could release from Himself, Yahshua to be incarnated and function as His Lamb Who alone had capacity to take away sins of the whole world from Adam till end of the age challenges us to allow this love DNA He transmitted to us by the Blood to define us. Love is the language of relationship. When our old selfish, self-centered ways are dealt with at the Cross, there is extraordinary capacity to represent Elohim in the earth realm.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

—John 12:24

Yahshua told the disciples that the central pillar upon which Kingdom should be manifest on earth is Love.

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

—John 13:34-35

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

—John 15:12

In manifesting love, let us note that it is action that it is out going, flowing out to reach and touch others – both saints and sinners alike.

I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

—Acts 20:35

In this lifestyle of love, there are to be no limits as saints continuously sow it as good seeds.

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

—Galatians 6: 7-10

If saints reserve their love for only the perfect, we would have missed the essence. Part of our responsibility is to represent the King to those on the margins of society and do what He would have done if He were physically present: care for them by doing good. As ambassadors of the Kingdom of heaven, saints are to be the outstretched hands of their Father in the earth realm, doing what He would have done to His creation that needs love and care.

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

—Matthew 25:31-40

It is a sad thing when the Kingdom Church retreats into an insular position, unconcerned about social issues in its operating environment. Saints travel from different locations into a building designated as “Church” to “experience God” for three hours only to drive out or walk away, unconcerned about the things that ail the larger community which they feel disconnected from! Let it be re-emphasized that the host Community is the Kingdom assignment to be evangelized, disciplined and transformed from inside out.

Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof. Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

—Matthew 13: 31-33

Let us arise in radical faith, praying, warring in the spirit and launching out in holy boldness to positively impact and affect our communities – anywhere and everywhere in the world. It is in so doing that signs, wonders and all indices of Divine back up will become evident. As we incline our hearts to obey, Holy Spirit will open our eyes to specific social issues our King wishes to use His Church to address and thus demonstrate His Presence and Kingdom. If we are truly willing, He will supply wisdom and the allocation for His assignment! Let us go beyond preaching therefore and also start or expand “doing good.”

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

—Mark 16:15-20

Majority of the population may well reject the love of Yahweh which is transmitted to them in this way. Let it be noted, however, that the Holy Scriptures are clear that in doing the Great Commission the way our King appointed, all excuses people will have on the Day of Judgement (“we did not hear,” “no one preached to us”) would be taken away. Rather, by that same measure, those appointed to salvation will find the bridge of

reconciliation through which to reconnect to the Father. It is He Who adds to the Church.

Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

—Acts 2: 47

Chapter 7

DIVINE PURPOSE 8&9

There are many who seek to worship Elohim in Spirit, deeming the Truth as relative that can be Cherry picked; mainly in the camp that people brand themselves as Pentecostal and Charismatic. On the other hand, many in the Evangelical fold tend to focus on seeking to worship Him in Truth and deem things of the Spirit scary or non-essential. Unfortunately, by not giving Holy Spirit sufficient space, they also cherry pick truth, accepting those that fit into pre-conceived religious dogmas of their founding fathers. The result is the huge mess that is Protestantism. Those who think Babylon means the Roman Church alone are involved in self-deception. The DNA of Rome runs deep in the Protestant community with its various mutations.

8.) To Worship Elohim in Spirit and In Truth

In His epic encounter with the woman at the well of Samaria, Yahshua laid out a critical Divine Purpose to which ALL who claim affinity with Him should subscribe and practice.

The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

—John 4: 19-24

Our King was declaring end of a chapter where Religion (and the Laws of Judaism) had free course as a school master over humanity and the beginning of an extraordinary new chapter in the relationship between Elohim and humanity. This new chapter was one in which the redeemed will have their very beings as Temples of Holy Spirit based on being bought with the price that is His Blood (See 1 Corinthians 6:18-20.) In this new chapter also, the proximity and intimacy saints would enjoy with Elohim is further expanded by the reality that their spirit-man or heart would be seated in heavenly places with Yahshua (See Ephesians 2:1-8.)

Much as saints would still need to congregate in buildings, the essence shifts from being a place of exclusive worship to a platform for fellowship, equipping, training and spring board to affect the Community. There will be prayers and corporate worship as well as hearing the Word declared in such buildings. But at its core, the New Covenant offers a radical truth very few saints have been willing to receive, embrace, walk in or even explore: that true worship, in its very essence takes place in their hearts.

Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

—Hebrews 10: 15-17

If anyone therefore would not worship with a true heart, though that person sings songs of worship, prays with great physical exertion and does many other things inside buildings of brick and mortar, it is religion that is in play. Saints, the heart is the heart of the matter!

In truth, only Elohim by His Spirit sees and knows the heart of those who are purportedly in worship. He knows hearts that are the center of true worship and hearts that are inclined to religion and external manifestations of rituals and carnal ordinances.

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

—Jeremiah 17: 9-10

In sum, the Father desires that our worship emanates from the spirit-man or heart rather than from the Flesh (soul + body.) The great problem saints are having has to do with trying to use the flesh to worship Yahweh. There is so much emphasis on physical structures, money and things which excite the emotions including loud music; strobe or neon lights. They can be fake before Elohim when done with a divided heart which is partly attuned to Flesh and partly to Him.

Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:

—Isaiah 29:13

Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

—Matthew 15:7-9

Yahshua was also laying a marker acceptable to heaven and that which is inspired by or led by Holy Spirit. He Who knows the mind of our heavenly Father is the only qualified guide Who leads saints into deeper realms of intimacy with the Father in worship that is anywhere and everywhere, not confined to buildings of brick and mortar.

When this is the case, saints will not switch on to “worship” mode inside such buildings and switch off into carnality outside them. Our loving relationship with Elohim is proved by the inclination of our heart to know

and obey His Word. The Word of Elohim is the Compass which steers us into His heart. To claim to worship or love Him and yet live in disobedience to His Word is to engage in contradiction. Our obedience flowing out of hearts which love our Father is the index that heaven is looking for.

And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul...

—Deuteronomy 11:13

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. 14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

—John 15: 10

9.) To Build upon the Foundation of Yahshua according to His Master Plan.

Many saints allow the enemy to deceive them into believing anyone can build the Church by subjective opinion or personal ideas. It is not enough to claim to have received a revelation or mandate to start a ministry or congregation. Many times, saints either do these things out of ignorance, emotion or in plain disobedience to the express will of the King concerning His beloved Body in the earth realm.

An in-depth reading of Acts of the Apostles reveals that Peter and the rest of the 10 who Yahshua personally trained for three and half years did not fully “get it.” Yahshua had to spend 40 days conducting a School of Ministry for them and others in order to explain more fully the things of the Kingdom on earth after His resurrection even after the Holy Spirit had been poured into them, the apostles to whom He entrusted governance of the Church were struggling to interpret what their Master said. “Go Ye” was turned to “Come Here” and before long, strife for carnal things rocked the early Church. Even persecution did not move the Apostles who chose to

remain in Jerusalem and even die there, if need be. The duty of taking the gospel to Samaria and uttermost parts of the earth fell on Deacon Phillip of the Jerusalem Church who was transited into the office of an Evangelist as he ran from persecution (See Acts 8.)

The response of Yahshua to the slowness of the original apostles was dramatic and instructive. He came down from heaven to specifically arrest Saul of Tarsus to be His appointed vessel of honor to receive the Master Plan of the Kingdom Church as an organism of active body parts or lively stones who collectively release His Presence and Power.

According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

—1 Corinthians 3:10

*Commentary: Paul made the bold assertion of his election as the master builder of the Kingdom Church in the earth realm. This simply means to him was committed the Master Plan of how the Kingdom Church of Yahshua should look. Any minister who does not take time to prayerfully study the Pauline Epistles under unction of the Holy Spirit will not be able to lead saints into the full counsel of Yahweh. The gospels declare the Person and Ministry of Yahshua, Jesus, but the Pauline epistles contained detailed revelation of what He accomplished for saints at the Cross. Our identity in Him and His identity in us is unveiled in the Pauline epistles. Even Peter had to attest to the reality of the depth of revelations granted to Paul in 2 Peter 3: Paul also declared himself as one used by Yahshua to lay the foundation of the true Church!

For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

—1 Corinthians 3: 11

*Commentary: Yahshua is declared as the Only Foundation of the Church. It is not Him and Moses or Him and ‘founders’ of various Christian sects. Whatever we do in His Church must be rooted in the reality of Who He is and His redemptive purpose in the earth realm.

Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;13 Every man's work shall be made manifest:

—1 Corinthians 3:12

*Commentary: There are 6 kinds of materials made broadly of two substances with which those who claim to be called can build with. All ministers are to evaluate whether they are building with the right materials which are not perishable or the wrong ones which are combustible.

Every man's work shall be made manifest;for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

—1 Corinthians 3: 13

*Commentary: A day of Judgement lies ahead when what ministers build with will be tested by fire to determine the quality.

If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

—1 Corinthians 3:14

*Commentary: Those who build with the right substances will obtain a reward. Like Paul displayed in his letter to Timothy, we can validly understand the future glory if we build with the right substances – 2 Timothy 4:7-8

If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

—1 Corinthians 3:15

*Commentary: Those who build with the wrong substances – including worldly methods of self-projection which draws people to them rather than Yahshua, Jesus – may be disappointed on the last day. No matter how huge or large their efforts are, there will be no rewards. Their works will be consumed by the fire and they may manage to squeeze into eternity.

To bring the Kingdom Church into being and ensure that saints are properly guided to discover and fulfil their individual purposes within the context of the general purpose of Yahshua, Jesus are Apostles, Prophets, Evangelist, Pastors and Teachers, otherwise called the Fivefold.

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

—Ephesians 4:11-13

*Commentary: Spiritual synergy is released for perfection of saints when the fivefold work together with scope for each to release the measure of Yahshua and His revelation granted to them. It is only when this is so that saints are equipped to do the work of ministry and all saints are edified and able to mature well in Him, not dependent on the “anointing” or “grace” of their leaders.

That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive...

—Ephesians 4:14

*Commentary: Saints who receive this kind of leadership mature to the degree that they cannot be deceived by false prophets or workers of iniquity.

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

—Ephesians 4:15-16

*Commentary: the organic nature of the Kingdom Church is manifested when all saints — not some— come to the point of releasing and receiving the anointing and virtues in each other in a matrix of loving service. That is the organism Yahshua, Jesus is yearning to see

manifested in the earth realm, representing Him everywhere, not just inside “Church buildings.” Even when saints congregate, it is not to focus on the microphone or pulpit. Organically, saints receive and release ministry which builds up every one.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS – BASIS OF MINISTRY AND CALLINGS

All saints have proof of their being in Yahshua by the Holy Spirit He gives to seal them into His Body. As He seals them, He plants spiritual gifts which define their new DNA in Him. In other words, the organic paradigm of the true Kingdom Church is manifested when saints understand and walk in the part of Yahshua that all are by Holy Spirit. Because spiritual gifts declare who we are in Him, leaders should invest their energies to help saints come to this understanding. There is no single saint who is without a spiritual gift!

But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

—Ephesians 4:7-8

So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

—Romans 12:5-8

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.⁵ And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

—1 Corinthians 12:4-7

As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man

speaking, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

—1 Peter 4:10-11

Chapter 8

DIVINE PURPOSE 10&11

One of the things modern saints do not like to hear is suffering which is such an inherent part of the Divine Purpose that there is no way we can validly neglect to mention. In this, our model is Yahshua, Jesus Himself. He suffered the pain of being stripped of Great Glory to be Human so that the price for bringing many sons to glory would be paid. The Divine Purpose behind the suffering sustained Him!

10.) To build upon the Foundation of Yahshua according to His Master Plan.

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

—Hebrews 12:2-3

That is why we are commanded to follow His example.

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

—Philippians 2:5-11

THE TRUE THEOLOGY OF SUFFERING

Yahshua, Jesus was emphatic that those who can truly be His disciples are those who embrace the life that is hinged on the Cross – not just His Own but theirs as well! As people followed Him, He laid a marker of what it takes to be His disciple:

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

—Matthew 16:24-26

Let us take note that the Cross is where the will of the Father intersects our will and self-interests. Whenever we consciously subjugate our will to His as led by Holy Spirit, suffering takes place. It is this lifestyle which places the Person and Interests of our heavenly Father on higher pedestal than our self-interests. The person who embraces the way of the Cross has embraced the way of true Kingdom Life which bears abundant fruit. Brokenness and selflessness multiplies the divine Presence and leads to greater fruits in the Kingdom. There is much more the Father is willing to accomplish in the earth realm through His sons – if only we come out of our self-preservation and self-promotion interests to take on His purpose. The choices we make will reflect accordingly in selflessness which produces great fruit! It is impossible to serve two Kings simultaneously – Self and Yahshua

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

—John 12:24

Saints are not to suffer for suffering sake like the religious people of old who loved self-flagellation. This is not about the old error that poverty implies holiness. There are many who are not just physically poor but also full of poor attitudes, poor behavior and smug in their religiosity. There are also some saints who though rich financially are yet broken and imbued with the right attitude which draw many to righteousness. What our heavenly Father is sharing as His heart with us today is a lifestyle like Yahshua's which is lived out in submission to His will and for His sake:

I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

—John 5:30

For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

—John 6:38

This is a higher form of life which is not lived for self but for the sake of the gospel of the Kingdom. It is one poured out and lived for sake of the assignment and the people that are within our influence loop. It is a lifestyle which essentially obeys King Yahshua, placing Him and demands of the Kingdom first, far above all else. It is from that fulcrum that all other relationships can flow.

The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household? Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his

cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

—Matthew 10:24-39

THE PROMISES THAT SHOULD DRIVE OUR ATTITUDE TO SUFFERING

The Word is rich in promises for those who go through the fire of suffering for the sake of the King. It is important to understand and walk in the promises since they strengthen us through the fire.

If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

—2 Timothy 2:12

Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:

—1 Peter 2:18-23

And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ. For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing. For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

—1 Peter 3:13-18

Elohim does not just call us to suffer. He asks us to accept and regard it as a seed for a greater and better future – both in time and eternity. Once we get it right with divine purpose, it is easy to like Paul invite challenges to bring it on.

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

—Romans 8:28-39

As we mature in Yahshua, it becomes clear to us that whatever we suffer cannot destroy us but will rather draw down the blessings in due time or reveal the glory of eternal life in us.

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

—1 Peter 5:10

10.) To Suffer for the sake of Yahshua while in the Body

To understand the extent of the havoc Satan has done on saints in the earth realm, no indicator is greater than the subtle way he has removed consciousness of eternity from the frame of mind of many who are supposed to be eternal beings by the new birth experience. It is sad to note that this is the reason why iniquity is abounding even within the organized Church. To forget our real home and be stressed out about a limited phase of life in the body cannot by any stretch of imagination constitute wisdom.

If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

—1 Corinthians 15:19

THE PROMISES OF ETERNAL LIFE STRETCHING INTO THE HEREAFTER

It is part of the Divine Perspective of purpose that all saints, begotten by the Blood should live in the consciousness of the eternal dimension of the Kingdom and allow same to drive our priorities. This is the essence of the most misquoted scripture in the New Testament: Matthew 6:33 which can only be understood when placed in the proper context. That context starts in Matthew 6:19 stretching through verse 34. In sum, it charges saints to cease from laboring for material things but rather place the Kingdom as the pivot of their lives. When we are thus inclined, it is easy to draw down by faith all that our heavenly Father provided for us.

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

—John 14:1-3

The Rapture and Resurrection of the dead validates our eternal expectations. The Kingdom to come is accessed through the agency of either the rapture or resurrection from the dead. The reason is that we will need celestial bodies that do not perish to live the eternal phase of life after this mortal one.

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

—1 Corinthians 15:50-54

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

—1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

There are two phases of this eternity that we are redeemed into by the Blood of Yahshua:

Part 1 of Eternity: Be co-heirs and rulers with Yahshua in the manifest phase of the Kingdom.

In various scriptures, saints are assured of being co-heirs of the earth realm with Yahshua for 1000 years. The Kingdom we have now in our hearts is spiritual in nature, co-existing with a fallen world ruled by Satan. He has legal license to remain “god” of this world, ruling its princes and kings until The Great day of the Lord. On that Day, the armies of the anti-Christ which massed against Israel would be routed by King Yahshua and in Revelation Chapter 19.

Then a remarkable thing will happen in Revelation Chapter 20: one single angel will chain Satan in the bottomless pit for 1000 years! With his evil presence out of the way, Yahshua will rule as King of Kings over the whole earth while saints who overcame will rule as Kings over specific peoples, cities and nations. It will be a Millennium of pure bliss. With no sicknesses, death, trouble or crises, the world will experience what life would have been on planet earth if Adam and Eve had not sinned.

And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

—Revelation 20:1-6

John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

—Revelation 1:4-6

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

—Revelation 5:9-10

Part 2 of Eternity: Live with Elohim forever.

This is the endless phase of life in proximate contact with Elohim after all evil is judged and permanently consigned to the Lake of Fire and Brimstone. This is after the millennial reign when Yahshua hands over the Kingdom to His Father and the Mystery surrounding Elohim is accomplished.

For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

—1 Corinthians 15:21-28

But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

—Revelation 10: 7

Let us examine the attitude of three heroes of faith who saw eternity clearly:

STEPHEN

But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.⁶⁰ And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

—Acts 7: 55-59

PAUL

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

—2 Timothy 4:6-8

PETER

Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; Knowing that shortly I must put off

this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

—2 Peter 1: 12-15

There is much more of the Kingdom than what we are experiencing and enjoying in the physical body which has an appointed life span! Let us lay hold of that glorious future in eternity with Elohim and allow it to be the pivot of our present way of living; our attitudes and ministry. Let us be steadfast in knowing the will of our father and His Divine Purpose for the Kingdom Church – His ecclesia in the earth realm!

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

—1 Corinthians 15:57-58

Chapter 9

THE DIVINE MASTER PLAN FOR ACHIEVING THE DIVINE PURPOSE

Throughout the Holy Scriptures, Elohim has made one thing very clear: Divine Purposes are to be achieved in obedience to Divine Instructions. Whenever humans follow the divine pattern, they find it easy to obey divine instructions. Whenever they set aside what Elohim instructed and lean unto their own understanding, the outcomes are disastrous. In Genesis 1, Elohim laid out a principle of sustaining His Divine purpose in the earth realm.

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

—Genesis 1:28

That principle can be summed up in these three key words: Be *fruitful*, *multiply* and *replenish*. From Adam and Eve alone, Elohim showed that the whole world was to be filled with His sons. When Satan struck in Genesis 3:1-6, it was not just to introduce sin into the world as we discussed in an earlier chapter. It was not just to take away the Kingdom from Adam, it was also to stop the lineage of sons from emerging who would populate the earth realm and manifest their heavenly Father. Instead of bearing sons of Elohim, Adam began to bear children after his own fallen nature (See Genesis 5:1-4.)

In Genesis 11, we see how the enemy engineered humans to set aside the divine instruction in Genesis 1:28 of expanding to fill up the earth realm.

They chose a contrary principle whereby rather than expand and reach out, they engaged in building of a Tower to reach Him.

And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

—Genesis 11:1-11

NEW COVENANT APPLICATIONS

When Yahshua completed His earthly assignment, His charge to the disciples, from a spiritual perspective, contained the seed of those three key words: Fruitful; Multiply and Replenish the earth. If we examine the language of the Great Commission, we will discover that it requires ‘Go Ye’ or going forth to expand the Kingdom through fruitfulness which replenishes and fills the earth with sons of Elohim who live as Kingdom citizens and ambassadors:

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

—Matthew 24:14

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing

them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

—Matthew 28:18-20

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

—Mark 16:15-16

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

—Acts 1:8

Unfortunately, as we observed in a previous chapter, the Apostles did not give heed to the “Go Ye” principle at first. In fact, the early church at infancy almost slid into a “Come Here” mode which resembles building a tower.

And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart...

—Acts 2:46

Before long, the gospel was neglected as a maintenance culture took over:

And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations. 2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

—Acts 6:1-2

Because they forgot that the gospel was to be executed on a ‘Go Ye’ paradigm, the Hebraic/Jewish mindset became a barrier to the critical Kingdom business of bringing the lost home. Gentiles were viewed as unfit for the Kingdom except they first converted to Judaism:

And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him, Saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them.

—Acts 11:1-3

This matter came to a head in Acts 15 which prompted the First Jerusalem Council which resolved the matter in favor of the original intent and letters of the Great Commission.

THE 3-FOLD RESPONSE OF HEAVEN

Three things were deployed by heaven to get the Church on track with its assignment:

- 1. Persecution: This became a positive instrument to scatter the Jerusalem Church and in the process expansion became possible as Phillip, who used to be a deacon became an Evangelist.**

Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word. Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city. But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one: To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God. And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries. But when they

believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

—Acts 8:4-13

2. Divine revelation and rebuke.

Elohim had to give a specific revelation to Peter and rebuked his Hebraic/Jewish mindset in order to prepare him to walk through the open door to the Gentiles.

On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour: And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance, And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending upon him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth: Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat. But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean. And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven. Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made enquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate, And called, and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there. While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee. Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.

—Acts 10:9-20

3. Saul of Tarsus, an enemy with the capacity to obey was recruited.

At the pace the Jerusalem Church operated and with a closed mindset due to the effect of religion and religiosity, the gospel of the Kingdom was in

clear danger of being constrained and compromised. Heaven responded by raising a vessel with a mandate to get things on track, Saul of Tarsus!

And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight. Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: 14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

—Acts 9 :1-16

It was to this vessel, Paul, that the original purpose of the Great Commission received the needed attention, depth and drive. To Him was committed revelation of what Yahshua accomplished for saints on the Cross which is the essence of the Pauline epistles which also explain what the Church is and how it should function. It was to this Paul that the divine principle of repopulating the earth with sons of Elohim became pronounced.

Paul was a soul winner. He was also an in depth teacher who made disciples and equipped them to function as sons of Elohim. He it was who expounded how the Priesthood after the Order of Melchizedeck operates

through manifestation of spiritual gifts and callings in building organic Kingdom Communities which truly affect the society and transform from inside out as salt of the earth and light of the world. His ministry with travelling companions was so effective that the testimony was that of turning the world upside down.

SEVEN MODEL HALLMARKS OF THE MINISTRY OF PAUL

1. Total “addiction” to bringing souls into the Kingdom through preaching the finished work of the Cross (See Romans 1: 15-17.)
2. Teach the believers the Truth, so that they might be renewed in their minds and transformed in the heart so that they become disciples (See 2 Timothy 2:2.)
3. Train saints to be fit for purpose ministers of the New Testament (See John 15:16.)
4. Equip the disciples with what it takes to discover their identity in Yahshua and Who/What He is in them (See Ephesians chapters 1& 2; Colossians chapters 1&2.)
5. Activate the spiritual gifts and callings in them as individuals working as parts of a single, indivisible Kingdom in the earth realm (See 2 Timothy 1:6.)
6. Release activated saints into productive ministry. It is significant that all those released take their parts as parts of organic City Churches of saints with the same Father; Lord and Spirit in One Body(See Colossians 4:17.)

In the process, there was no room for manifestation of either of these fleshly tendencies:

- Saints congregating to a human who owns a church or builds an empire or family owned religious business which makes money for personal glorification. Rather, they were organically brought together to each exercise the specific gifting and callings for building up the whole (See 1 Corinthians 12 and Romans 12:5-8.)

- Isolation- where people ran off to do whatever they liked in insular ministries without oversight or accountability. On the other hand, each ministry that grew out of the apostolic ministry of Paul submitted to his oversight and with proper Kingdom governance (See Ephesians 4:11-14.) That is why he wrote to instruct Timothy concerning proper governance and leading of the Church at Ephesus where the young protégé was Bishop. That is also why Paul wrote to Titus, Bishop of Crete, with instruction on how to keep things in order. For Philemon in the Market Place, that was the basis on which Paul spoke into his life concerning his former servant Onesimus. Paul himself was not an insular authority. Rather, though mightily used by Holy Spirit more than any other vessel, Paul submitted to the authority of the 12 Apostles in Jerusalem.

7. Supreme Love of Elohim and saints were to be the driving force behind all actions. Soaked in prayer and studying the word, saints were built up in prayer and exercise of faith as they served each other rather than waiting to be served. Through effective spiritual warfare the ordinance of Calvary was enforced and doors were opened for fruitful ministry and multiplication

Finally, we note that just as individual saints were to consciously reproduce disciples and sons of Elohim as recorded in 2 Timothy 2:2, congregations of saints and ministries are to also reproduce after their kind. New congregations should be systemically activated and planted to serve

host communities far removed from the “base ministry.” Ministries so planted should be equipped to manifest the strength of the New Testament Church and grow enough to also plant new churches. In so doing, the Kingdom multiplies its presence by Holy Spirit and through them. Transformation is thus multiplied with many who would not have come into the fold now finding themselves within. In the same way, where any saint received a call to start a new work, there was to be no bad blood, recrimination or crises. They are to be released with grace and prayers as the Antioch Church did in Acts 13:1-4. But they are to go forth, still connected and furthering implementation of the Master Plan, not personal perspectives or agendas.

Chapter 10

DIVINE PERSPECTIVE OF PURPOSE OLD AND NEW COVENANT

Just as in the beginning, Satan has always sought to negate divine instructions. From the beginning of the human age, the chief purpose of Satan has always centered on making people doubt the wisdom of Elohim and disobey His instructions. What he began with Eve and Adam in Genesis 3:1-6 was but the beginning of a consistent pattern. We saw in Matthew 4:1-10 that he repeated the pattern with Yahshua.

THE OLD COVENANT

Even in the Old Covenant, Satan was active in restructuring the mind of the people from simple practice of the clear purpose of Elohim which was glorious to creation of a religious system that took away intimate relationship with Him:

And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

—Exodus 19:3-6

When Satan struck, he went first for the jugular!

▪ Aaron, the first High Priest of Israel was seduced through a heart that sought to please and gain approval of people so much so that he took them right back into the spiritual heart of Egypt by building a Golden Calf.

▪ Moses, the great deliverer who Elohim used to bring Israel out of Egypt allowed pressure to perform and the unending complaints of people to affect him so much so that he lost it. Satan influenced him to act in anger and in that state of temporary amnesia and as a result the clear instructions of Elohim to speak to the Rock to give them water was negated and he rather struck the Rock with his familiar tool, the Rod. (Remember that Rock was Yahshua – 1 Corinthians 10:4.) In the end, Moses did not enter the Promised Land.

By the time Yahshua Yahshua was on earth, Judaism had run its course as a religion of rituals devoid of life and power. The language with which He berated its leaders spoke volumes:

Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, Saying The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not. For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they

are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

—Matthew 23:1-28

THE NEW COVENANT

When Yahshua came to fulfil the Old Covenant and instituted the New in His Blood, Satan first attempted to kill Him as a Baby through the insecurity of King Herod. By the time He was 30 and about to begin public ministry, Satan struck again but using another method; He attempted to tempt Yahshua away from the divine purpose as shown in Matthew 4:1-11. When he failed, the next approach was to inspire religious leaders to compromise one of His inner circle, Judas Iscariot and pressure Roman Governor Pontius Pilate to condemn Him to death. The rest is history: He was crucified. Unfortunately for Satan, his worst effort only fitted into the determinate counsel of Elohim for bringing many sons to glory through His Blood sacrifice (See Hebrews 2:9-14.)

After His resurrection, Yahshua instructed the estimated 500 disciples who witnessed His Bodily ascension to wait for the Holy Spirit Who would empower them to be His witnesses world-wide (See Acts 1:6-8; 1 Corinthians 15: 6.) Unfortunately, about 380 disciples did not obey that simple instruction. The fruit of their limited revelation and power was evident in Acts 18: 24-28 and Acts 19: 1-7.

In the early Church, as we saw in the previous chapter, Satan tried to prevent the fulfilment of the Great Commission by seducing them to change the paradigm from “Go Ye” to “Come Here.” Less than 60 years after Yahshua went to heaven, Satan had so infested the early Church with spirit

of anti-Christ that John the beloved made this critical report of departure from the faith:

Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

—1 John 2:18-19

The epistles of John reported this falling away in detail as well as those of Peter. As we saw in a previous chapter, one of the greatest and boldest aspects of deviation from the simple relational gospel of the Kingdom espoused by the Alpha Church was the embrace of Church and State whose outcome was organized Christian religion. In this regard, organization replaced the organism that Yahshua activated at Pentecost.

In all of this, Satan has been warring strenuously to make saints belittle the Master Plan and Divine Instructions given by Head of the Church in order to build modern equivalents of Golden Calves. If it was so even at beginning of the Church age, it is not difficult to discern how the end of the age will witness satanic inspired activities which foster religion dressed as Kingdom work:

Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

—Revelation 12: 12

In these last days, Satan is using various schemes to prevent saints from making the main thing their priority. He is allowing multitudes to embrace the Placebo of religion which through carnal observances and activities that appear good on the outward nevertheless produce nothing but spiritual death

of epic proportions. Another approach is by activating the carnal senses so that saints go into ministry on the basis of egos, feelings, suppositions and the innate desire to become lords of their own little manors or use Yahshua and His gifts and callings to make money.

To compound matters, the enemy wants saints to build human organizations, believing that as long as it works (increase in “membership,” money is coming in and the “anointing” is flowing) everything is acceptable to Elohim. The “new norm,” today can be described as subjective interpretation of cherry-picked scriptures. What many are ignorant of is that those who delight in using the Word subjectively to validate their errors and self-ideas are not deceiving the Elohim of the universe but themselves. Well did He declare this doctrine:

With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward.

—*Psalm 18: 26*

THE KINGDOM VERSUS RELIGIOUS PARADIGMS OF CHURCH GROWTH

The Kingdom Paradigm: T.T.E.A.R.

To achieve Church growth, all minister have the option of either doing it by the Kingdom paradigm or by the Religious paradigm. T.T.E.A.R. equals Kingdom paradigm! This is based on the principle of divine reproduction in Genesis 1:28 which was validated and reiterated by King Yahshua in the Great Commission (See Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-20 & Acts 1:8.) It is a principle through which many sons of Elohim are brought to glory to fill the earth realm with His Presence and Power. T.T.E.A.R. was given to the Church on what to do with those who are brought into the Kingdom through the Great Commission lifestyle business of “Go Ye.”

The Religious Paradigm: A.B.C.D.E.F.

Satan has essentially sought to foist a counter culture on the part of the Church he has sought to compromise. The Satanic counter culture and paradigm can be summed up with this acrostic: A.B.C.D.E.F.

Attendance: When a “church” makes attendance the driving force of being in existence, it may be driven to use all kinds of worldly methods and patterns to draw people in. The chief methods deployed are straight out of the playbook of Babylon which is what drives Hollywood and the entertainment industry. This is the principle of projecting the faces, names and abilities of humans who are promoted as having the solution to the needs of the masses. With this extreme projection on radio, TV, newspapers, flyers, posters or other forms of commercials, those in need are essentially drawn to “come and see/meet” the “super human being” who will solve your problems.

The danger in this is deeper than many (even sincere) ministers realize: those outside are drawn to the charismatic personality projected and may not have space in their soul tied hearts for Yahshua. They come as a consumerist laity and may dwell there, adoring the “man of God” and not encountering the “God in him” for themselves. In attendance based paradigms, people do not grow into the Divine Purpose because they are too inward focused on their needs to pay the price of becoming disciples or walking as sons of Elohim and priestly-kings in their own rights. In such attendance-driven ministries, people may be seemingly “elevated” with time and as a reward for their “faithfulness.” But such elevations are agenda driven in the sense that it is to use them and their services to sustain what is clearly a Babylonian culture. This is the utilitarian gospel which at best produces disciples of ministers rather than Yahshua and their personal “sons in the Lord” rather sons of Elohim. This great deception turns the gospel upside down and defiles the central pillar of personal relationship and access all saints should enjoy with their own Father in heaven.

Buildings: Where there is a focus on buildings, there is such a drive to put up physical structures as “The Church” to the degree that the quality of spiritual lives of the people who will congregate therein becomes secondary. Once this principle takes root, all that is done is in danger of being a misplaced priority. Let it be emphasized that saints will need buildings where they congregate commensurate with their numbers. Building structures is needful. Two things will make this a journey into Babylon:

- When ego, competition or need to impress people with their “successful” ministries are the main heart inclination driving the enterprise (only Elohim knows this and no one should assume for Him.)

- When the main reason driving the building of structures is to build a Tower that will make every one comfortable enough to settle down. In this case, “Come Here” is elevated to a fine art and the ministry inevitably slides into a maintenance culture where various schemes are devised to keep the physical structure operational. Jesus warned on the danger of making outward part of the platter beautiful while the inside contains filth (See Matthew 2.)

Cash: This is a situation where the bottom line of finance drives all activities in a ministry. Sermons are designed, packaged and delivered to drive CD and DVD sales. Books are written primarily to make money. Even prophecies are to be activated by cash deposits. In some places, ATM like machines have been installed where people basically draw “prophetic words” after sowing “seeds.” In such environments, people in the congregation are evaluated on their ability to bring in needed cash as in tithes and offerings. Those with capacity to give more invariably receive better treatment, have more access to leadership and are given prominence. Rather than applaud them, Yahshua chase such ministries out of His Father’s House!

Denomination: Denominations have two major planks upon which they stand. The first is they cherry pick scriptures and build their tents on the ones they feel strongly about. Some even go further to be built entirely on “revelations” or opinions formed in the mind of the human who “founded” the ministry. Several years later, those who come are stuck on the same mountain of partial truth and stale revelation which is valued more than the whole. By their nature, denominations are spiritually stale. For this reason, denominations have to invent excitement and create “buzz and color” through a series of unending activities designed to excite “members.” They are also insular, building walls which have only one major effect: divide the Church from a complementary to a competitive paradigm summed up as “we versus them.” At its core, denominationalism is a critical adversary of the Kingdom Church and automatically negates the High Priestly prayers of Yahshua in John 17 as well as the exposition Holy Spirit used Paul to do on unity in Ephesians 4:1-6

Error: Satan is at home with injecting error into the thought pattern of saints. Once the leaven of error is injected and accepted, it is only a matter of time before heresies and apostasy follows. Erroneous teachings have the net effect of making ship wreck of the lives of those who once walked in the truth. When error creeps in, a door is opened for falling away from the faith! Among a short list of errors are that some denominations reject such foundational Truths as:

- The Divinity of Yahshua, Jesus.
- The reality that Holy Spirit is with us and for us today as He was in the early Church.
- The foundational necessity of the Fivefold (apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers) to perfect the saints for work of ministry.

- The need for people to live and minister as founders of religious organizations they own rather than organic Kingdom communities they were elected to be used to activate.
- The sanctity of Marriage as a Union between an adult male and adult female who become one.
- There are many more errors that are now accepted norms of many denominations.

Female War: From the day Elohim pronounced the war between the Seed of the Woman and Satan, he has had a special hatred for woman hood (See Genesis 3:15.) Satan knows that after the fall, womanhood recovered the lost axe head of spiritual sensitivity arising from being created of purer substance than the males (from the Rib of Adam who himself was created of dust.) Since that recovery, women have the greatest capacity to discern his lies and walk in proactive revelation of his schemes. For this reason, women flow in greater and deeper realms in the revelatory gifts including Prophecy, Word of Knowledge.

In the New Covenant, Satan inspires Religion to have a permanent fixture on Eve as the one who brought sin into the world. The result is that women are looked at in most places with suspicion and to be kept outside the loop of holy things or leadership.

The New Covenant teaches a basic reality that is markedly different. In this paradigm, women are to be seen as:

- Sons of Elohim in female bodies. Those who are saved are to press on to be disciples and mature to walk as sons of Elohim based on the same finished work of Yahshua. (See Galatians 3:26-29.)
- Part of the Royal Priesthood and kingly realm after the Order of Melchizedeck. This realm of life is unisex by nature because it emanates

from the spirit-man or heart of the redeemed, not their physical bodies. In this paradigm, when the gifts and callings impressed in saints are expressed or brought forth, ministry has simply taken place (See Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4:7-9; 1 Peter 4:10-11.)

Satan's grand plan is to use religious leaders to knock out 50-80 percent of the available Man power pool (approximate proportion of women in most congregations!) What a bold plot. Let no one fall for this ploy!

Chapter 11

FOUR UNACCEPTABLE TYPES OF POSITION/POSTURES

In continuation of our understanding of how Satan has attempted to attack the Church from inside by foisting the spirit of religion described in the last two chapters, we need to note that his purpose is to make people seem to “go to Church” but not really “be the Church.” This strategy results in four types of positions or postures which people can exhibit towards Yahweh that negate His eternal purpose and make it impossible for them to become and live as disciples of Yahshua, His sons and Ambassadors of the Kingdom in the earth realm.

We are extracting this portion from GSOM Course 118: The Call, Costs and Rewards of Discipleship which you are free to request for additional study. The Father laid on our heart to incorporate this critical revelation to make our understanding of His Divine perspective of Purpose complete. The idea is that just as we have seen how Satan has tried to change the paradigm of Church growth, he has in effect designed to use those who are ministers of the gospel to produce fruit that will either not add to their laurels or out rightly burn on the Day of Fire described in 1 Corinthians 10-15. We are blessed in ministry if we do so with a clear understanding of the outcome that is NOT EXPECTED from our labors in ministry.

1.) Position/Posture of a Stranger.

Ordinarily, this posture is one that was ascribed to unbelievers who are outside the commonwealth of the Kingdom. Because they have not received the Love of Yahweh, He is to them a “God that is far off.” To such people,

the prospect of Yahweh being near and relational does not register in their consciousness. Because they have not yet received the Spirit of adoption, they can only apprehend Him by their carnal senses. This is why they are very comfortable with such points of making contact with Him like Church buildings, Incense, Candles and the religious robes worn by Priests functioning after the order of Levi/Aaron. As we shared in an earlier chapter, buildings are good to own and are designed to be training and equipping centers where saints are activated to go forth into the community to manifest Yahshua, Jesus. But when buildings are programmed to be the only place to encounter and relate with Yahweh, they become religious tombstones where destinies of saints are trapped. Saints are to be “salt and light” of their Communities. To therefore limit the presence of Yahweh to what is done inside a building for some hours on certain days of the week and to live an opposite life during the rest of the week when “Church and God” are switched off is religion gone bust.

The sad truth is that majority of those who purport to belong to various orthodox, Independent and even Pentecostal and Charismatic Churches across the world are now actively in this posture. Somehow, they are now in a place where Yahweh is “distant” and where the heavens seem closed and hard as Brass. They find prayer a difficult thing. They are not able to receive fresh manna from the Word when they study. They are too busy chasing materialistic possessions, money and pursuing their ambitions that they no longer know or enjoy His Presence.

Those with the stranger posture are unable to make sense out of the terms of the Kingdom Covenant whereby King Yahshua says that the holistic wellbeing of saints is guaranteed by our heavenly Father as we seek first the Kingdom and His righteousness. This is because strangers do not trust people, not to talk of a distant, impersonal “God.” Because they don’t trust Him, they cannot rely on His Word.

Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

—Matthew 6:25-34

Because they are strangers in their walk with Him and cannot trust Him, they trust in their own devices and thereby make arm of the flesh their confidence. Unknown to them, they walk in the Adamic curse by so doing:

Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

—Genesis 3:16-19

Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but

shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.

—*Jeremiah 17:5-7*

As they labor for the meat which perishes, these people are by the same measure despising and shunning the vibrant, personal relationship that Yahweh so desires from them.

Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

—*John 6:27*

Though they claim to know and even love Yahweh, their works create the opposite effect: they deny Him the degree of Lordship He desires.

They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

—*Titus 1:16*

Strangers play games with Yahweh while supposedly in His service. Because their hearts are not handed over to Him, most of what they think, say or do are works driven to produce material gain or popularity. If they are elevated, it is to use prominence to draw more people to themselves and build religious equivalents of the Tower of Babel where people congregate to be given regular shots of preachments that will pump up their emotions but cannot convict them of sin, righteousness and judgement. This creates a situation where people are in the physical Church but not part of the Church Militant. Sin is their default position, not righteousness. Their bellies are the very gods driving their religious activities.

Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.¹⁸ (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the

cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.

—*Philippians 3:17-19*

The Stranger posture easily makes saints “grandchildren” of Yahweh. Because it is based on a principle that the leader alone has access to Yahweh and he/she alone is super anointed. In this environment, saints are no more than “grandchildren” to Yahweh who need the minister as a mediator to tell them what to do in all life situations including choice of career, when to move to a new location or who to marry. In other words, believers under the stranger anointing or who are strangers to Yahweh do not have an intimate personal relationship with Him.

For these reasons, people relate with Yahweh in fear as He is cast as a very difficult, hard-to-please personality up there in the clouds, watching out for every wrong move by believers which He responds to with a cudgel. This merciless picture of Yahweh drives people to run away from Him when they sin. As they run further away from Him, they despair and are vulnerable to voices of Satan and their flesh suggesting there is no hope for them to be forgiven. Some become oppressed with the subtle suggestion of the enemy to commit suicide or become totally reprobate.

Saints, the stranger spirit has ravaged the organized Church keeping multitudes in bondage to self-deception. They want others to think they are serving Yahweh. But they are not coming to seek His heart or His Face. They have no interest in knowing or doing His will. They have come to seek His hands. They are victims of the most dangerous gospel ever foisted on humanity by Satan: the utilitarian gospel. This gospel reverses the essential nature of true worship – where saints worship Yahweh in spite of their present estate, what they have or do not have. It rather makes humans the object of worship where Yahweh essentially exists to meet needs of the people and make them happy by giving them “blessings” – even when they live in sin. In this setting, He ceases to be Supreme, worthy of all honor and

praise. This strange fire must be recognized for what it is: the grand deception that is back of the broad way gospel which Yahshua said will lead practitioners straight to eternal damnation.

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

—Matthew 7:13(KJV)

2.) The Posture/Position of unwilling Slaves

The second type of relationship which many in the Household of Faith seek to have with Yahweh is that which is based on the mindset and attitude of Slavery. The word “servant” was hallowed by Yahshua Who took pleasure in serving both His Father and humanity. In practice and precept, Yahshua made it clear that service from a pure heart is a critical pillar of Kingdom Life and Ministry expected of true disciples (See John 13: 1-17 & Matthew 20:20-28.) Paul the apostle gladly introduced himself as a bond servant or slave of Yahshua, Jesus. He saw it as a privilege to take the yoke of His King and joyfully lost his personal will and preferences for that of He Who redeemed him. Serving as a bond-servant of Yahshua therefore out of a pure sincere heart is a commendable thing to do.

What we speak of in this Chapter is the opposite of the above. It is the mind set of an unwilling slave. In the course of history, millions have been enslaved against their own will. They would rather be elsewhere, doing different things from what they are compelled to do in the houses of their masters. They are owned by those they despise. There is no relationship between them other than that of Master and Slave. No intimacy exists.

For this reason, such slaves usually despise their masters and device crafty ways of short changing them. They do what Africans call “eye service” which means to rest and play and on sighting the master, begin to sweat over nothing, pretending to be overworked. They take whatever they

find valuable and have no qualms because it is a way they get back at those who place the yoke on them.

In the physical Church, there are many brothers and sisters and ministers whose attitude and quality of relationship with Yahweh is that between an unwilling slave and a hard task master. Their default lifestyle does not point to Yahshua Who redeemed them but to Satan, Sin, the World and their Self nature which dominates their consciousness.

A multitude of believers who were saved from Egypt and Pharaoh, become willing captives of new Pharaohs: their popular Preachers to whom they owe primal loyalty. Such saints have no patience for deep study of the bible, preferring milk and “words of encouragement.” They cannot pray over issues they encounter but would rather spend time describing their situations to “anointed ministers” or “prayer warriors” who would in turn take such needs to the “Throne of Grace.” In this regard, they create the mediators they prefer so that instead of being children and sons of Yahweh with unrestricted access to Him, they function as grandchildren or grandsons who need mediators to reach the Father.

They are adoring fans of their preferred ministers and would read up and quote all books written by such idols when they have not read the whole Bible in their lifetime. They gladly wear lapel pins, ties, head ties and other accessories bearing the images of their heroes or ministry logos to show their loyalty. They give more when pumped up with promises of what “God will bless them with” in return. Payment of tithes and giving of offerings are programmed into their consciousness away from worship by grateful stewards of what Yahweh gave to “investment.” As ministers reinforce the investment dimension, people are driven or manipulated to give in order to get back. They play casino in Church with Yahweh as their ultimate slot machine with the biggest pay outs. While it is true that Yahweh blesses those who give generously and cheerfully, this corruption of motive from worship to investment creates an environment of mercantilism.

While this mindset and pattern of relating with Yahweh is bad in supposed saints, it is worse in modern ministers of the gospel who by their preaching, teachings and lifestyles draw people to themselves rather than to Yahshua, Jesus Who redeemed them with His Own precious blood. These ministers have clearly rebelled against Yahshua because they are not faithful to His Words (which does not rule their lives). Additionally, they do not deem Him a model Who is set forth by the Father as an example to emulate. They therefore hate what He loves and love what He hates. The world and all of its allurements hold first place in their hearts where self is seated. In this state, the anointing of the Holy Spirit they received before being “illuminated” is now a tool to draw crowds, keep crowds and milk them to live swanky lives that would make Yahshua blush.

But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.¹⁰ For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

—1 Timothy 6: 9

These ministers who function as unwilling slaves of Yahshua deem Him a hard task master for not guaranteeing them the “good life” on this side of eternity. Because of their servile mindset, they are blind to awesome promises of divine provision for those who serve faithfully with joy (See Matthew 6:19-34.) Even where they seem to understand, they are impatient with Him and therefore recourse to arm of the flesh to make a way for themselves.

As one of their own in Nigeria said to the hearing of an investigative undercover reporter from Britain’s Channel 4 a few years ago “Ministry is a Game” which ministers should understand and know how to play. They therefore set out to “found” Churches not really in fulfilment of the Great Commission, but as practical avenues of creating religious equivalents of

commercial empires. At the beginning, they use the right words to lure people into such ventures which, three to five years down the line manifest as personal fiefdoms for self-aggrandizement. In the process, Mammon is exalted and seated in the high altar with ministers and believers bowing down to such abominations of desolations, thinking they are serving Yahweh.

The sickening truth is that in serving, their motive is not love of Yahweh or the brethren but what they can get out of it. Ministry therefore is nothing but a milking project and saints are cash cows to be cajoled to produce more through “faith pumping” messages that ring hollow because of the corruption effected by self-interests. The result is that those who came to Yahshua for liberty become slaves to fellow humans.

These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

—2 Peter 2:17-22

This accounts for why ministers today shun the Yahshua, Jesus type of simplicity. Instead they make so much investments in cosmetics, apparel, appurtenances of “success” as part of playing the ultimate Public Relations game based on the principle of making good first impressions on saints through showing off what appears to be symbols of success to draw in those who seek to be “successful.” Investment in making and sustaining

impressions begins to create a mask of the real person to the degree that false hood becomes a norm. The image which looms large subdues the real person which lurks behind the facade. Such persons take time to learn the language of the times and find a way of throwing in the right words to show they are “current.” The outcome is ugly: masquerades prancing around on oversized stages doing the religious equivalent of theatre. In effect those who are lured to “join” become part of such theatres with the real danger of becoming twice the children of hell.

But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. 14 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

—Matthew 23: 13-15

The bottom line is that they are in search of wealth and will invest any and everything to “make it” and use whoever they can manipulate to believe the lie that is both themselves and their jaded messages. Once people are hooked to such deft manipulations, greater investments are made to trap their destinies. Because believers are pointed to them, not to Yahshua, they cannot grow to become who and what He redeemed them to be. They become either clones, clients or fans of fellow human beings in the name of being in Church. They are not nurtured to be disciples of Yahshua as they are fed messages which make them comfortable in sin but receiving affirmations that it is well. They march broadly to hell, blind folded to the reality of damnation ahead because they hear the sweet voices of those who are subverting the gospel and serving them a dangerous brew that destroys spirituality. The truth is that these things are possible because humans who are not yet broken prefer to handle the word of Yahweh deceitfully. In other words, though there may be elements of truth in some of the messages they

preach, there are subtle and not so subtle twists which deliver a different outcome from what Yahweh intended which is to produce disciples of Yahshua. This is a dangerous form of craftiness.

Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

—2 Corinthians 4:1-3

In this regard, these kinds of ministers are engaged in the Pentecostal wing of Babylon: hunting after and keeping people away from destinies ordained by Yahweh before the foundation of the world. The end result is one of the most jarring scriptures in the Book of Revelation 18:13 which is that souls of humans are traded by Mystery Babylon.

And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.

—Revelation 18:11-13

No wonder such ministers hate the truth as well as true preachers of righteousness. They love their pernicious ways and would rather remain therein. To save such ministers and brethren from self-deception is an assignment which Holy Spirit alone can do, that is if they have not turned the bend unto reprobacy with consciences seared with hot iron as a result of love of money.

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

—1 Timothy 4: 1-2

Jude 1:10-22 documents the lifestyle of those who walk as unwilling slaves of Yahshua in ministry:

But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core. These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever. These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage. But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

Saints, to say that the lifestyles of those who refuse to make disciples of Yahshua but rather trap destinies of believers for commercial gain does not concern the remnant is to display irresponsibility over the estate of our Father which has been invaded by spiritual robbers. What those who know them can do may have to be dramatic because their spiritual ears and eyes are clogged with wax and glaucoma respectively:

Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of

old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

—Jude 1: 3-4

May we be filled with hearts of true love which invests all that is possible to intercede for and literarily pull those we have access to away from the pit!

3.) The Posture/Position of Orphans

In our continuing download of what heaven is saying about the profile of the Church in this generation, we will no examine another set of believers who may be Spirit filled or have supposedly grown up physically and materially or may even have climbed the ladder of ministry to be Pastors and Overseers of congregations but are afflicted with a malaise that can at best be described as the “orphan spirit.” The orphan spirit is basically against the entire concept of discipleship and sonship.

In the natural, orphans are children who lost a parent or both to death. In the modern era, orphan hood includes those whose parent or parents are missing from their duty posts. In such cases, the child grows up knowing of a father or mother who is simply not there. Children need love, affection and presence of their parents more than they need candy or ice cream. When the presence, affection and input of the father or mother is absent in the formative and impressionable ages of children, it often leaves a hole. This hole is a psychological deficit which affects the confidence, stability and sense of wholeness of the child. This deep hole can drive their lives all through their pilgrimage on earth.

In essence, very few children outgrow this hole in their hearts and minds. They grow up with an identity crises, low self-esteem, fear of failure and an inferiority complex. They are suspicious of motives of people who try to

help them wondering what undeclared agenda is driving such overtures. They are consequently ill prepared for the challenges of life where they must interact with other people from various walks of life.

Interestingly, the tendency of the heart is to declare or hide things. For those inclined to “declare” their identities, there is so much insecurity arising from the depth of damaged emotions and fears that were caused by rejection or loneliness as they grew up. This in turn makes them either overly aggressive or overly reclusive with no balance. They certainly do not trust nor can they willingly submit to authority figures like leaders since they are thus reminded of absentee parents. They are not able to receive love, believing that there must be agendas or evil motives in those who try to bless them.

Those who tend to hide their orphan state may appear to “have it all” or be fine on the outside but truly insecure and hurting within. The manifestation of orphan-hood lies in how they trust their own selves and rely on arm of the flesh to get things done. They can be very meticulous in planning, leaving nothing to chance. They do not function well in group settings. Their basic mindset is competition rather than complementing which leads to a life of strife.

THE ORPHAN BELIEVERS AND MINISTERS

Seeing how negative what has been described here is of orphans, it does not take much imagination to grasp how much a problem the Church has on its hands with a large number of orphan believers and orphan ministers. Holy Spirit witnesses expressly that orphan hood and the arrested orphan hood syndrome is a massive hole that needs to be filled really quickly in the Church across the world.

The present situation is the logical outcome of the quality of Christian Religion that emerged from the Reformation especially in the last century.

The great denominations of Christendom had grown to imbibe some of the cultures of Rome including Hierarchies of a professional priestly caste who were virtual Popes. Great Church buildings were designed and constructed where people would come to “meet God” on certain days of the week. Unfortunately, this tendency morphed into a gospel which de-emphasized relationship of son-ship with the Father or discipleship in Yahshua, Jesus. In other words, it was easy for relationship with Yahweh to be replaced with rituals and dead works which quietened consciences of people and made them feel good.

What this led to was a gospel which made the numbers game of gathering crowds and analyzing statistics a major feature of Christian ministry. As healing Evangelists held their big tent meetings, the emphasis was on numbers gathered; how many decisions were made for Jesus and how many Churches participated. Without effective Spirit-led processes for turning such believers into disciples and sons of Elohim, new converts were systematically programmed to be disciples of denominations. As they were baptized into such local assemblies (often not really into Yahshua, Jesus,) they were programmed to see themselves primarily as members of particular denominations.

Believers became statistics to be counted as cattle. Their outward conformity with denominational rules was seen as evidence of being “good Christians.” As they grew in devotion to their denominations, they found favor with their leaders and began to move up the ladder and eventually into ministry. Meanwhile, Yahshua, Jesus was left behind and Yahweh was perceived as a “distant God.” The Kingdom was more often than not left out of the teachings believers were exposed to. With time, they were encouraged to do certain things to demonstrate their continued loyalty of their churches. In this situation, attendance of “Church service” a number of times in the week, size of offerings and tithes given became the index of measuring their commitments. Programmed to see these religious activities as the chief ways of pleasing Yahweh, believers became real orphans who

were supposedly sons of the Pastors but sadly not of Elohim. In the system most grew up in, the greatest any one could aspire to was to be seen as a “good son” or “good daughter” in the Lord of the leader.

Sadly, saints became the spiritual equivalents of grandsons of Yahweh. Practically speaking, the result is orphan-hood. This led to sad situations where believers would live lives that had little semblance of Yahshua, Jesus at work and at home only to “switch on” a different lifestyle inside the “Church” (building, that is) when in the presence of their leaders. The presence of the “man or woman of God” clearly took precedence over life lived in knowledge of the Omniscience and Omnipresence of Yahweh.

These kinds of believers invariably became disciples of their denominations, ready to fight the causes defined by Church boards. For many, picking up new cultural battles gave them a sense of commitment to Yahshua, though their own sins were darker than scarlet. This dangerous form of hypocrisy did not and does not amuse heaven. Many saints today tend to forget for instance that it was such men – drunks, immoral men and perverts of all sorts who from Europe rode by horse back all the way to liberate Jerusalem, killing countless Jews and Muslims alike – in the “name of God.” In other words, part of the crises of limited disciples and sons of Elohim in Church today was sown by the denominationalism of the gospel.

THE PSEUDO-KINGDOM AND DISCIPLES OF MEN WITHOUT YAHSHUA

To compound this situation is the emergence of the pseudo-kingdom gospel in different ways. Starting from the so-called “Prosperity” gospel to the Faith movement which was based on projecting imaginations and ambitions by words in prayer and decrees, believers came under a new type of assault. This time, individuals replaced denominations as alternatives to Yahshua to who believers were drawn to. With the addition of the pseudo-kingdom gospel promoted from the Caribbean basin and North America, the ultimate Jeroboams of this age emerged: those who taught believers not to make Yahshua, Jesus the main issue. Taking some scriptures like Matthew 6:33

out of context, this new pseudo-kingdom gospel offered people a “kingdom” where they, rather than Yahshua, Jesus was the centerpiece.

In so doing, they excited the ultimate idol of all times in saints: the Self nature offering believers a pathway to illumination where they could literarily conquer all mountains of society, establish the Kingdom and invite Yahshua, Jesus as a guest, to use a figure of speech. It was a crafty commercial game as their books, CDs, DVDs supposedly offering keys to the Kingdom were aggressively promoted and sold at ridiculous premium prices. As they laughed all the way to their banks and build incredibly “successful empires,” those who mouthed “Kingdom” were nothing more than orphans to Yahweh.

In true Kingdom Life, Yahshua, Jesus is the center and circumference of the Kingdom! The Kingdom is His and all about Him. Yahweh does nothing with humans outside of the lenses that is Yahshua. He is the One personality Whose life we are called to follow.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

—John 14: 6

OUTCOMES OF THE ORPHAN SPIRIT

Orphan ministers who were not disciplined to walk like Yahshua, live as sons of Elohim on earth, trust Him 100 percent and give up all of themselves, their ambitions and agendas to enthrone Him will invariably produce orphan believers in ministry. Orphan ministers who had no authority figures they were truly accountable to when growing up as believers tend to two extremes: one is to micro manage and over control lives of saints; seeking to make decisions concerning their lives and personal walk with the Father. The other extreme is to give them unrestrained license to live in ways that are not accountable to Yahweh or leadership. That is the law of reproduction: seed reproduces after kind.

Spiritual orphans will manifest various traits they acquired from their distant walk with Elohim or from impartation from their leaders in varying degrees. These include but are not limited to any, some or all of these:

1. Inability to trust Yahweh for supplying all their needs. Therefore they tend to be more comfortable pursuing their self-agendas.

2. Because of this trust deficit, they are unwilling to surrender their lives wholly to Him, preferring to hold onto what aspects of their lives are most precious – ability to make decisions independent of Yahweh. In this, they refuse to emulate Yahshua who in John 5:30, John 6:38 and at the Garden of Gethsemane demonstrated total surrender of His will to Yahweh for direction

3. For this reason, both the ministers and their off springs are not led by Holy Spirit in the things they do but rather by their carnal senses and emotions. This makes it impossible for them to function as sons (See Romans 8:12-16 & Galatians 4:1-7.)

4. For them, prayer is basically imposing their wills on Yahweh and expecting Him to rubber stamp such. They are unable to truly from the heart engage in Kingdom prayers which requires saints to simply be mid-wives of the will of Yahweh.

5. When they do not get what they prayed for, they are offended with Yahweh at heart and basically accuse Him of being negligent. They tend to be jealous and envious of the blessings given to other people.

6. They are very ambitious and even in ministry tend to pursue raw ambitions with such singleness of eye yet having the audacity to claim they are doing it for the Most High. Most times, it is ambition that drives such exercises as building bigger campuses; planting new churches or even doing works of charity so that they can be seen of men and hailed or the true

motive may be to secure Government grants. In this, some unconsciously emulate Abraham who in a moment of weakness produced Ishmael by his arm of the flesh. Many Ishmaels are still born in ministry and life of saints.

7. Just as they do not trust Yahweh, they also cannot trust people, including destiny helpers He sent to invest in their wellbeing. Basically infected with suspicion, they just cannot bring themselves to believe that fellow humans will go out of their way to love and bless them without agendas. Unconsciously the orphan spirit resents such people and even drift away from them.

8. Unfortunately, as they drift away from vessels Yahweh appointed to invest in their spiritual growth they connect with other vessels to which they are emotionally drawn into unhealthy soul ties.

9. Because the orphan spirit is isolationist, it frames the world in a competitive rather than complementary fashion. As they meet other vessels that excite their fancies, they are ready to dump previous relationships in order to move on. In this regard, loyalty is an alien concept in their hearts. This is back of church hopping and adoption of multiple spiritual coverings which leads to confusion of face.

10. Because they are driven by ambition and need to be accepted as successful, they do not mind who or what is trampled on by their ways.

11. Because they are not whole but rather hurting, they in turn hurt other people and produce similar people.

12. They depend on excessive self-promotion and self-consciousness as a way of feeling accomplished and therefore accepted.

13. They are unable to invest in building up what other people started neither can they function sincerely in congregations nor networks where they are not in leadership. In this, they are unable to discern the body.

14. They are unable to get into or maintain healthy marriage relationships. They allow their damaged emotions and hurts to influence their perspectives of their fiancés and spouses and often end up in quarrels, fights, separations and divorce only to start all over again and again with fresh people they connect emotionally with – even while in marriage.

15. They tend to have an unusually high need of affirmation by humans before they can feel secure.

16. They love authority to lord it over others and feel irritated when people do not give them that opportunity.

MOVING PAST ARRESTED ORPHAN HOOD SYNDROME

1. Recognize the true state of their lives and the danger it poses to actualization of destiny.

2. Seek deliverance through ministries of inner healing and biblical counsellors.

3. Repent and be broken for remaining in a state of arrested orphan hood syndrome.

4. Trust Yahweh and other saints as well as human beings generally so that they can receive and give love without suspicion or conditionality.

5. The ultimate solution is for those who through orphan-hood have been unable to be under authority of Pastors to get under authority which will hold them accountable for true growth.

For those already in ministry as Pastors or Overseers, they need to be sensitive to Holy Spirit Who may lead them to submit to authorities for accountability. All authorities need to be accountable to authorities as Romans 13: 1-8 says.

Very few people whose lives are mirrored in this chapter get to receive the kind of healing that makes whole. For this reason, the orphan spirit can linger more than it should. It is to the glory of Yahweh that He has provided ministers blessed with the gift of inner healing and deliverance as well as those with counselling skills that are equipped with the anointing to deal with the baggage of orphan hood. Unfortunately, either out of ignorance, shyness or simply being caught up in the comfort of orphan hood, many saints do not make use of what Yahweh provided. If you need help to get in touch with those with this special type of ministry, please contact us and we will oblige.

It is also important to note that in spite of their broken and battered state, Holy Spirit is still able to use such vessels to do great exploits in the lives of others! That is part of the mystery of Kingdom life and ministry we shall not fully understand until we cross the pearly gates.

4. Toxic Relationship: The Posture/Position of Babes

In the natural realm, everyone is born a baby. Babyhood therefore is the infant stage of life. It is a time marked by breastfeeding – on demand. All a baby has to do is cry or squirm and the mother answers with milk. Babies tend to manifest the nature of Adam, though they are innocent. It is a time of extreme selfishness and self-centeredness. Babyhood is therefore a time of total dependency on others for sustenance.

In the spiritual realm, when people are brought into the Kingdom, they come in as babes with limited understanding of Yahweh their Father; Yahshua their redeemer; themselves as citizens of the Kingdom, what should be the nature of their relationship with the spiritual leader and the congregation where they are planted.

In a real sense, they are like sponges which will soak in whatever they are drenched in – pure truth; mixture of truth and error or outright lies. To the extent that they are dependent, they are also exposed to potential manipulation to serve human or denominational agendas or receive empowerment to grow in grace and become all that Yahshua redeemed them to be. Spiritual babes normally tend to receiving milk and sweet sounding messages/exhortations/prophecies which make them feel good, even when what they really need is progressive exposure to sound, balanced teachings which will challenge them to become disciples of Yahshua, Jesus and grow to live and function as sons of Elohim on assignment in the earth realm from Him.

In the 21st Century, many ministers and ministries have developed mindsets and created ministry environments that are perfect for bringing in babes and basically keeping them there. So while many chalk up statistics of numbers of years they have been “in Church,” their mindset, attitudes and lifestyles reveal a state of heart that is still at babe state. This is what is called arrested babyhood syndrome.

**CORE SIGNS OF ARRESTED BABYHOOD SYNDROME INCLUDE THESE
MARKERS:**

1. Desire for and love of affirmation, even when they are in error or sin.
2. Distaste for solid truth.

3. Instead of studying the Holy Scriptures in a systematic way to understand the mind of Yahweh, they skim the surface looking for promises to claim.
4. They are undisciplined, giving their members (parts of their body like eyes, ears, reproductive organs) unrestricted ability to get into compromise and sin. For that reason, sinning is a default lifestyle rather than holy living.
5. They are church hopping, hunting for those who will make them happy rather than those who Yahweh will use to make them mature.
6. They have a dependency syndrome, unwilling to discover and walk in their identity in Yahshua, seeking rather to be known by which popular preacher or Pastor or ministry they are connected or identified with.
7. Their daily life attitudes are negative and repulsive.
8. They are very selfish and self-centered.
9. They do not like to take responsibility for their own spiritual growth or indeed anything else.
10. They are not faithful to assignments committed to their trust except where such will bring them publicity and recognition.
11. They live in arrested childhood syndrome such as throwing tantrums when things do not work out their way. Things have to work their way or they take to the high way.
12. They hate the cross or at best dislike it.
13. Addiction to laying on a hands (See Hebrew 6:1-3.)

14. Inability to muster faith to believe Yahweh and His Word but ever needing exercise of the carnal senses as means of knowing what to do and where to go (See James 1: Hebrews 11:1-6)

15. Instability in emotions.

16. Tendency to competition or strife with others even in things of the Kingdom.

17. Tendency to compare ministers, ministries and anointing and preference for some whereas we are called to a Kingdom of complementing gifts and callings!

Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this will we do, if God permit.

—Hebrews 6:2-3

THE TRAGEDY OF BABES WHO BECOME MINISTERS

Have you seen teenagers who become pregnant unprepared and proceed to deliver babes? Majority of them are disasters in the estate of motherhood! As it is in the natural, so it is in the spiritual. The phenomenon of babes producing and nurturing babes is one of the outstanding features of the gospel in our generation.

There are many ministers whose core identity is not the depth of Yahshua they have but their association with a particular popular preacher, ministry or denomination. They refused to grow up and become disciples of Yahshua. They did not give room for Holy Spirit to lead them to live like sons, strong enough to handle situations of life.

At a time they should be true teachers of the word who Yahweh should be using to bring up disciples, such people are still needing milk to drink. They are flaunting the gilt edged certificates affirming them to be “spiritual sons or daughters” of their favorite ministers. Their preachments are not from the heart neither do rivers of water flow from their bellies on Sunday mornings. Rather what comes out of their lips are words of such popular preachers they listened to late on Saturday night. Because such words are devoid of conviction and unction of Holy Spirit, they are like the hot air of theatrical productions – fit for amusing people and making babes who listen to get a high that lasts for a few hours.

For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

—Hebrews 5:12-14

Arrested babyhood syndrome did not start today. In the days of Paul the apostle, he was mightily used of Holy Spirit to deal with the tendency of those who were delivered from the hands of Satan but refused to press into the fullness of Yahshua by discipleship. Consequently they were buffeted by legalism fostered by Judaizers.

I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

—Galatians 1: 6-9

Paul was further used of Holy Spirit to expound on this issue in the fourth chapter of the epistle to the Galatians:

Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods. But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage? Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain. Brethren, I beseech you, be as I am; for I am as ye are: ye have not injured me at all.

—Galatians 4:1-12

DESTROYING THE BABYHOOD SYNDROME SO THAT SAINTS BECOME SONS

1. By genuine conversion arising from inviting sinners to encounter Yahshua alone; not the preacher, congregation or ministry. This is what will produce genuine candidates for further empowerment: those who repent of their sins and are converted (have a change of heart and mind arising from their encounter with Yahshua).

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

—Acts 3:19

2. By ensuring that those who are thus truly saved have specific saints already walking as disciples and sons or yearning steadfastly for that experience are assigned to follow them up; come alongside them for guidance. It takes a disciple to disciple others.

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

—2 Timothy 2:2

3. By encouraging them to open up to understand, receive and submit to leadership of Holy Spirit in all things, not running ahead of Him.

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

—Romans 8:12-16

4. Teaching saints the power of waiting on the King in all things; having our minds stayed on Him in all situations; being content and to esteem highly the things which are the essence of the Kingdom (See Isaiah 26:3& Romans 14:17-18.)

5. Through restoration of Fivefold led Congregations. One of the reasons while the 4 types of toxic relationship with Yahweh outlined in this study arise in the first place is that congregational ministries have been wrongly run as personal estates of mono or dual gifted people. The Holy Scriptures are very clear for congregations or city churches to be instruments of producing sons of Yahweh who are disciples of Yahshua, Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers need to take their places by divine orchestration, not fleshly manipulation and release synergy which impacts saints and transforms them. Note verse 14 of Ephesians 4:11-16.

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

—Ephesians 4:11-16

Saints, to run congregations and ministries contrary to the divine pattern is to court disaster:

According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

—1 Corinthians 3:10-15

Chapter 12

THE RELATIONSHIP YAHWEH DESIRES: FATHER AND SON

Over the past three chapters, Holy Spirit has done a marvelous work of revealing four negative types of relationships Satan persuades many to have with Yahweh. Whether it be those who relate with Him as strangers; those who act as unwilling slaves or those who live like orphans or babes, none of these are acceptable to Him. Unfortunately, the chief work of religion – whether of the Orthodox, Pentecostal or Charismatic variety – is to produce a multitude of believers with precisely those attributes who are vigorous in their devotions, rituals and professions of faith yet lacking in the essential ingredient of intimate personal relationship with Yahweh as a personal Father to Whom they have unrestricted access 24/7.

Why are the four toxic relationships not acceptable to our heavenly Father? The main reasons they are unacceptable to Yahweh can be found in these factors:

1. Each type represents a direct repudiation of His Fatherhood in real terms.
2. Each represents the outcome of doubting His Love.
3. Each represents repudiation to one degree or the other of the awesome.
4. Blood Sacrifice of Yahshua which broke down the walls dividing humanity from Him and gives direct access.

5. Each of those relationship types represents a shade or more of Satan's lies to humans just as he did in the Garden of Eden by which Adam and Eve transited from being sons of Yahweh to become slaves of Satan.
6. Each of those four toxic relationship types basically activate self as main driver of life, wired to respond to the voice of Satan rather than the voice of Holy Spirit.
7. To that extent, each of those four types will gravitate to love of the world and all that is therein accessed by lust of the eye, lust of the flesh and pride of life. As people cling to those three ways of making decisions, they fall into systemic rebellion, drifting away from the perfect will of Yahweh. To understand how fundamental this principle is, we need to diligently compare the temptation of Eve in the Garden (See Genesis 3:1-7) and that of Yahshua, Jesus in the wilderness (See Matthew 4:1-11.) You will discover that whether in the lush Garden or the barren desert, the principle was the same: using what can be seen to activate a desire for what Yahweh forbids and trying to use what can be seen to suggest independence from Yahweh which is the root of pride of life. For this reason, John the beloved was used to pen one of the most outstanding instructions for saints of all generations:

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

—1 John 2:15-17

It is pertinent to note that the Word clearly puts separation from the world system (self-preserving sense knowledge) as condition precedent to appreciating the Fatherhood of Yahweh in this scripture:

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

—2 Corinthians 6:14-18

Since we have previously established that Yahweh is not asking us to be isolated from the sinners and the world, what this scripture clearly means is that those who would be sons of Elohim must leave Babylon! The carnal way of life which is the hall mark of Babylon cannot but sabotage spirituality.

7. The implications of 1-6 above should not be lost on saints: this principle represents living and serving Yahweh out of corruption of un-crucified flesh. It does not matter whether this applies to personal decisions like who to marry, what career to choose or those in ministry trying to build through lusting after what will make them “successful” which they boldly present to Yahweh to approve as fruits of ministry.

Let us remember that the main reason Yahshua was incarnated in the earth realm. Let us use this opportunity to be reminded of the truth shared in a previous chapter. When Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit, something cataclysmic happened that re-defined the nature of man and how he was to live in the earth realm. Adam was created to be and live as two things:

1. The son of Yahweh in the earth realm. Luke 3: 38 says “Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God.” Adam was made in the image and likeness of Elohim as a triune being – had a measure of the Spirit of Elohim (his spirit) which on entering his body, activated the soul. The soul was the realm of self-expression containing the Mind (for reasoning and analyzing), the will (for making decisions) and the emotion (for releasing attitudes and responses to external stimuli). As long as the spirit of Adam which came from Elohim was in charge of his soul and body, Adam lived a life of utter dependence on His maker for all things.

The love of his maker had provided both the right eco-system as well as all that pertained to life and godliness for Adam to live as the son. A careful examination of the temptation in the Garden of Eden reveals that the clincher in Satan’s bag of tricks was the suggestion that if they disobeyed Elohim by eating the forbidden fruit, they would become independent of Him! Take note in Genesis 3:6 that this was what captured the heart and mind of Eve (See Genesis 3:1-7.)

2. Adam and Eve were created to represent the Kingdom of heaven in the earth realm as Ambassadors. As sons of Elohim, they had a clear mandate to exercise the authority of heaven (from whence their spirit-man was released) in the earth realm (See Genesis 1:26-29.)

Elohim Being a Spirit, created man with a corporal body that had the properties to function in the earth realm. In other words, the body was to be a suit which the spirit man needed to function on earth. The soul was to be his instrument of assessing his environment. Adam and Eve were therefore Ambassadors of the Kingdom on earth with a mandate to maintain it in the order set by Elohim (See Genesis 2:15; Psalm 115:16.)

CONSEQUENCE OF THE FALL

The fall of Adam and Eve was an epic one. With the fall, came loss of the privileges associated with living and functioning as sons of Elohim and Ambassadors of the Kingdom in the earth realm. Here are some of the direct consequences which have affected human kind until Yahshua came to pay the Supreme Price on the Cross of Calvary:

1. Introduction of death to the body. Sin opened the door for death and decay. Instead of living in the body indefinitely, Adam and Eve had their days cut short. It is on record that from the high years of Adam (930 years), making progressively had the time allotted to be in the body cut shut until 70 became a kind of average.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

—Psalm 90:10

2. Sin also brought decay, sickness and health issues.

3. From dependency on Elohim for all their needs, mankind activated a new life of struggle to live. What followed has been a life of hard labor and primitive tendencies that people even carry into ministry, thinking they can please Yahweh by their rituals or works of religiosity.

The day Adam and Eve succumbed to seduction of Satan, they lost this glorious nature and estate and were thus driven out from both the Garden as well as the Presence of Elohim. From son, Adam and Eve became strangers and orphans for whom Elohim became a distant reality. As Adam and Eve lost their first estate in the Garden, they began a new life of back breaking labor, depending on arm of the flesh for sustenance (See Genesis 3:16-19.) As Genesis 5:1-5 revealed, they began to bear children in that backslidden state and passed on the DNA of failure, defeat and struggle by self-effort.

All that was lost in Adam was recovered in Yahshua. Unfortunately, the enemy has been using organized Christian religion to re-define the gospel away from the divine purpose. This is why in this last generation, many saints are not enjoying vibrant, intimate personal relationship with Yahweh as sons and empowerment by Holy Spirit to serve as Ambassadors of the Kingdom on earth.

The second way Satan tries to keep humanity, including carnal saints in his loop is by making them love the world and its corrupted dainties bearing his signature nature through the same principle he used against Adam and Eve and which tried with Yahshua, Jesus: lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh and pride of life (See Genesis 3:1-6; Matthew 4:1-11, 1 John 2:15-17.) Ultimately, what he seeks is to take over, control and dominate the will of humans away from obedience to the Word and will of Elohim.

As we recover the reality that the ultimate purpose of redemption is to repopulate the earth realm with sons of Elohim, no one redeemed by the Blood will settle for any of the toxic postures of Stranger; Unwilling Slave; Orphan and Babe. We will all press into the fullness of the divine purpose and out individual parts thereof. When saints like this emerge as a global reality, the Omega Church would have been birthed to manifest the fullness of its head, Yahshua, Jesus.

Take Note: Dysfunction is not fatal as long as it is recognized and dealt with. There was dysfunction in Lineage of Yahshua (See Matthew 1.)

Abraham lied under pressure out of fear when he claimed Sarah was his sister. Jacob, the serial deceiver, depended on the arm of the flesh to gain advantage. Judah, holder of the scepter, sunk so low as to sleep with his daughter-in-law who he assumed to be a prostitute. Pharez was the product of the incestuous relationship between Judah and his daughter in law. Rahab was a common prostitute of Jericho. Ruth the Moabitess was the fruit of

incestuous relationship between drunken Lot and his daughter. David committed immorality with Bathsheba and had her husband Uriah killed. Solomon took immorality to extraordinary heights with 1000 wives and concubines. Thus, a broken past and dysfunctional background can be catalyst of excellence when recognized and dealt with (See Isaiah 43:18-21.)

What do we need to do? The starting point is deliverance. In order to turn a new page and walk as a son of Yahweh in the earth realm we must accept who we are in Yahshua and Who He is in us - based on The Word, not our feelings or the opinions of others. Ephesians 1, 2; Colossians 1, 2 and John 1:12 are great scriptures to rest in.

In addition, these other things are necessary to build up your confidence in Him:

1. Receive the Ministry of Truth – John 8:32
2. Be open to conviction of Holy Spirit concerning any root issue or past sins or mistakes.
3. True repentance in crises prayer which proceeds from the heart or spirit-man, not emotional response of the soul.

For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though it were but for a season. Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter. Wherefore, though I wrote unto you, I did it not for his cause that had done the wrong, nor

for his cause that suffered wrong, but that our care for you in the sight of God might appear unto you.

—2 Corinthians 7: 8-12

4. Renounce all negativities in your past, especially your lineage or family line.
5. Open up to those with the spiritual skills to help you – those with ministry of inner healing and deliverance and those who walked same path and having overcome are now in victory.
6. Maintain a lively conscience which does not allow negativity to dwell a moment in thought, word or deed.
7. Be Spirit led in all things, not giving room to the flesh - Romans 8:5 -16.
8. Allow Yahshua to be your Model in submitting your will entirely into the hands of Elohim Who will guide you by His Holy Spirit– John 5:30; John 6:38.
9. Live by Grace, not works, resting in the finished work of Calvary – John 8:36.
10. Walk into the future Faith based; trusting Yahshua as Faith, not sense knowledge driven by the soul.
11. Do not have a performance mentality, seeking to attain certain carnal “heights” of success as a way of gaining approval from Yahweh or humans.

Chapter 13

RIGHT ATTITUDE TO WORK IN PROGRESS

In the previous chapter, we broached the issue that dysfunction may not be automatically fatal. Our Father released the record of some saints of the Old Covenant who exhibited varying degrees of dysfunction in their walk with Him. All but one – Solomon – eventually made it into the Hall of Fame of Heroes of all time. In this chapter, Yahweh calls on His remnant to avoid the danger of using manifestation of any of the four toxic relationships signs as basis to judge, write off or to dislodge ministries that exhibit such.

To stay safe, Yahweh wants us to look inwardly to see and receive what He wants to accomplish in us for our perfection. He Who created us knows the true hearts of all saints and ministers in His House. He alone knows those who, in manifesting those signs are tares and those who are wheat but in varying stages of development as work in progress. In any case, from a physical stand point, there will be a time of ultimate sorting out and separation. Let us not intrude into what is exclusively His preserve.

Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

—Matthew 13: 36-43

That is why it is safest for us to heed this word concerning those manifesting signs of the Stranger; Unwilling Slave; Orphan or Babe. This word is for us:

Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

—1 Corinthians 4:5

WORK IN PROGRESS: THE PROCESS OF VESSELS IN THE NEW COVENANT

Let us be reminded that just like in the Old Testament, the New Covenant reveals what may seem like shocking details of dysfunctional ministers who were eventually processed and their end became more glorious than their beginning. Let us examine a few:

1.) Peter

Like a good fisherman, Peter was rough, cocky and self-assured. One moment he was stable, the next moment, he missed it. After receiving the divine revelation and declaring the Divinity of Yahshua, the next thing he did was carnal and disgusting. Peter had the temerity of rebuking Yahshua when He declared that death was a necessary process to glorification.

He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ. From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

—Matthew 16:15-25

He who vigorously claimed allegiance to Yahshua ended up by denying Him three times:

Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee. Peter answered and said unto him, Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended. Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples. Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee. But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou sayest. And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and said unto them that were there, This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth. And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man. And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech bewrayeth thee. Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

—Matthew 26:31-35;69-75

The one who was leader of the 12 went fishing instead of executing the Great Commission following death of Yahshua.

After these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he himself. There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples. Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing.

—John 21:1-3

The proactive prayers Yahshua undertook for Peter no doubt became a critical resource for actualization of the divine purpose in life. The books of First and Second Peter reflect the wisdom and quality of life of a vessel who had undergone the divine process. He became rock solid and dependable to the degree of willingly embracing crucifixion without anger or bitterness. Church history states that he even requested to be crucified upside down as a mark of respect for his Savior. If you have been like Peter, be assured of this: the present posture of Yahshua as Chief Intercessor at the Throne of Grace for His Own is availing much. Instead of fainting at your weaknesses, draw down grace from Him to come from under and overcome as Paul did in 2 Corinthians 12:7-10.

2.) James and John

These two both manifested signs of the 4 toxic relationship types. Among the innermost circle of Yahshua, these brothers were a study in slow development. They exhibited an infamous degree of anger which was so evident that even Yahshua surnamed them Boanerges – sons of Thunder for that is how hot their temper was.

And James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and he surnamed them Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder:

—Mark 3:17

They were also intolerant and vengeful – ready to call down fire from heaven to destroy the Samaritans who refused Yahshua passage through their land.

And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.

—Luke 9:51-58

John had a partisan (denominational) spirit which made him want to prevent those not of their company from using the name of Yahshua to do miracles.

And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbad him, because he followeth not us. But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is on our part.

—Mark 9:38-40

The two brothers had raw agenda and were ambitious to occupy chief places of honor in the coming Kingdom (See Matthew 20:20-28.) However, by the time the fire of process had finished its work, James became the first apostle to be martyred for the faith. He was more than willing to suffer and die for the sake of the gospel as a true son of Elohim and disciple of Yahshua.

John who was the only apostle to die a natural death was processed by Grace to be the apostle of love. His gospel focused on the Love of Elohim

which manifested in Yahshua. The epistles were deep expositions on love. According to Church history, John was cast into a pot of hot boiling oil but was not destroyed. Frustrated, they threw him into the Isle of Patmos and there he received the Revelation of Yahshua.

3.) The Twelve Disciples

The Disciples of Yahshua who spent quality time with while He walked upon this earth still struggled. This privileged company of saints who spent 3 and half years in close proximity with Yahshua and sat at His feet did not get it fully while He was with them but were topsy-turvy in their understanding and convictions. At different times, they manifested carnality. They may have been caught up in some degree of unhealthy response or jealousy when Yahshua took the innermost three to Mount of Transfiguration to the degree that their faith failed (See Matthew 17: 1- 21.)

When James and John sought for chief honor in the coming Kingdom, they were greatly offended as recorded in Matthew 20: 20-28. Even after the resurrection of Yahshua, some of them succumbed to the doubt and yearning of Peter and followed him to go a fishing – abandoning the Great Commission. In serving, they displayed signs of impatience and carnality and were evidently so expectant of benefits the Kingdom. Before Yahshua went to the Cross, they were expectant of the immediate manifestation of the Kingdom.

And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear.

—Luke 19:11

After the resurrection, their agenda manifested again in the question they asked Yahshua:

When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

—Acts 1:6

4.) Paul

This vessel was an accessory to murder with the blood of Stephen on his hands as Acts 7: 58 records.

He was also an active persecutor of the Church as Acts 9:1-2 reveals. After he was saved and became active in ministry, he had occasion to disagree strongly with elders of the Church and leaders concerning his convictions. These include the Judaizers of Acts 15 and Peter and Barnabas in Galatians 2. In this day, his confrontation with Peter would have been deemed high treason and would possibly had earned him a censure or discipline. Paul was a man of so strong opinion that he vigorously quarreled with Barnabas in regards to taking John Mark on the Second Missionary Journey.

And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do. And Barnabas determined to take with them John, whose surname was Mark. But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work. And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus; And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God.

—Acts 15: 36

That he rejected John Mark who later became one of the best ministers of the New Covenant was for deserting them during the first Missionary Journey. It is noteworthy that John Mark did not back slide but rather as a teenager was home sick. But as an Evangelistic Apostle, Paul had no grace to be patient with and change diapers of children for which reason he chose

not to marry (See 1 Corinthians 7: 7.) As a Pastoral Apostle, Barnabas had great grace to deal with such issues and bring forth gold. In the end, Paul was to proclaim:

Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

—2 Timothy 4: 11

Mark was the vessels who went on to mature and write the epic Gospel according to Mark. Paul was able to pressed past his weaknesses by acknowledging them and giving Holy Spirit right of way to deal with him so that the grace of Yahshua became his defining asset as Philippians 3: 7-14 and 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 reveals.

LESSONS FROM THE FAILINGS OF NEW TESTAMENT HEROES OF FAITH

1. Yahweh does not call the qualified but rather qualifies the called. Do not despair over the things Yahweh is dealing with you or other people.
2. A living dog is better than a dead Lion as Ecclesiastes 9: 4-6 reveals. As long as there is life, there is hope for positive process which brings forth the glory of the King in us.
3. Yahweh wants us to leave judgement of His servants to Him, when they do not seem to add up (See Romans 14: 1-12.)
4. Even in their dysfunction, Holy Spirit uses imperfect humans to advance the agenda of heaven on earth and then judge them. Two judgement lies ahead for all who are “serving” in the Kingdom at this time:
 - a. Those who are tares will be condemned to hell and lake of fire (See Matthew 7:15-23; Matthew 13: 36-42; 47-50.)

- b. Some who are in Yahshua but are building with wrong motives or substances out of ignorance, carnality or simply undergoing process will lose all rewards of their wrong patterns and building outside the Divine Plan (See Matthew 7: 24-27; 1 Corinthians 3:10-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10.)
- 5.) What we are taught in the lessons on 4 toxic relationships is not to make us “inspectors of ministers or ministries” but a fore warning on how not to do ministry.
- 6.) It is to let us know the profile of ministries we can emulate and those not to emulate, no matter how ”successful” they seem to be (See 1 Corinthians 11:1; Philippians 3:17-21.)

The idea is to be careful to avoid any of these tendencies:

1. A critical judgmental spirit towards others while not pursuing perfection in Yahshua (See Matthew 7: 1-5.)
2. Bitterness which defiles and disrupts grace in the heart (See Hebrews 12: 14-15.)
3. The Elder brother syndrome which gets jealous because those who are seemingly sinful ministers or brethren are doing “well.” When they repent, this spirit, which afflicted elder brother of the prodigal son can come upon the Faithful.
4. Comparisons of ministers. We have no business making comparisons.

Let us take note that Yahweh is able to bring forth diamonds out of the rough earth. He is able to catch crafty ministers in their own craftiness if their design is to use Him to build personal empires. He will rather turn their personal ambition and competition to build great empires to advantage!

Through their error, many who would never have heard the gospel are exposed to it and then repent. Though for instance they are babes made by babes, they may be content with the limited milk until Holy Spirit orders uses situations and circumstances to order the feet of the remnant to deeper waters and solid meat.

FINAL WORD: INSTEAD WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

- Judge nothing before the time.

- Intercede earnestly for them with a loving heart peradventure Holy Spirit will convict, bring to repentance and give them a testimony. He can also orchestrate situations that can so shake them that they dig deeper for a more intimate relationship with Yahweh.

Chapter 14

BALANCE AND DISCERNMENT; NOT COMPROMISE OR INDIFFERENCE

Let it be clearly articulated that in receiving the previous chapter, that Yahweh has not asked us to compromise truth or be fearful of being hated by those who prefer to distort the gospel and pursue their seemingly personal purpose which may be at variance with the Divine Purpose. We need to take note of the reality that in all generations since Pentecost, there will be these types of people engaged in ministry:

Firstly, there will those who minister by the leading of Holy Spirit. By His grace, they obey the Word implicitly and explicitly, adding nothing and subtracting nothing. They go into ministry with a proper understanding of the Divine Purpose and by His Spirit are led into the specific part assigned to them. Their hearts yearn to please Yahweh in all things and not withstanding presence or absence of material symbols of success, their hearts are fixed on doing the right things with the right motives and right methods. Needless to say, they are a net minority.

Secondly there will be those who are under pressure to “help” the Lord by the importation of methods of Babylon. These are those who claim to love the Lord but nevertheless are tempted to use what they honestly consider “contemporary” means and methods to make the ministry successful. Their heart desire may be right before Yahweh, but their methods are not acceptable to Him. If the rapture or death meets them at work, they will make it but their works will be burned up (there will be no rewards) as the previous chapter showed. While such people live, the Lord can use anyone or anything to arrest their attention and cause them to

abandon fleshly ambition and get it right with motives, methods and materials used to build. It is mainly for this kind of people that previous chapter warns us to be careful not to judge or write off any one before time!

Thirdly, there will be those totally out of the will of Yahweh. These people are not sent by Yahweh but have been commissioned by their bellies .or Satan They are driven by the desire to be successful and have settled for Christian ministry as the fastest and most secure avenue to achieve their ambitions. These live in self-evident sin that does not need any judgmental spirit to locate. The word is clear that such people and their works are unacceptable to Yahweh and will miss His eternal Kingdom. What Yahweh did with the last chapter is not to ask those in category 1 above to compromise with category 2 and 3 and accept what they are doing. He is also not asking those who have got it right or are on course to getting it right to accept and endorse error as right. He is by no means asking saints to be indifferent when people set about to disfigure the Church or even engage in the heinous act of raping it.

Throughout history, Yahweh has esteemed highly those who take a principled stand in favor of His Holy standards. It was principled endorsement of the standards of Yahweh and jealousy for His presence which secured a place of honor for the sons of Levi.

And when Moses saw that the people were naked; (for Aaron had made them naked unto their shame among their enemies Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the Lord's side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him. And he said unto them, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbour. And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men. For Moses had said, Consecrate yourselves today to the Lord, even every man upon his son, and upon his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day.

—Exodus 32:25-35

In the days of the Judges, the people of Meroz were cursed for not coming to the help of the Lord in the day of battle

Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

—Judges 5:23

What Yahweh is asking us not to attempt to take His place when we come into awareness of negativities preached or practiced by people within our domains or as announced in the media. He is asking us to commit everything – including perversions of the gospel to He Who judges righteously. He is asking us to come to a place where the evil we see or hear does not destabilize us enough to lose our peace and cool or recourse to arm of the flesh or being nasty as a response. If we trust Him, we will know that ultimately, He is in charge and all things will work together for manifestation of His determinate counsel – in spite of the faithfulness or otherwise of humans. That trust will give us an attitude of confidence in His ability to sort out all things as He judges righteously.

It was this attitude which powered Paul to rest in His King when some people sought to do gospel work with base agendas:

Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will: The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds: But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel. What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.

—Philippians 3: 15-18

As far as Paul was concerned, it is better that more people are preaching than for instance opening and running new brothels in cities. Paul trusted

Yahweh enough to know that as long as the Name of Jesus was employed, some people will eventually be saved out of every gospel endeavor.

PROCESS REQUIRES PATIENCE

While Yahweh is at work processing people, especially those in category 2 above, we may not be privy to what He is doing in their hearts and minds. If we put the best construction on motives of brethren and ministers whose methods seem erroneous and intercede for them with deep burden, Yahweh may recover them and proceed to use them to do great exploits. This should be the default position of our hearts, not wishing of their failure or destruction.

Those who are secure in understanding that they are the remnant of Yahweh must acknowledge an open secret; we were not always like this! We did not always yearn for Yahweh, delighting in His truth. We were once difficult, self-protective, insecure, exhibiting varying signs of the Stranger; Unwilling Slave; Orphan and Babyhood syndromes. But in the fullness of time, grace met us. Those who stood on solid ground were patient with us, interceded for us and sent us books, tapes or spoke into our lives until we finally “got it” and we can today see the difference in our lives.

Having said that, let us also know that it is required of true sons to speak with the enemy at the gates. If we do not do so, evil may swarm the Church in a city and when it takes root, may be more difficult to deal with. Jude, the “half-brother” of Yahshua was used by Holy Spirit to pen these powerful lines of rebuke to evil workers masquerading as ministers:

Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called: Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied. Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee. But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core. These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever. And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage. But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

—Jude 1

The meek and humble Yahshua, loving John and master builder Paul, all confronted evil preachers.

A.W Tozer rightly said that truth rests on two wings. He observed again, with his great sense of humor that a bird needs both wings to be able to fly. For that reason, when we see a “smiling” scripture, we should be ready to encounter the “frowning” one. In the context of what we learnt in the previous chapter and this, let us note that our Head and King confronted evil preachers when need be. Just as the rugged John the Baptist, He Who was as meek as a Lamb was gentle to sinners but hard on religious leaders who led multitudes astray.

But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves. Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor! Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.³¹ Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets. Fill ye up then the measure of your

fathers. Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city: That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.

—Matthew 23: 13-35

John

Concerning Diotrephes who resisted his authority, here is what the apostle of love, John said:

I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not. Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church. Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.

— 3 John 1:9-11

John even charged saints not to receive evil workers with a perverted gospel into our homes or even wish them bye (lest grace is released by our good wishes for them to deceive others).

For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.⁸ Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.

—2 John 1: 7-11

Paul

When a brother in the Corinthian Church was proud in the sin of incest, here is what Paul pronounced with the sword of authority:

It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed, In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

—1 Corinthians 5:1-5

To stop the bleeding caused by active sinners in Church, Paul wrote to that same congregation these words of tough love:

Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolator, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within?¹³ But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.

— 1 Corinthians 5: 7-12

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

—1 Corinthians 6: 9-10

When writing his farewell epistle to Timothy, Paul mentioned a man who did him much evil.

—2 Timothy 4:14-15 Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works: Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words.

—2 Timothy 4:14-15

Paul had enough light from Holy Spirit to discern that some people in ministry were agents of Satan.

—2 Corinthians 11:13-15 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

—2 Corinthians 11:13-15

BALANCE AND DISCERNMENT NEEDED

The sword of authority in the hand of the fivefold and other leaders is neither for decoration nor fleshly vengeance. It is to be used to protect the sheep from wolves; otherwise a minister may wittingly or unwittingly have a hireling spirit. To cower in fear, not willing to sound negative when preachers of unrighteousness or agents of Satan disguised as ministers invade your city or nation may not be a practical way to apply the message in chapter 17. The saints must be thoroughly taught on how to recognize and avoid or flee from wolves. Satan is real and continuously at work to destroy

souls using whatever or whoever he can. True under-shepherds cannot afford to be on AWOL (away without leave) when evil preachers abound.

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

—John 10: 10-13

If Holy Spirit asks you to release a prophetic word on an evil altar or personality who is using the Name of Yahshua, Jesus to deceive sincere seekers within your sphere of influence, obey Him. But keep your heart pure and free of bitterness and offence. In these Last days, there is great safety to walk in a balanced understanding of difference between ministers who are still work in progress but with right hearts and discernment of Holy Spirit concerning those who are workers of iniquity.

Chapter 15

SPECIFIC MANIFESTATIONS OF SONS AS PRIESTS AND KINGS

In the past 18 chapters, we received extensive light on the general purpose of Elohim for humans in the earth realm and then focused on the Kingdom Church in particular. If we know His purpose for the Ecclesia on earth, it is easier to proceed to discern the core purpose individual saints are called to specifically fulfil. This approach is safe and healthy because it will prevent these anomalies:

1. Quest to do ministry out of ambition.
2. Using unacceptable methods to do spiritual Kingdom work.
3. Saints will not beat about the bush in trial and error fashion careening from one pursuit to the other.
4. We will make the main thing the main thing: walk in the central purpose of our creation and redemption.

The specific area of divine purpose represents what every joint of the organic Body is ordained to supply for the general wellbeing of the whole Body according to the organic concept the true Church. Ephesians 4:16 says “From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.”

Let it be settled in our hearts that no saint was created to be inactive, ineffective or to drain the Body and therefore unprofitable to Elohim. If King Yahshua cursed the barren fig tree, how much more does He expect fruit from all of us who are created in the image of Elohim and redeemed by His precious Blood. Just as His organic Body in the earth realm – His Church – has a corporate purpose, each individual saint has been packaged to be a unique instrument of releasing a measure of Grace, virtue and power that builds up others and impact the world.

SPIRITUAL DNA

To seek first the Kingdom and its righteousness includes discovering and fulfilling our callings and ministries a central plank of our lives. This is because we would be fulfilling the vision of Elohim and the Kingdom here on earth when we do so, rather than humanistic ambition. When saints live in this “other worldly” way, they will be distinguished clearly from their unbelieving neighbors who pursue fleshly ambitions after vanities of this world. That is why Paul was used of the Holy Spirit to explain in Romans 14 that the Kingdom is not accumulation of materialistic materials here on earth, but rather a life which rests in the finished work of the Cross evident in righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

In plain language, we assert that saints who have not made understanding, pursuit and fulfilment of their destiny manifested in the specific call of Elohim in their lives are hurting themselves in the now and will be ashamed on the Last Day. It is through our callings and the spiritual gifts thereto that we are fitted to excel in some specific sectors of life and ministry – whether domestic or public; whether in the pulpit or in the Market Place.

Our gifts are designed to make a way for us before humans and bring us favor while opening doors in those areas in which Abba has uniquely called us. Our race, gender, age, financial status, fashion sense and other natural factors of success pale into insignificance when saints begin to flow in the gifting and call of Elohim upon their lives. Truly speaking, such saints simply swim in the river of grace without needing to struggle against the current as many do.

Neither Satan, nor the hordes of hell, nor wicked humans have the ability to withstand saints who are thus empowered. The sweetest part is that you do not have to pay a dime to be called or gifted. Your call and gifts have already been purchased, signed, sealed and delivered for you long before you were conceived – right there at the incredible Cross of Calvary by no less a personality than the Incarnation of Elohim, Yahshua, Jesus. He is seated at the Throne of Majesty making intercession for you and providing all the grace and strength you need to be who He has called you to be, not what your ambitions and personal preferences want.

In the natural realm, every human being has what is called a DNA. Here is how Wikipedia describes the human DNA: “Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) is a nucleic acid that contains the genetic instructions used in the development and functioning of all known living organisms and some viruses. The main role of DNA molecules is the long term storage of information. DNA is often compared to a set of blueprints or a recipe, or a code, since it contains the instructions needed to construct other components of cells, such as proteins and RNA molecules. The DNA segments that carry this genetic information are called genes, but other DNA sequences have structural purposes, or are involved in regulating the use of this genetic information.”

The human DNA is thus a unique piece of divine engineering that ensures every human being is specially packaged in a bespoke manner by Elohim to function as an original being that can represent Him on earth. As is generally known, every saint has the DNA of Yahweh because we are begotten of Him both by creation and by the new birth experience (See Genesis 1:26-27; 2 Corinthians 5:17-18.) Apart from this divine heritage, all saints are uniquely packaged with personalized Spiritual DNA. This is a combination of qualities and personalized factors the Lord uses to make each person a unique vessel in His vineyard. David was used of the Lord to voice the awesomeness of the unique nature of the human body in Psalm 139:14-16.

What he did not fully figure out was the intricate nature of the entirety of the human persona. From birth until the day of redemption and in growing up in Yahshua, a mix of factors and properties come together in the life of each saint which essentially define who they are in the realm of the spirit. Elohim has designed each saint with a mix of factors so that none of His children will live sub-optimized or defeated. Our spiritual DNA will therefore hold the key for saints to truly fulfil divine mandates that are from Elohim found in both the book of Genesis and the New Testament:

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.28And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

—Genesis 1:26-28

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

—John 15:16

And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

—Luke 19:11-13

Saints should in the reality that we are not mere happenstances or products of chance. Long before the world began, Elohim figured out who and what He wanted to create and use for His Own glory.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

—Ephesians 1: 3-6

What this means is that each saint is uniquely designed and blessed with divine capacity to be used by Holy Spirit to make specific contributions towards manifestation of the Divine purpose in and through his/her vessel. The aggregation of properties that constitute the essential you who is an integral part of the entire Body is what we refer to as your unique Spiritual DNA. Some of the properties are:

- Inherent at natural birth including hereditary virtues as well as talents.

- Imparted by Holy Spirit as basic or root gifts at the New Birth experience.
- Imparted as enabling gifts when a saint is baptized in Holy Spirit.
- Unconsciously acquired capacities and abilities.
- Outcome of education, training, environment, lifestyle which produce ability to do certain things better and easier than other saints or people.

**BREAKING DOWN THE PROPERTIES THAT MAKE UP YOUR SPIRITUAL
DNA:**

1.) Spiritual Gifts

We must identify, practice and grow in use of our spiritual gifts. The starting point is to know what they are. They are found in these scriptures Romans 12:5–8; 1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4:7–11; 1 Peter 4:8–11. A spiritual gift is a quantity of divine life imparted by the Holy Spirit into the spirit man of those who are redeemed by the Blood of Jesus. At the New birth, all saints receive what Dr. Cosmos Ilechukwu, author of “The Church of His Vision,” calls a root or basic gift.

When saints press on as they grow, broken and yearning for more of Elohim and receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, they are empowered with the enabling gifts which bring a cutting edge quality to their spiritual lives. If you desire to walk in the fullness of the spiritual gifts Holy Spirit has packaged for delivery or manifestation through you, receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit evidenced by initial ability to speak in other tongues. When He comes into your life and you are subsumed in Him, the power to flow in both the root gifts that came into your life when you were born again (which defines who you are in the Spirit) and the enabling gifts He brings meet together in you creating a quickening effect that others cannot but notice.

2.) Natural Talents

Talents are the things you perform well naturally. Because all human beings, including sinners are created by Elohim, He blesses all with some talents through which they can be distinguished. Though talents are given by Elohim for His glory and pleasure and success of humans, the sin principle at work makes many to use them to foster their own pleasures, achievements and success, not caring whether He is glorified or not. Talents often manifest from a young age. It could be acting, drawing, decorating, business sense or even being humorous. When saints consecrate and deploy talents for the glory of Elohim and expansion of His Kingdom, there is sanctified use of them. Saints should not throw away or neglect their talents. What they need to do is to integrate and deploy them into their lives which are under His sovereign rule.

3.) Life Experiences

Romans 8:28 says all things work together for our good. Psalm 37:23-24 says the steps of the righteous are ordered by the Lord. The journey of life will take us through many kinds of experiences and encounters with people. They are all part of the divine process of preparing you for your ministry and calling. When you understand this principle, you will not fret over anything – including persecution, trials, distresses and necessities. Your attitude will be like that of Paul, in the midst of his own fire:

And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take

pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

—2 Corinthians 12:7-10

The way of grace, rather than flesh will propel you to heed the exhortation of Paul to “rejoice in the Lord” and to give thanks in all situations (See Philippians 4:4; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.) The situations you’ve gone through in the past are not to make you bitter and angry but to prepare you for what the future will unfold. Make a conscious decision to be better, not bitter from your experiences. David was a case study of a young man who was equipped through adversity for the enormous role as the King of Israel and the greatest Military Commander they knew.

4.) Education and Skills acquired by Learning and Practice

These are not a waste of time. Yahweh allowed you to go through particular disciplines because He has need of them in making you an effective minister. Whether Peter the fisherman, Matthew the tax collector or Paul the learned Pharisee, the education and skills of these people were relevant to what they would do later on in life. It is significant that all the apostles who sat at the feet of Jesus for three and half years did not grasp some of the teachings on The Kingdom and Yahshua, Jesus had to hold a 40 day School of Ministry after His resurrection to bring home the truths Acts 1:1-3. He had to arrange for them to receive the Holy Spirit in order to break some of their natural limitations as unlearned and unsophisticated people. The uniform testimony of Acts of the Apostles is that in spite of these things, the apostles did not quite comprehend.

Significantly, it was Paul who was well versed in the Old Testament that Yahshua, Jesus had to specially recruit many years later to properly articulate some of the truths of the present and future dimension of The Kingdom. Even Peter acknowledged the depth of revelation Paul was been used to release in the Alpha Church:

Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

—2 Peter 3:14-16

We must constantly remember that Yahweh is proactive and works out everything about those He has foreknown and foreordained. The skills in which you acquired yesterday may come in handy at some point in your life. Do not neglect or throw them away.

5.) Opportunities Yahweh sets before You

When Yahweh wants to use you in a particular way, He will provide opportunities to bring out what is in you. Some of those opportunities may come as challenges and other people's problems. It is an opportunity for you to provide a solution. That is why Yahweh may cause you to see the way out. It is wrong to murmur and complain over challenges. Wait, watch and pray because Yahweh may have placed you there for that very purpose of solving it. It is unprofitable to complain of an untidy sanctuary. If you "saw" it, why not pick up the gauntlet and come early to help with seating arrangements and sanitation?

6.) Passions

Whatever area of ministry you have a deep and abiding interest in may be indicative of a special call on your life. Learn therefore to identify, understand and receive grace and leading of Holy Spirit to pursue fulfilment of your passions. Because they emanate from your heart of spirit-man, your

passions and conscience are reliable compasses which show where Holy Spirit is leading you. This is because love is the ground norm of the Kingdom. Whenever you have special passion for something, there is a clear revelation of a deep love for that activity. If you are passionate about salvation and deliverance of people in prostitution or drugs, do not allow religious minds to deter you.

7.) Personality

When you were conceived, Elohim prepared a body through which you would live in this present life Jeremiah 1:5–10. That body was shaped in a peculiar way. Your personality was wired to deliver on the treasure that is within you: your spiritual gifts and calling. You are truly unique and able to deliver your life assignment through the earthly tabernacle or body fashioned for you. You need to appreciate what Elohim gave to you. It is certainly wise to stop comparing yourself with others and celebrate how fearfully and wonderfully you were made.

For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them. How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

— *Psalm 139:13-18*

8.) Peculiar style

Everyone is unique and we do not need to imitate others before we can be fulfilled. Do not be apologetic for your way of life, provided it is not sinful. Some people are humorous while others are serious. Some are multitasked while others are mono-gifted. Appreciate your style,

develop it and lay it down as a vital tool for discovery, pursuit and fulfilment of ministry.

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

—Jeremiah 29:11

In closing, let us examine the reality of how Jeremiah was defined before he was born:

Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. But the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord. Then the Lord put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth. See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

—Jeremiah 1:5-10

As with Yahshua the Ultimate Son, so is it with us, sons of Elohim in the earth realm. Our King and Head Who also is our Model did not just chance into this world! Here is what the Word says of transactions in the realm of the Spirit before He was incarnated in a Body specifically packaged to hold His Spirit and Soul for manifestation of Destiny:

Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the

which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

—*Hebrews 10: 5-10*

As it was with Him, so it is with us who are purchase of His Blood that we as sons will also serve the will of our heavenly Father unto glory!

For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

—*Hebrews 2:10*

Chapter 16

13 WAYS OF DISCERNING THE DIVINE PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE

In every true sense, every believer is called into ministry. This is attested by various scriptures which reaffirm the priesthood of all believers John 15:16 and 1 Peter 2:9. Beyond that general call there are specific ways by which a saint can discern that the Lord is seeking to arrest attention or apprehend him/her for the purpose of serving in a specific sense to contribute to the organic health and wellbeing of his/her local assembly, build up the Body of Yahshua generally and impact the earth realm as the Salt and Light of Yahshua our King.

In order to fully walk in divine purpose for individuals which make up the Body, it is important that there be proper understanding of spiritual DNA as shared in the previous chapter. This is because it offers a clear profile of who Elohim designed you to be when He chose you in Yahshua before foundation of the world (See Ephesians 1:2-6.) In other words. In order to have an understanding of who He designed you to be and what He wants to accomplish in the earth realm in, with and through you, the starting point is to accurately identify the various strands that constitute the essential redeemed you.

In this chapter, there is an exposition of the various other ways a saint can hear from Yahweh concerning his or her life and ministry.

1.) Audible Voice

As a relational Father, Yahweh has a Voice and speaks audibly. Some saints either by divine election, gifting, training or personal quest and discipline have the capacity to hear His audible voice. You can have a divine visitation in which He calls you by name and tells you the specific aspect of Kingdom service He wants He wants to use you. When you hear His voice, do not treat it with levity. Commit His words in a diary/journal, say “yes” to Him making no excuses and begin to pray earnest prayers of submission to His will. Saul of Tarsus and Ananias heard the audible voice which announced his call in Acts 9:1-18. The call of Samuel in 1 Samuel 3:1-10 also involved the audible voice of Elohim. To hear His audible voice is to be safe and secure, shutting out contrary voices!

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me...

—John 10:27

2.) The Written Word

Yahweh can call you into a specific purpose through the quickening of some verses of scripture that minister personally to you. The quickening can occur when you are in a congregational service, under a teaching ministry or when you are alone, studying the Word. Those who make it a regular habit of studying and meditating on the Word of God have the greatest chance of receiving inspiration from Elohim. These scriptures reveal the power of the word in us:

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

—Joshua 1:8

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

—Psalm 1:1-3

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

—2 Timothy 2:15

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

—2 Timothy 3:15-17

3.) Ministration of the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit communicates the call of Elohim concerning assignments of specific vessels. This was the case of the apostolic call of Paul and Barnabas in Antioch. Prompt obedience is called for just as the brethren did.

Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

—Acts 13:1-4

4.) Burden of the heart

A call into a specific area of ministry can be discerned by a burden the Lord lays on a heart of an individual which refuses to be shaken off. Such a burden fixes your gaze spiritually on a given aspect of the work of the Kingdom.

5.) Revelatory Gifts

God uses the revelatory gifts to communicate His calling. The revelatory gifts include dreams, interpretation of dreams, visions, trances, prophecy, word of knowledge, word of wisdom, discernment, tongues and interpretation. The call of Saul (Acts 9:1-16) and the call of Peter to the gentile mission field (Acts 10:1-16) involved the revelatory gifts.

6.) Angelic Visitation

Elohim sends His holy angels to call His elect vessels to specific assignments as in the case of Phillip and the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8:26-39. Angels are messengers of Elohim and helpers of destinies and assignments of saints. As redeemed of the Lord, it is our inheritance to receive ministry of angels.

But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

—Hebrews 1:13-14

7.) Baptism of the Holy Spirit

One of the greatest ordination and qualification for service is to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. In the mind of Yahshua, Head of the Church, no man is qualified to minister by recourse to natural abilities or arm of flesh. This

is why shortly before His ascension to heaven, Yahshua charged His disciples to wait until they were endued with power from on high.

And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

—Acts 1:4-8

It is significant to note that even Yahshua, Jesus Himself did not begin His earthly ministry until He was baptized with the Holy Spirit and affirmed by the Father at John's baptism in Matthew 3:13-17. Whoever is baptized in the Holy Spirit is called by Elohim for service in the Body and to impact the world with Yahshua. To confine Holy Spirit to what we do on certain "holy" days and hours or what we do inside of religiously designed buildings called "Churches" is to waste this divine resource and despise His Person.

8.) Manifestation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit

In our day to day lives and work in God's house occasions arise when spiritual gifts manifest. The manifestation is an indication of the specific call of Elohim in a person's life. Yahshua's pattern for the Church is that His work will and should be built by and through spiritual gifts (See Romans 12:2-8; 1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4:7-16; 1 Peter 4:10-11.) It is important therefore that every Christian pay the price of discipline to discern or discover their spiritual gift(s). A spiritual gift audit is recommended for all saints. The spiritual gift which manifests is the Holy Spirit showing up in,

with and through you! The gifts are for the benefit of others so we cannot and should not attempt to hoard them or use for money making.

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

—1 Corinthians 12: 4-7

9.) Providential Steps and connection with destiny helpers

Psalm 37:23 says the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord. In calling some of His children to ministry, the Lord orders their paths to cross with other vessels ordained as instruments of helping them to the next level of service. These vessels are called destiny helpers and should be discern and treated with respect and honor. For Esther the vessel was Mordecai, for Saul it was Barnabas, for the Ethiopian eunuch it was Phillip.

Circumstances can also be divinely orchestrated by Elohim to bring out gifts embedded deep within Christians. In Acts 8:1-8 persecutions by Herod and the martyrdom of Stephen led the maintenance minded church of Jerusalem to scatter. The outcome was unexpected. Phillip who was appointed a deacon to mind the “other business” of the early church which consisted of distributing relief equitably to widows of Jewish and Grecian stock, was used mightily of Holy Spirit to evangelize Samaria where he ran to with mighty signs and wonders following. His gifting as a fivefold leader in the office of an evangelist was manifested through that situation. Romans 8:28 teaches that all things work together for good for them who love God and are called by Him. What are you passing through? What is Yahweh saying, even if you are in the midst of fire like the three Hebrew children in Daniel 3?

10.) Critical Insight/Perspective

Yahweh can call by giving a person critical insight into a particular ministry or Kingdom activity. With such a perspective you may be able to see what many cannot see. If you are carnal you will end up criticizing or tearing down what others are doing. The Lord does not approve of this response. We should allow what we are seeing to plant a burden in our hearts that impassions us to be willing to be part of the solution and stand in earnest intercession for divine intervention.

11.) Answers to Prayer

Yahweh expects His children to take the discovery and exercise of their callings seriously. This is proved by your willingness to engage in intense prayers of inquiry to ascertain His will for your service in the Kingdom. We need to wait on the Lord in importunate prayer and fasting to discover the specific assignment or mission field He is calling us into (See Luke 18:1-8; Luke 11:5-10.)

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

—Matthew 7:7-9

Let us learn the holy habit of being importunate in prayer not for provision of bread and butter but to press into destiny, fulfilling the divine purpose. Let us see how Jeremiah by the Spirit established the connection between divine purpose and effectual prayers:

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

—Jeremiah 29:11-13

12.) Authority

Elohim requires liberty and order/discipline in His house. Unfortunately, many pick liberty without order, ending up in nuisance and chaos. Others choose order/discipline without liberty, ending up in religion, rituals and dead works. The key is to have the balance which comes from imbibing both concepts and applying them to situations as necessary. Hebrews 13:17 calls for obedience and submission to leaders so that we can obtain reports of joy to Yahweh concerning us. It reads “obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.”

True leaders are assets, not liabilities in our lives! They are not a terror to good works!

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

— Romans 13:1-5

Yahweh may use a leader to give us a message, clarify a revelation and test our motives of suitability for a particular aspect of His work. Yahweh’s call on young Samuel was rightly discerned by Eli in 1 Samuel 3:1-18. Whenever a leader placed by Elohim in your life, gives assignments let your default heart setting not be that of rejection but willing acceptance. It is in the acceptance and doing that grace is released to function. It is wrong to cherry pick which assignments to accept and which to reject based on the

carnal senses. It is not healthy, from a spiritual stand point, to be drawn to those assignments you think will bring you fame or glory. With a heart of submission and alignment, be mindful to execute all assignments diligently. In so doing, many saints will pleasantly see manifestation of Holy Spirit and His Grace in their lives much more than ever before. In any case, concerning relationship with leadership, life and ministry are like seed. What you sow is what you will reap (See Galatians 6:7-8.)

13.) Brokenness

Divine strength is for the broken, the weak and humble who tremble at Elohim's Word. For Him to use His elect, He first breaks their strength, pride, esteem and ego (See 1 Samuel 2:4; Psalm 51:16-17.)

Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

—Isaiah 66:1-2

Jacob was broken at Jabbok. David was broken after his sin with Bathsheba; Peter, after he denied Jesus; Paul when knocked down and blinded on his way to Damascus. When we are broken we no longer rely on our natural strength, wisdom and worldly endowments but entirely on the strength of Elohim, by His Spirit to function. Whenever you are going through a prolonged breaking process, be sure that the Lord is preparing you for an awesome assignment.

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

—1 Peter 5:10

Chapter 17

BENCHMARKS

There are at least three benchmarks confirm with certainty what Yahweh is calling individual saints to contribute to expression of the Nature, Presence and Power of Yahshua to edify the Church and impact the world. Every saint has a fundamental spiritual right to be taught and helped to apprehend these truths:

1. The Fatherhood of Yahweh based on adoption into His family the Blood sacrifice of Yahshua, Jesus at the Cross.
2. The reality that as His Own children in the earth realm, we have His DNA. This DNA has caused a real transition from the kingdom of darkness (the world) controlled by Satan to the Kingdom of Yahshua.
3. As citizens of His Kingdom, we are seated in heavenly places with Yahshua and He dwells in our hearts by Holy Spirit. Collectively, we are His Church or people called out of the world.
4. Individually, we are vested with unique spiritually DNA designed to make us vessels through which Holy Spirit releases specific graces and abilities that edify and bless others as well as impact the world with the nature, presence and power of Yahshua our King. In this way, the world is forcefully reminded that He is indeed Who the Word says He Is: Incarnation of Elohim in the earth Who manifests everywhere by Holy Spirit working in and through His spiritual Body. Their individual role as His witnesses is thus validated by this

super natural capacity. Getting engaged in sharing His life is no longer a struggle but the ‘normal’ course of life.

5. To understand their DNA and specific assignments, individual saints need to invest in knowing how to discern the voice of Yahweh and how He leads them particularly. This way, their sense of uniqueness is evident. In the previous chapters, we examine the 8 properties of spiritual DNA and the 13 ways to hear His voice and discern His will.

THE THREE BENCHMARKS

No matter manifestation of a unique spiritual DNA which suggests a particular assignment(s) or what a saint perceives as a specific call of Yahweh to be used as a vessel to do in the earth realm, it is important to apply the three benchmarks of the Kingdom so that there can be full assurance of being in the center of the will of Elohim without any shadow of doubt .

We are charged by our King, Yahshua in Matthew 6:33 to seek first the Kingdom and its righteousness. Scripture must be compared with scripture to receive full light. The follow up question then should be: since the full Kingdom will be manifested as a physical reality with the Second Coming of Yahshua, what are properties of the spiritual Kingdom that we are to experience on this side of eternity which distinguishes us from those outside of Him? The answer is found in fourteenth chapter of the epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Romans:

For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

—Romans 14:17

*Commentary: Clearly, it is stated that these three properties make up the spiritual Kingdom: Righteousness, Peace and Joy in the Holy Ghost! For this reason, Paul, by the Spirit admonishes all saints to refocus their energies in general life and ministry towards only things which have those properties:

For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

—Romans 14:18-19

We are to apply these properties as benchmarks for cross checking all things we think, say and do in the Kingdom. Relative to whatever our spiritual DNA suggests or any way we believe we heard the voice of Yahweh or knew His will, concerning an area of ministry or Divine purpose, it is safe to use these three properties as final benchmarks of whether we have heard correctly.

1. Righteousness

This simply means right sanding with the Father on the merit of what Yahshua accomplished at the Cross. Righteousness makes the conscience of a saint come alive from its previous dead state.

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

—Ephesians 2: 1- 6

Once our spirit man comes alive at the new birth experience, our conscience is quickened to discern right from wrong.

The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

—Proverbs 20:27

Once you have a sense of right standing with Yahweh concerning what you perceive as His call upon your life and your conscience is positive or good, it is a green light pointing to the reality that you are in His will on the area of service. In the same way, though a particular sphere of ministry may seem attractive or even productive (from a physical or financial point of view), if the conscience of a saint feels violated or agitated, that is an amber light signifying Holy Spirit's disapproval or displeasure.

In a classic sense, anyone who is truly saved should be able to discern that any method of ministry which produces babes who end up as clients of the minister ever needing the skimmed milk of the word to barely stay afloat is out of the will of Yahweh for they are being programmed to be ever learning but never able to attaining to maturity in Yahshua. A heart that is inclined to righteousness will not engage in ministry that produces orphans, unwilling slaves or strangers to Yahweh. The only excuse anyone can give for getting it wrong is ignorance. It is therefore dangerous when ministers close their minds from receiving further light in the Word through other vessels and digging their roots deep down into old, stale revelation they acquired in Bible college or when they were babes in denominations.

2. Peace

An enduring gift and grace that Yahshua, Jesus offers all saints is Peace/Shalom. This is a sense of wellness within the spirit and soul realms, notwithstanding what is experienced in the environment.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

—John 14:27

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

—John 16:33

Once you have the peace of Elohim which passes all understanding concerning any assignment you sense that Holy Spirit is leading you into, that is another solid green light signifying that you can proceed. The promise of the Father is to keep in peace those whose minds are stayed on Him (not their ambitions or carnal desires).

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

—Isaiah 26:3

That is why our hearts and minds should dwell in the default setting that the new birth experience brings in order to fulfil Divine Purpose for which we were redeemed rather than being filled with raw ambitions, desires and worldly perspectives of success. If we give heed to this principle, our hearts will be so grateful for redemption that the peace of Yahweh in Yahshua will dwell in our hearts. When it is so, we find it easier to hear from Holy Spirit concerning the mind of our Father:

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these

things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

—*Philippians 4:4-9*

In the same way, if you lose this precious peace as you are beginning or continuing in a course of ministry, it is a real red light signifying that He is not with you. If anxiety and fear build up and apprehension persists, it is best to halt and pray earnestly and if necessary add fasting until you hear clearly whether to proceed, retrace your steps or totally get out of that ministry or assignment. To ignore the benchmark of peace is to walk away from the protective covering of Yahshua who promised to be with His Own always. Just as Isaiah 26:3 asserts that Elohim keeps in perfect peace those whose minds are stayed on Him, if it is stayed on material things to gain or engagement in ministry out of competition, strife and other carnal purposes, there may be no peace in the heart.

3. Joy

Unbelievers rely on acquisition of materialistic possessions and money to be happy from an “outside in” paradigm of happiness. On the other hand, the joy of the Lord, which flows from Holy Spirit into their spirit-man is the strength of His saints.

Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

—*Nehemiah 8:10*

The Kingdom is wired so that saints are to derive not just their validity but also satisfaction from their identity in Yahshua. As a people who know the end from the beginning, they are able to pass through strong head winds of crises, misunderstanding, reproaches and even lack or martyrdom, resting

in His Grace and filled with the joy which flows from the depth of their spirit-man and soul as a fruit of Holy Spirit:

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

—Galatians 5:22-23

It is with joy that we draw from the wells of salvation.

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

—Isaiah 12:3

Once you find a well spring of joy fill your heart whether your circumstances appear bright or dark, you can boldly step forward, offering your neck to the yoke of Yahshua, knowing assuredly that He will never leave you or forsake you. His abiding Presence is a basis of security as we undertake the Great Commission, in the words of Yahshua our King:

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

—Matthew 28:18-20

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

—Matthew 11:28-30

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

—Hebrews 13:5-6

But if upon contemplating an assignment or walking in one, you have no joy, it is an amber light requiring that you pause. If your heart and mind is flat, drab, devoid of joy, a real red light is up, requiring that you desist from walking that way.

Any activity that is done outside of the remit of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost in the heart of saints is “Christian religion” of rituals and dead works in manifestation. When saints are filled with anger, offence, bitterness, complaints, murmuring, back biting and yet “serving,” they are behaving as strangers and orphans in the Household of Yahweh. When people seek material blessings as primary motive of being in ministry or desire to be prominent and popular, they end up chasing for what will make them happy. In the process, they cast aside the divine principle and pattern and begin to “serve Him” with the wrong spirit and pattern. This negative trend is no longer confined to the realms of orthodoxy but now sadly a prevalent feature of Pentecostal, Charismatic and the pseudo-kingdom gospel (See Colossians 2: 16-23.)

It is time to restore the correct order. Life in the earth realm is not about who we want to be and what we desire to do. Life and ministry is rather of emulating Yahshua to be vessels through which the divine purpose of Yahweh is manifested in the earth realm. Once we incline our hearts rightly, He will guide us into His perfect will and there will be no occasion to beat about the bush.

For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

—Romans 14:17-19

CONCLUSION

As we come down the wire, it is needful to tie up some of the various streams of truth unveiled so far into one mighty ocean of holistic revelation. Elohim has a grand purpose for creating humans which summed up are as follows:

1. In order to be his sons in the earth realm, made in His Own image and likeness. Imbued with His nature, humans are to reproduce His sons who are like Him. The fall of Adam and Eve gave Satan who deceived them access to their nature. As they took on his nature, Satan took over their mantle as ruler of this world. That is how he became the god of this world and will remain so with those who have not embraced the redemption that is in Yahshua (See Genesis 3:1-7; John 14:30; 2 Corinthians 4:3-4; 1 John 2:19.)
2. In Abraham, Elohim found a man with the heart to obey and be intimate with Him. Through his lineage, the Hebrews, Elohim elected a people to be a Kingdom of priests and kings that represent heaven to the peoples of the world called Gentiles. Through Moses, Elohim gave them laws that set them apart from the gentiles. Unfortunately, Israel slid into religion as the veil of Moses came between them and Elohim. With religion developed a complex set of rituals and dead works which replaced intimacy with Elohim.
3. Because the blood of bulls and goats was unable to atone for the sin of Adam and personal sins of humans, in the fullness of time, Yahshua was incarnated to offer the perfect sacrifice. All who receive Him by grace through faith become members of the family of Yahweh in the earth realm. They are transited from the Kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of Elohim (See Colossians 1:12-16.)

Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

—Galatians 4:1-7

4. The new life in Yahshua is evidential, setting those who are sons of Elohim apart from the world around them. Every one of the redeemed ceases to live for self and pursue humanistic ambitions but rather is totally postured to know and do the will of the Father. In this regard, the Father has released through the original mandate given to Adam and the mandate derived from the Second Adam that all saints are to live for fulfilment of the Divine Purpose. When this is so, they are clearly set apart from their contemporaries in the world who are busy gratifying their self-natures through pursuit of ambition.

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

—Galatians 2:20

But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

—Galatians 6:14

The paradigm of life is no longer about trying to do things we think, like or fancy for Elohim. Rather, it is surrendering our heart or spirit man for Yahshua to live by Holy Spirit and submit wholly to His sovereign rule. He

then uses us to fulfil His divine purpose to the measure He ordained before foundation of the world. This is a critical defining feature of Kingdom ministry as opposed to religious ministry.

5. All saints have a fundamental assignment to be fishers of men. This does not mean all saints are to be preachers in the formal sense of abandoning all else to be ‘clergy’. It simply means that all who are born of the Spirit are to be witnesses of Yahshua who are used by Holy Spirit to reconcile to the Father, those appointed for salvation within their loops of influence.

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

—2 Corinthians 5:17-21

6. Saints are to live in the spiritual phase of the Kingdom on this side of eternity as Priests and Kings after the Order of Melchizedeck. From the spiritual, they affect the natural realms through prayers, decrees and spiritual warfare as spiritual mid-wives of the will of Elohim in the earth realm. Because it is an eternal priesthood, those who faithfully execute this mandate will on translation at inception of the manifest/physical phase of the Kingdom; continue in office ruling over peoples and territories on behalf of Yahshua who will be enthroned at Jerusalem as King of Kings. In that phase, the position of co-heirs with Yahshua will be fully manifested.

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath

called you out of darkness into his marvellous light; Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

—1 Peter 2:9-10

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

—Romans 8:16-18

And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

—Revelation 1:6

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

—Revelation 5:9-10

For these to happen, all saints have a fundamental spiritual right to these spiritual processes:

- a. Taught the Word systematically to the degree that they submit to authority of the word in all life issues and thus become disciples of Yahshua who follow His lifestyle – Matthew 28: 18-20
- b. Trained to serve the King as His personal representative in the earth realm in fulfilment of their functions as priests and kings on this side of eternity

- c. Equipped through mentoring to understand who they are in Yahshua and who He is in them. Flowing from this identity, saints are to walk on earth with a healthy self –esteem necessary to fulfil the divine purpose. They come to a place like Paul who understand Whose they are and Who they serve

For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve...

—Acts 27:23

- d. Activated in gifts of the Holy Spirit that are dormant or sub optimized in them. The gifts form the bedrock of their divine assignments. The gifts are activated by revelation and sound teaching which bring understanding and awareness by saints; by prophecy, affirmation and laying on of hands.
 - e. Released to serve as fit for purpose priests and kings after the order of Melchizedeck – anywhere and everywhere they are. It is such saints that will take the Church from the building to the Community, bringing transformation from inside out.
7. To fulfil the Divine Purpose, all saints are gifted with spiritual gifts imparted by Holy Spirit and a cocktail of personalized endowments called Spiritual DNA which make them unique contributors to the building up and edification of other saints as well as impacting the world with the Nature, Presence and Power of King Yahshua.
 8. All saints are to diligently understand how their heavenly Father communicates with them and apply themselves to obey promptly.
 9. Satan has worked assiduously to frustrate the Divine Purpose. In this, he has used various strategies:

- a. Planted tares in the Kingdom right from the early Church as instruments of leading people astray.

Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn. Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; 39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

—Matthew 13: 24-30;37-43

- b. Confused many who are called into leadership to believe they can build anything, anyhow and if there are “good results” as in crowds of religious worshippers and affluence, they and their works will be acceptable to Elohim. Yahshua warned clearly that this is delusional thinking.

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits.

Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

—Matthew 7:15-27

- c. The enemy did not waste time after the death of Yahshua to make many saints weary of persecution and rejection. When the opportunity came for union of the majority of the early Church and the Roman establishment, they jumped at the opportunity and Christian Religion was the outcome. Christian religion has subsequently replaced vibrant Father-son relationship between Yahweh and the redeemed to subscription of a set of creeds and dogmas that may not be the inspired word but opinions of humans; transmutation of the Church as building and organization people join or go into on certain “holy days.” Christian Religion is then fostered and sustained by a system which may have some beautiful rituals and exterior qualities but nevertheless makes practitioners experience far less than what Yahshua purchased for them at the Cross.

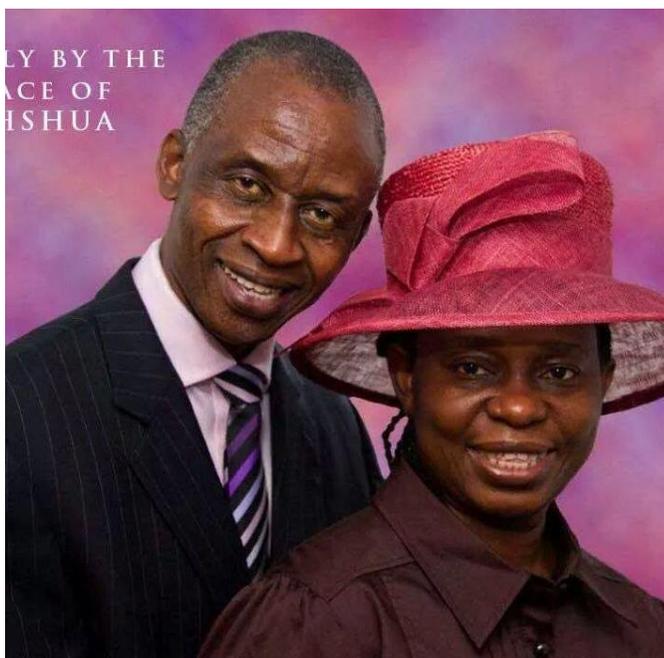
Apostle Paul, who was used as instrument to write down the Divine master plan for the Kingdom Church, has this to say about standards and the Day of Judgement so that no one will be deceived:

According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

—1 Corinthians 3:10-15

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

—2 Corinthians 5:10-12



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