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CHAPTER 1

PROLOGUE, INTRODUCTION & SYNOPSIS

One of the things Elohim, our Father and God would have His children do is to simply take Him at His Word and rest on it completely. Almost all the problems which lead humans astray from Him arise from negative attitude to His Word. Attitude to the Word of God has come under stress from two broad fronts, activated by the same adversary, Satan: The religious right and The religious Left.

A. The Religious Right

On one side of the spectrum is the religious right. These are people who believe God is too lenient and try to “help” Him. They do this by adding tomes of additional regulations for believers to observe before they are accepted by Him or walk in His blessings. The religious right essentially advance the theory that though saved, Christians are still sinners who need to do some religious activities with exactitude before they can be pleasing unto God. One of the greatest marks of the religious right has been to foster a strange doctrine which essentially requires believers to “mark time” on earth, waiting so to say for when they die before they can enjoy the blessings of God. The religious right glorifies poverty, pain and suffering as the normal portion of those who are holy on this side of eternity. Interestingly, the religious right is filled with people who are also racist, ethnic jingoist, and plain hypocrites just like the Pharisees who were the religious right in the days of Jesus Christ. Among them today are those who are willing, like the crusaders of old, to physically fight for God and die in the process. The religious zealots who kill and maim those who do not believe or hate those who are not religious enough or sinners are in the category.

B. The Religious Left

These are those who esteem God as too harsh and therefore try to help by reducing what they deem as the intensity of His Word. Over

time, the religious left has coalesced into three broad movements: The first is the false Prosperity Movement which ignores the core purpose of the redemptive work of Yeshua, Jesus and the whole counsel of God in preference for a narrow focus on financial prosperity for those who claim to be born again. This movement makes a mockery of the new birth by making “success” in material possessions the proof of proximity to God. The second strand is The Pseudo-Kingdom movement which preaches a ‘kingdom now’ message which devalues the world to come and therefore negate or deny the reality that Yeshua, Jesus will return to rule and reign in the future dimension of the Kingdom, right here on planet earth and that this is the Blessed Hope and ultimate reward of the righteous. The third strand is the emerging church movement. This group essentially denies the core truths of the Bible branding them as Jewish fables. In their place preachers formulate soulish dogmas for their followers to live by. What a deception!

The 2 principal groups are wrong!

To the extent that all of these groups do not build on the full counsel of the revealed word of Elohim in the Holy Scriptures, their theologies are toxic and capable of leading adherents blind folded into missing the ultimate mark on the Last Day. The fact that their followers swallow their words hook, line and sinker, without cross checking with Holy Spirit and the Word, reveals how terrible their situation is. These scriptures are worth considering as we seek to build the foundation for this course:

Matthew 7:24-27 (KJV) 24 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. 26 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: 27 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 15:14 (KJV) 14 Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

The danger of adding to or subtracting from the Word is that there are eternal consequences as detailed in the Book of Revelation.

Revelation 22:17-21 (KJV) 17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. 18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. 20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. 21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Those who add to the Word of God are as much at fault and in danger as those who subtract! God does not need help! He wants us to take His Word as it is and to obey in love and with submissive hearts.

Proverbs 30:5-6 (KJV) 5 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. 6 Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

This is why one of the greatest needs of the hour is for men and women raised and equipped by Holy Spirit to rightly divide His Word which is served in sincerity to His people.

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV) 15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

The Holy Word is not to be manipulated to convince people to accept personal perspectives of preachers. Rather, the full counsel of God which is able to save and build up those who are His needs to be presented to all saints in a systematic way!

Isaiah 28:10-13 (KJV) 10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:

Introduction

There are Blessings for the Faithful in Time and Eternity! The Word of Elohim is clear that those who are faithful in Kingdom assignments committed to their charge will be rewarded in time and eternity. From the Old to the New Covenants, this theme runs deep in the ordinance of Elohim for His human family.

The Edenic Covenant of Rewards

Genesis is the first book of the bible and the Chronicle of beginnings. To properly understand the concept of Rewards for obedience and faithfulness, it is important that we locate where the principle was first laid out in Genesis. Let us note that even when Adam and Eve had not yet sinned, Elohim laid out a simple principle of reward for obedience and punishment for disobedience therein.

Genesis 2:15-17 (KJV) 15 And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. 16 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.

This course explores the depths of scripture to lay out the glorious blessings Elohim stored up for His faithful remnant who with a single-minded commitment, focus on completion of their assignments on planet earth. This is another intensely practical course. The Lord is releasing this truth to provide deeper

understanding and quicken the faith of the remnant to the level where they can trust Him for all things which pertain to life and godliness!

2 Peter 1:3 (KJV) 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:

The importance of this course lies in the fact that many saints who have been in the depth of the fires of poverty, afflictions and suffering need to know that this state is not their permanent lot.

1 Peter 5:10 (KJV) 10 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.

Knowledge of the mind of our heavenly Father paves the way for understanding. Understanding His plan for us is the ground of real faith. As you think in your heart, so are you. If you believe a lie about Elohim and His word, that may become a self-evident reality.

Proverbs 23:7 (KJV) 7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

Many people are suffering untold poverty and affliction of disease today not because of the purpose of God but because the enemy is functioning unhindered, having entered their lives by the permission they granted him. To believe that you were born to suffer, be poor, sick, and unloved is to have a negative picture of the redeemed of the Lord.

The truth of the plan of our Father to prosper those who are His as long as they focus on Him and His Kingdom, not wealth and riches is a definite one, not subject to varied interpretations!

Matthew 6:33 (KJV) 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

The plain Word of Elohim God is that Yeshua, Jesus pronounced an end of Satan's dominion when He gave up the ghost.

John 19:30 (KJV) 30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

Praise Elohim God also for giving us a sneak peek into how the end time Church Jesus is coming for will look: RADIANT! That is why He is releasing the Word with such authority and power to sanctify and make the Church to be His ready bride!

Ephesians 5:25-27 (KJV) 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 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.

As you know these truths, get ready for the turn around that is your legitimate inheritance from your heavenly Father! He knows what you are passing through. He said in His Word that He will not allow you to suffer any temptation that is greater than you.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (KJV) 13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

Course Synopsis

We shall cover the course by trusting Elohim God to provide answers to these relevant questions:

- How should we relate to God: For His own pleasure or because of what He has to give?
- What is the Divine perspective of prosperity and success? How does it differ from the perspective of the World?
- What are the specific rewards God promises His faithful servants?
- In what ways are these blessings veiled or made manifest through parables and other scriptures?
- What happens when the blessings of time do not seem to come? What are we to do?
- Other issues which the Lord may raise.

Assignment: 1. What is the first scripture reference in the Bible which promises rewards/blessings for obedience and faithfulness and punishment for disobedience? 2. Is it the plan of Elohim for believers to suffer at the hands of Satan and wicked people in this world and expect rewards only in heaven after death? 3. What are the various Schools of Thought of Religion concerning Rewards? 4. Please share any 3 other things you learnt from this chapter.

CHAPTER 2

TRUE WORSHIP IS IN SPITE OF NOT BECAUSE OF REWARDS

In this chapter, we will obtain biblical answers to the very first question in the synopsis: How should we relate to God? For His own pleasure or because of what He has to give? We are created and redeemed to worship and glorify Elohim. We exist for His pleasure! Our highest ideal as humans therefore is to worship unreservedly and unconditionally, whether He blesses us immediately or in the short, medium, or long terms. In other words, true worship of Elohim is in spite of not because of the rewards He has promised or will give. Understanding and embracing this truth will deliver us from the strange transactional relationship promoted by the false prosperity movement. To get to this level of pure relationship with Elohim is the acid test of and degree of discipleship and sonship. Saints who det to this dimension are true worshippers. Yeshua gave us a sneak peak into the prophetic calendar of Elohim when sons will be required to display pure worship.

John 4:21-24 (KJV) 21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. 23 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. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

For Yeshua, pure worship meant living to please The Father in all things, seeking to know and do His will.

John 4:31-34 (KJV) 31 In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat. 32 But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. 33 Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any

man brought him ought to eat? 34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

John 5:30 (KJV) 30 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 6:38 (KJV) 38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

He did not just submit to the will of The Father, but also did so whether it was convenient or not, even unto death on the Cross as Matthew 26:36-46 reveals. If we will be true disciples of Yeshua, we cannot hinge our worship of our heavenly Father on the rewards He will give us. We need to come to the place where Holy Spirit is given right of way to lead us in all things.

Romans 8:14 (KJV) 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

When He leads us in this way, we no longer fret over anything we encounter but rather learn to rejoice in the Lord always!

Philippians 4:4 (KJV) 4 Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

We praise and give Him glory, rejoicing at all estates in life: good times and not so good times, embracing and dancing through every fire on the way. In this state, we dare not withhold any part of our being or things we have from Him. All is laid out – 100% for the pleasure and glory and in service of He Who owns us by creation, redemption, providential care, and protection. True disciples cannot hinge their worship on the rewards Elohim has promised, otherwise, we will veer into a transactional type of relationship with Elohim.

Scriptural Survey on reality that Elohim deserves worship and praise is all situations and circumstances

There are a number of scriptures in both the Old and New Covenants which when understood enable us to walk in the reality that we were created and redeemed to worship Elohim without reservations.

Ephesians 2:4-9 (KJV) 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: 7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Galatians 2:20 (KJV) 20 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.

Revelation 4:9-11 (KJV) 9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, 10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Romans 12:1 (KJV) 12 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.

Colossians 1:16 (KJV) 16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible

and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

John 1:1-3 (KJV) 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Isaiah 43:7, 21 (KJV) 7 Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

21 This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.

Psalm 7:17 (KJV) 17 I will praise the Lord according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the Lord most high.

Psalm 29:1-2 (KJV) 1 Give unto the Lord, O ye mighty, give unto the Lord glory and strength. 2 Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Psalm 66:1-9 (KJV) 1 Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: 2 Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious. 3 Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee. 4 All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name. Selah. 5 Come and see the works of God: he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men. 6 He turned the sea into dry land: they went through the flood on foot: there did we rejoice in him. 7 He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah. 8 O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his

praise to be heard: 9 Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

Psalm 100 1-5 (KJV) 1 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. 2 Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. 3 Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. 5 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Psalm 150:6 (KJV) 6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

Hebrews 13:12-15 (KJV) 12 Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. 13 Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. 14 For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. 15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

Philippians 3:1-3 (KJV) 1 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe. 2 Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision. 3 For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

Matthew 4:8-10 (KJV) 8 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; 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. 10 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.

Revelation 15: 3-4 (KJV) 3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. 4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.” Revelation 15: 3-4

1 Peter 2:9-12 (KJV) 9 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; 10 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. 11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; 12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Philippians 2: 9-11 (KJV) 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.”

Revelation 14:6-7 (KJV) 6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to

preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,⁷ Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

Revelation 5: 9-13 (KJV) 9 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; 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. 11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; 12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.¹³ 3 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

Colossians 3:17, 23 (KJV) 17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him

23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;”

1 Chronicles 16:29 (KJV) 29 Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

1 Chronicles 16: 8-12 (KJV) 8 Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among

the people. 9 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, talk ye of all his wondrous works. 10 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord. 11 Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his face continually. 12 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;

1 Corinthians 10:26 (KJV) 26 For the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof.

1 Corinthians 10:31 (KJV) 31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 (KJV) 13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

True Praise and Worship hold strong even in the face of adverse circumstances!

Acts 4:23-31 (KJV) 23 And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. 24 And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: 25 Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? 26 The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. 27 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, 28 For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done. 29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, 30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy

child Jesus. 31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Acts 16:22-28 (KJV) 22 And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them. 23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely: 24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks. 25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. 26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. 27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. 28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

Psalms 132:1-7 (KJV) 1 Lord, remember David, and all his afflictions: 2 How he swore unto the Lord, and vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob; 3 Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed; 4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes, or slumber to mine eyelids, 5 Until I find out a place for the Lord, an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob. 6 Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields of the wood. 7 We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool.

In conclusion, dance through your fire and shame Satan! The whole purpose of attacking saints is to see if we can take our eyes off Elohim or accuse Him of not loving or caring for our wellbeing. When we imbibe the principles in this chapter, we will not give room

for Satan to have the last laugh. The best of Elohim are for those who worship in spite of not because of. They are true worshippers.

Assignment: 1. Please explain why true worship should be in spite of, not because of the rewards we expect to receive from the Lord 2. Please cite at least 10 scriptures in the Old and New Testaments which validate the reality that Elohim deserves worship whether or not He gives us any blessings.

CHAPTER 3

MOTIVES MATTER

Motive is the ultimate intention or reason which drives outward action. While humans see actions and assess them according to what is visible, Elohim alone knows the motives behind them. Elohim would like us to prepare for His blessings in a holistic way starting with purification of hearts and minds.

4 Key Kingdom Principles

1. We are in relationship with a Living Elohim whose ways and thoughts are higher than ours.

Isaiah 55:8-9 (KJV) 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

2. Hearts of humans are inclined to deceit, only Elohim Who searches the hearts and thoughts knows humans intimately!

Jeremiah 17:9,10 (KJV) 9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? 10 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.

Hebrews 4:12-13 (KJV) 12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

Habakkuk 1:13 (KJV) 13 Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he?

3. The Heart is heart of the Matter

Matthew 12:33-36 (KJV) 33 Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit. 34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. 35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. 36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

Matthew 15:17-19 (KJV) 17 Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught? 18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. 19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

Matthew 6:1-6 (KJV) 1 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. 2 Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. 3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: 4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly. 5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray

standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. 6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

Matthew 6:12-18 (KJV) 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. 14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: 15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. 16 Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. 17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; 18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

4. In the fullness of time, whatever Elohim has spoken will be surely performed.

Isaiah 55:10-11 (KJV) 10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: 11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

To seek for Divine Rewards with a corrupt heart is toxic and potentially deadly. Many people, including those who are seemingly zealous and love Elohim stumble at this point: the motivation behind outward actions. It is possible to give tithes, offerings, and sow seeds

for the wrong reasons of seeking instant gratification or even as acts of deception! It is possible to be zealous or generous for Elohim with the wrong spirit and attitude! The Holy Scriptures are filled with documented cases of people who have sought Elohim's Favour and even His spiritual gifts for the wrong reasons. A few examples will suffice. In the early days of the Church, Holy Spirit gave saints such an intense revelation of the Kingdom and the duty of care of saints towards each other that there was not hoarding or withholding of resources. The level of Grace was displayed in two passages:

Acts 2:44-47 (KJV) 44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common; 45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. 46 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, 47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Acts 4:34-37 (KJV) 34 Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, 35 And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need. 36 And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus, 37 Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

As these pure acts of charity were performed, Satan struck and corrupted the heart of a couple, Ananias and Sapphira. Out of the corrupted heart arose a deceptive plan to give, as we deduce, a false impress that their consecration was at par with Barnabas.

Acts 5:1-10 (KJV) 1 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, 2 And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and

brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. 3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? 4 Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. 5 And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things. 6 And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him. 7 And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in. 8 And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much. 9 Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out. 10 Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband.

That act of deception was judged instantaneously because of the principle of preserving purity of the Church:

1 Corinthians 5:6-8 (KJV) 6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? 7 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: 8 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.

Galatians 5:9 (KJV) 9 A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

In another instance of judgement executed by apostolic authority, a man in the city of Samaria tried to “buy” The Holy Spirit with money. No wonder that type of Sin is called Simony!

Acts 8:9-24 (KJV) 9 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: 10 To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God. 11 And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries. 12 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. 13 Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done. 14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: 15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: 16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) 17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. 18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, 19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. 20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. 21 Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. 22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. 23 For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity. 24 Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me,

that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.

Purpose of this chapter

The Lord is laying a foundation that is strong enough to undergird the core essence of this Course. It is important that those who seek to know and walk in the rewards of the Faithful do so out of pure hearts. This will save them from having a transactional attitude to Elohim which corrupts their service. A corrupt motive will not inherit the blessings of Elohim. We should never forget that He is the thrice Holy One who Alone is Omniscient and Omnipresent. He knows our hearts and understands the motivation behind what we do. Of all qualities a saint can ever have, nothing equals walking with Elohim with a pure heart which walks in sincerity and humility with Him. This state of heart excites Elohim, and it is to such that He releases Grace to see the Invisible and Possess the Impossible:

Isaiah 66:1-2 (KJV) 1 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? 2 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.

James 4:1-10 (KJV) 1 From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? 2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. 4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. 5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? 6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth

grace unto the humble. 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. 9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

In closing, let us know that if the heart is corrupted, our actions will be unacceptable to our heavenly Father Who searched all hearts. It is important that we give Elohim right of way to do the needful: search us and sanctify our hearts and minds so that we can walk in sincerity with Him. When this happens, we will have the capacity to avoid transactional attitude which reveals misunderstanding of Who Elohim is and mistrust of His Word.

Psalm 139:23-24 (KJV) 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: 24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (KJV) 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

Assignment: 1. Please summarise the 4 Kingdom Principles which explain why motives behind actions matter to Elohim 2. Give two instances in Acts of the Apostles where people tried to do what seemed right outwardly but with corrupt hearts and motives. 3. Share any 3 other things you learnt from this chapter.

CHAPTER 4

DIVINE-HUMAN PARTNERSHIP + DIVINE PERSPECTIVE OF BLESSINGS

In this chapter we shall obtain answers to the combo-question posed in the synopsis: What is the Divine perspective of prosperity and success? How does it differ from the perspective of the World? The essence of this chapter is to provide a holistic theological basis for understanding why Elohim blesses His Own. This will help to debunk the false notion in some of the religious right that prosperity and blessing are inherently toxic. Understanding this chapter will also deliver us from the faulty notions of blessing held dear by the religious left. In other words, this chapter builds on the previous chapters to provide balanced understanding of the subject matter.

Part A. Concept of Divine-Human Partnership

Before we delve into the depths of the answer, let us clear some procedural hurdles first: Understanding the concept of Divine-Human Partnership. Divine-Human Partnership is ordained for dominion of planet earth! Elohim, The God of the whole universe owns all that He created including all the mineral resources like Gold, Silver, precious stones, oil, and gas. The truth is that He has no need of anything for Himself! He Who owns all the cattle on a thousand hills is the El Shaddai – the self-sufficient One! He has all the resources He needs to build and enlarge His Kingdom on this side of eternity.

Psalm 50:10-13 (KJV) 10 For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. 11 I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine. 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof. 13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

Haggai 2:8 (KJV) 8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts.

Human beings come into the picture because Elohim God by Himself ordained to rule this planet through partnership with humankind. That partnership was established as a governmental ordinance that is sure and certain. For this reason, He created man in His own image to operate in the capacity of the measure of divinity by which other creatures and indeed the entire creation shall be subject.

Genesis 1:26-29 (KJV) 26 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. 28 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. 29 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.

Mankind was thus created as the assign of the Godhead to care for the earth (dress and keep it).

Genesis 2:15 (KJV) 15 And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

It is interesting that Elohim chose heaven for Himself and willingly gave to mankind, this planet as an inheritance!

Psalms 115:16 (KJV) 16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

To be called a son of God and heir of His entire inheritance is a glorious privilege!

John 1:11-12 (KJV) 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 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:

1 John 3:1-3 (KJV) 1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

The Lord is looking for saints who realize that their highest purpose is to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth, not to chase after material things.

John 4:23-24 (KJV) 23 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. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Such people will serve Him with a singleness of purpose, totally sold out to pursuit of His Kingdom and its righteousness. These are the true worshippers to whom He will commit the fullness of His resources because their hearts and minds cannot be corrupted or shifted away from Him by wealth and abundance of resources.

Matthew 6:31-33 (KJV) 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But

seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness;
and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:19-34 is a core provision of the Kingdom: submission to the King and single-minded commitment to His Kingdom purpose/agenda in exchange for His benefits! True worshippers therefore worship Elohim because of His worth; appreciate Him for who He is and are ever thankful for the mercies from Him which sustain us here on planet earth. Gratitude for life, health, strength, or wealth received graciously drives them to release words, songs or simply a sense of awe at His glory. For such people what Elohim will give is a secondary issue: The King deserves His glory – notwithstanding the state of our spiritual, emotional, physical, or financial well-being! Those who come to this “other-worldly” mindset are “dangerous people” feared by Satan and his demons. This is because like Paul, the poster man of the New Covenant of Grace, they have crossed the spiritual Rubicon and cannot be moved away from their dogged pursuit of and clinging unto Elohim by issues on earth or in heaven! They have nothing else to gory in save the Cross where the Saviour, Yeshua Jesus died and where our old man – that evil nature that is within humans is dealt a mortal blow.

Galatians 2:20 (KJV) 20 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 6:14 (KJV) 14 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.

In this state, the saints put all their trust and confidence in Elohim and His providence ensures that all things work together for their goods.

Romans 8:28 (KJV) 28 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.

Romans 8:35-39 (KJV) 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 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.

Part B. What is the God perspective of prosperity and success? How does it differ from the perspective of the World?

What that foundation cleared, let us now begin to construct the course content. Our starting point will be to have a full understanding of God's perspective of prosperity and success. To do this properly, it is important to first see what the world means by prosperity and success. What the world means by prosperity is the presence of abundant money and material resources, earned at all costs, legitimately or otherwise. Often, people of the world prosper at the expense of their souls and those of other people. They do not care what they do to get rich – fraud, deception, immoral living, absence of moral boundaries/ethics and lack of principles. Their ambitions cause their base instincts to be unleashed. With the right number of skills, raw intellect and hard work, “success” in their endeavours come over time.

The cost however is steep indeed!

1 Timothy 6:3-10 (KJV) 3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; 4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, 5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the

truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. 6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. 9 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.

James 5:1-6 (KJV) 1 Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. 2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten. 3 Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. 4 Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. 5 Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. 6 Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you.

The Divine Perspective

In the first place, Elohim, The God of heaven has an inside-out perspective of prosperity and a holistic view of success. In various ways, He says the same thing to drive home the point that prosperity is not just about unbridled accumulation of money and material goods. It is much more and must encompass all dimensions of life in the present with promise of an assured eternity of bliss with Him in the hereafter.

Matthew 6:19-24 (KJV) 19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt,

and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. 23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! 24 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.

Matthew 16:26 (KJV) 26 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?

Romans 14:17 (KJV) 17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Matthew 19:27-29 (KJV) 27 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? 28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

Assignment: 1. Please summarise the part A of this chapter: The Divine-Human partnership for purpose of exercising dominion in the earth realm. Cite at least 3 scriptures 2. Please summarise part B of this chapter: The Divine Perspective of Prosperity and blessings.

Cite at least 3 scriptures. 3. What additional thing(s) did you learn from this chapter.

CHAPTER 5

INTRINSIC BASIS OF THE SECURE PROMISES OF ELOHIM GOD FOR THE FAITHFUL

The perspective of Elohim God for prosperity and success is hinged on a sure principle: He is the creator, redeemer, and King of all who receive His love in Yeshua, Jesus and submit to His Sovereign rule. He is Father of all saints. Once any person is aligned with The Godhead on that principle, He or she ceases to be a statistic or unit of census.

Identity, Assignment and Allocation of resources are co-related

When we understand our proper identities in Yeshua, there is a dramatic shift of our position and relationship with The Father. We are joined to Him by the same Holy Spirit Who indwelt Yeshua when He was in the Body.

Colossians 1:9-23 (KJV) 9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; 12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: 15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: 16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17 And he is before all

things, and by him all things consist. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. 19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; 20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. 21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled 22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight: 23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

Colossians 2:6-10 (KJV) 6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: 7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. 8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. 9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. 10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

1 Corinthians 6:17 (KJV) 17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

The entire life assignment of the redeemed is weighed against the quantum of spiritual, financial resources and social capital (network of relationships, favour with Elohim God and people and trust) that is needful to fulfil the specific destiny, life mandate or divine assignment. In other words, every saint is truly on assignment from Elohim, The God of heaven as an agent and ambassador of His Kingdom to ensure that His will is done in the earth realm as it is

done in the heaven realm where He resides. In teaching on prayer, Yeshua made this truth the fulcrum of all else:

Matthew 6:10 (KJV) 10 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

In other words, we are not redeemed to live the way we want, pursuing our ambitions and fancies. Rather, ingrained in our redemption is the basic change of focus: from a 'me' or 'I' focus to a 'Him' focus which leads to continuance of His Mission Statement in the earth realm:

Luke 19:10 (KJV) 10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

This means that the primary ministry and calling of all the redeemed is summed up succinctly by Paul the apostle:

2 Corinthians 5:17-20 (KJV) 17 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; 19 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. 20 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 this kind of assignment, Elohim God decorates His earthly ambassadors with all that pertain to life and godliness so that they are effective in representing Him!

2 Peter 1:3-4 (KJV) 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: 4 Whereby are given unto

us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Ephesians 1:3-4 (KJV) 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 4 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:

If you will prosper and succeed according to the will of Elohim God, please settle it in your heart that you are not a happenstance, but a very intelligently crafted ambassador of Yeshua, Jesus! That understanding will give you the proper grounding to make Elohim, His Kingdom and purpose your primary delight and pursuit. In so doing, worry and stress over what to eat, drink and indeed other possessions are deleted from your consciousness

Matthew 6:33-34 (KJV) 33 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.

Modern Christians may find it difficult to comprehend the reality that Elohim knows All their needs and has made provision for all that are necessary at any given time to be released as and when due. The reality is that this is the case with our heavenly Father.

Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV) 11 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.

Matthew 6:7-8 (KJV) 7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. 8 Be not ye

therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

With this truth settled, you can proceed to ask, in faith for ALL of the Divine Allocation to fulfil your assignment! Neither Satan nor his demons nor yet evil men and women can withstand you when you stand on this solid ground of faith!

Matthew 7:7-11 (KJV) 7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? 10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? 11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

Secure Promises of Elohim for the Faithful

Many times, believers skim the surface of the word to pick off ‘promises’ which they hurl like firecrackers at Elohim in prayer. Times without number these ‘fire brigade’ prayers produce no fruit. Some get angry, bitter, and frustrated with Elohim, their Pastors and jealous/envious of other brethren who walk in blessings. What the Lord is doing through this course is to deliver saints from a mercantilist attitude. The reality is that most of the Promises of Elohim are essentially for those who walk in intimate relationship with Him.

Zechariah 1:3 (KJV) 3 Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Turn ye unto me, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the Lord of hosts.

Let us study, reflect/meditate on these specific promises and definite statements in the Scriptures which reveal disposition of Elohim towards blessing His Own. Collectively, they debunk the popular

theology in the religious right which does not emphasise holistic blessings on this side of eternity. Starting with the very first chapter of Genesis, the book of beginnings, we see in the original dominion mandate which Elohim gave to man, a sneak peek of His high esteem for His Own.

Genesis 1:26-29 (KJV) 26 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. 28 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. 29 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.

Genesis 2:15 (KJV) 15 And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

Job 36:11 (KJV) 11 If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.

Psalms 35:27 (KJV) 27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

Psalms 118:25 (KJV) 25 Save now, I beseech thee, O Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

Psalm 122:7 (KJV) 7 Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.

Jeremiah 33:9 (KJV) 9 And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honour before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them: and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure unto it.

Zechariah 1:17 (KJV) 17 Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the Lord shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.

The answer Jesus gave to Peter when He was asked the reward of those who are faithful is very instructive:

Matthew 19:27-29 (KJV) 27 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? 28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

This was in line with a core principle of the Kingdom Jesus had established as part of the Sermon on the Mount. There, the principle of divine ownership and responsibility of Yahweh as Father over members of His human family was firmly established:

Matthew 6:25-34 (KJV) 25 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? 26 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? 27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? 28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: 29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 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? 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 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.

Yeshua, Jesus taught saints to ask for what they need daily and specifically, assured that the Heavenly Father would provide. His Fatherhood includes divine responsibility for the temporal needs of His children.

Matthew 6:11 (KJV) 11 Give us this day our daily bread.

Matthew 7:7-11 (KJV) 7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? 10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? 11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

The scope of blessings, as we have seen in this chapter is infinite!

Psalm 103:1-22 (KJV) 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: 3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; 4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; 5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. 6 The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed. 7 He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel. 8 The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. 9 He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever. 10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. 11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. 12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. 13 Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. 14 For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust. 15 As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. 16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. 17 But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; 18 To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them. 19 The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all. 20 Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. 21 Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure. 22 Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul.

Misapplication of the Fall in Religion

There are many who argue that the dominion mandate was nullified by the Fall and replaced by the Curse. Indeed, the Fall of Adam and Eve in Genesis 3:1-6 was a cataclysmic disaster for mankind who became a victim in the earth realm.

Genesis 3:17-24 (KJV) 17 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; 18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 19 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. 20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. 21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them. 22 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: 23 Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. 24 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.

If this was the end of the story of humankind, we would be totally undone. Praise Elohim that this was a pause or comma, not a full stop! Thousands of years later, Yeshua was incarnated as Seed of the Woman to deliver those who believe from the effects of the curse:

Galatians 3:13-14 (KJV) 13 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:

14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

With Him and in Him, the status of our relationship with The Father changed from slaves to sons who inherit all earthly assets of our heavenly Father!

Galatians 4:4-7 (KJV) 4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. 6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. 7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Assignment: 1. Please outline the relationship between Identity, Assignment and Allocations 2. Please identify at least 5 promises in scripture indicating that Elohim wants His people to be blessed. 3. Please debunk the notion that because of the Fall of Adam and Eve, humankind was condemned permanently to sufferings and pain.

CHAPTER 6

THE CONTEXT OF OUR REWARDS

Let us fix our hearts and minds on the reality that this Course deals with Rewards of the Faithful. This is not stuff for the so-called believers or those who prefer to use their affinity to Him to pursue their selfish agendas! Yeshua, Jesus Himself situated rewards of the faithful in His epic response to the direct question of Peter which was quoted earlier in the previous chapters. Let us re-enact that scene:

Matthew 19:27-29 (KJV) 27 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? 28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

Proclamation of the King: Two broad scope of reward

In Matthew 19 verse 20, Jesus categorically asserted that all those who will make the required sacrifices for Him to rule as Sovereign King over their lives, allowing Him to occupy primacy of place before these potential rivals for primacy of place: siblings, parents, spouses, children or real estates (which happen to be the chief idols of every age) are assured of a double-barreled reward:

- one-hundred-fold reward in time and
- everlasting life in the eternal dimension of the Kingdom of God!

It is absolutely irresponsible for those of us in ministry to think we are holier or more knowledgeable than Yeshua, Jesus, the King!

How dare we, for any reason under the sun, devalue, set aside, or ignore such an extraordinary Proclamation of the King? How come that we shy away from preaching this all-time motivation to live right, choose right and serve right? We have no reason to take this aspect of the Holy Writ out of circulation simply because we hate what the false prophets who preach prosperity without holiness and Kingdom responsibility have done. We have no reason to concede space to preachers of error, then proceed to throw away the baby of truth with the bathwater of erroneous applications! Yeshua, Jesus, King of Kings and Lord of Lords is not throwing pearls before swine here. This is serious business! He is laying out a ground norm of the Kingdom: serving the King with singleness of heart, with all sincerity and in truth has rewards in this present life and in eternity. The obverse is also true: those who refuse to serve Him as He prescribes shall one day see the folly of living for Satan and their own ambitions as they shall be cut off from Him forever!

Concerning rewards for obedience and punishment for not engaging in Kingdom business on His own terms, let us take a fresh look at the parable of talents:

Luke 19:11-27 (KJV) 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. 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. 15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. 16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. 17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten

cities. 18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. 19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities. 20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: 21 For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow. 22 And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow: 23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury? 24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds. 25 (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.) 26 For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him. 27 But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.

Emulating the Father Who, as The ultimate motivator rewards His own with incentives!

In motivating saints to serve with the right heart and focus, Yeshua was only emulating the Father Himself. In His relationship with Abraham, we see Elohim at various times motivate His friend to get it right:

Genesis 12:1-3 (KJV) 1 Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Genesis 15:1-6 (KJV) 1 After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward. 2 And Abram said, Lord God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus? 3 And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir. 4 And, behold, the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir. 5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. 6 And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

Genesis 17:1-11 (KJV) 1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. 2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. 3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, 4 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. 5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. 6 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. 7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. 8 And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God. 9 And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations. 10 This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every

man child among you shall be circumcised. 11 And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.

The ultimate passage is the whole of Genesis chapter 22. Please study it diligently to see that Elohim has never deviated from the pattern of offering incentives and rewards to His saints on earth to consecrate their all to His service.!

Yeshua was motivated by The Father!

Very often, the flesh can cause us to skim the surface of scripture. But we must form the habit of digging deep to mine out the gold that is embedded in its depths. Let us understand that Jesus Himself was motivated by the Father to stay the course when it appeared all was lost. These three scriptures bear this truth out:

Luke 22:41-44 (KJV) 41 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, 42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. 43 And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. 44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Matthew 27:46 (KJV) 46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Hebrews 12:2 (KJV) 2 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.

The joy that was set before Yeshua, Jesus on conclusion of the assignment motivated Him to press on, even when it was not convenient; when pain wracked His physical body and rent His soul.

When Yeshua, Jesus remembered the outcome of His mission: redemption of all who would believe and their translation as members of the family of Elohim, He was strengthened, We too are encouraged to get past the infirmities of the flesh, lay aside weights and besetting sins to press into the realm of exaltation Elohim is calling us into with Yeshua as our example.

Hebrews 12:1-2 (KJV) 1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 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.

The point is this: it is part of the unsearchable ways of Elohim to motivate us with what seems right in His own sight to stay the course! Teachers and preachers must do well to dig out the secure promises of Elohim, allow Holy Spirit to breathe upon them and serve it to the saints in the right context. With the huge winds of adversity blowing across the world today, saints need to be reminded of the rewards of the present age and of eternity which are embedded in this gospel of the Kingdom to which we are called. Even Yeshua, Jesus Himself did likewise when He appeared to John on the Island of Patmos to dictate His epic instructions to the seven churches of Asia Minor.

Legal basis of the promises

We need to remind ourselves that the God we serve is unique. In spite of His high and lifted position and awesome power and glory, He stoops to meet us at our level through the incarnation, life, death, and resurrection of Yeshua, Jesus. Through that vicarious sacrifice, Abba inducts us into the awesome promises and unsearchable riches of the New Covenant. In this, the relationship of Elohim with His human family is sealed with an unbreakable promise:

Romans 8:32 (KJV) 32 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?

It is critical to realize that there is no greater sacrifice and no clearer expression of the love of Elohim for us than the sacrifice of Yeshua, Jesus for our redemption!

John 3:16 (KJV) 16 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.

1 John 3:1 (KJV) 3 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

If Elohim could go to that length to pay the price for our redemption, it will be preposterous to allow the dogma of the religious right that we were saved just to mark time on earth waiting for death to open the door to heaven for our rewards to stand! The postulations of the religious left that we are saved to just possess all the blessings of God without any solid responsibility to Him for holy living and Kingdom purpose is a no brainer also. We are redeemed to represent Elohim here on earth, doing His Kingdom business “occupy” with His Kingdom resources until the day appointed for our translation by rapture or death to the eternal realm.

Luke 19:11-13 (KJV) 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.

Those who are faithful to understand and ask in faith for ALL the resources needful to fulfil the present dimension of Kingdom

business will be decorated with the blessings and glory of God in time and in eternity!

Speaking of resources, there simply is no limit to what Elohim can and will do for those who flow in the centre of His perfect will, wholly consecrated to Him as living sacrifices, totally committed to the best interests of the Kingdom.

Matthew 6:33 (KJV) 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

The promises of Elohim are sure! Believe the word as it is and stand on the promises! If you are seeking first the Kingdom, the secure promise of Elohim is that you will be decorated with “all these things” which human beings seek after as part of their rat race on earth. We will shortly see how comprehensive the Kingdom scope of life is. We must never forget that Elohim has given us the permission to call Him Abba and relate intimately with Him as a Father.

Romans 8:15 (KJV) 15 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.

Galatians 4:6 (KJV) 6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

His plan is that we be and live in His image and likeness.

Genesis 1:26-27 (KJV) 26 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.

One word sums up the image and likeness of God: WHOLENESS. Our God is whole and as bearers of His DNA, we have no option than to be as He is!

1 John 4:17 (KJV) 17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

Saints, until we practice the Word and receive it as it is, there will be room for the enemy to smite and create an identity crisis! As He (Yeshua) is, so are we in this world! That is the legal basis of our godly prosperity and true success. We have already made the point that prosperity and success from a Divine perspective differs from that of the world. In the world, people chase after wealth and ‘success’ at all costs, pulling others down, trampling upon rights of others just to accumulate material assets and social stature which is then used to show off and compete with others. In the Kingdom life, our worth is not measured by the abundance of material things. That is why we must always put them in the right context and ensure that our focus is on Yeshua, Jesus and the Kingdom!

Romans 14:17-18 (KJV) 17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. 18 For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.

Assignment: 1. Please outline the two broad scopes of the rewards of the Faithful as proclaimed by King Yeshua 2. Please summarise with brief words, the legal basis of the promises 3. Mention 2 other things you learnt from the chapter.

CHAPTER 7

SCOPE OF BLESSINGS IN TIME PART 1

On this side of eternity, all humans who work hard, struggle hard and play the game of humans can 'make it'. Unfortunately, that kind of wealth comes with a great price: enmity with others; crises in the conscience and lack of peace. While the world burns with raw ambitions and adoption of pristine tactics to achieve them, the success of saints rest on the Word of Elohim and His immutable commitment and faithfulness to both His Word and His human family. His blessings make rich and add no sorrow.

3 John 2 (KJV) 2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth

Here we are introduced to the concept of holistic prosperity. This is one which encompasses all the realms of life: Spirit, Soul (mind, will, emotion) and Body. For the Faithful, the Lord undertakes to do the heavy lifting through the Blood that was shed by Yeshua, indwelling work of Holy Spirit, guidance in the Holy Scriptures and circumstances of life – including adverse ones through which the saints are matured.

1. Wellness in the Spirit-man. The Lord has made ample provision for our spiritual health. He asks us to simply trust Him wholly, abide in Him and rest in His willingness to use Holy Spirit to work in us to produce fruit while we abide in Him.

John 15:1-8 (KJV) 1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 2 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. 3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 4 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. 5 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. 6 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. 7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

Philippians 2:13 (KJV) 13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Philippians 1:6 (KJV) 6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

Galatians 5:22-25 (KJV) 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Those who grasp this simple key will find new dimensions of the power of the spiritual disciplines of regular, consistent prayer and study of the word, sensitivity to voice of Holy Spirit, genuine heartfelt repentance for any missteps or sin and transparency with the Lord and brethren which enable us to fall forward into the hands of Elohim rather than run away like Adam.

1 John 2:1-2 (KJV) 1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Those who live this way are blessed indeed with sound spiritual health that is inside out, affecting every realm of life. This is the exact opposite of the religious approach to holiness which involves observance of various rules and regulations that cannot deliver on righteousness.

Colossians 2:6-23 (KJV) 6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: 7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. 8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. 9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. 10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: 11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: 12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; 15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. 16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: 17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ. 18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, 19 And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God. 20 Wherefore if ye

be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, 21 (Touch not; taste not; handle not; 22 Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? 23 Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body: not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

In other words, Elohim takes full responsibility for spiritual health of His saints as part of His faithfulness for trusting Him.

2. Soul realm. In Yeshua, Jesus, we are called to be healthy in the realm of the soul. Never accept a situation where your emotions run riot, are unstable or act like a yo-yo! Your emotions are supposed to be subject to the Holy Spirit through your spirit man. If your mind is unstable, that is an unnatural state! Refuse to dwell in that state. Expose your mind to the searching light of the Word so that it can be renewed as Romans 12:2 and Ephesians 4:23 assert. Starting with small things, learn to be open to the promptings and leading on the Holy Spirit as you willingly yield your will to His. Do not just stay on the mount of Salvation by grace, running around in circles. That will only lead to stagnation and religiosity.

As we press forward by prayer, diligent study of the Word, allowing ourselves to function under godly authority for guidance and correction, He does the work of sanctification to all who are open and yielded to the Holy Spirit for inside out transformation.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (KJV) 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

When this is done, there will be a realignment that brings your soul and physical body under subjection to your spirit man. The spirit

man shall, in turn be subject to the Holy Spirit who dwells therein. At this point, you are properly aligned to move forward into the grand purpose of Elohim for your life! An individual who is ruled by his/her physical body cannot be spiritual. An individual, who is ruled by the soul with the motions of the mind, will and emotions can never please The Master!

Romans 8:5-9 (KJV) 5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

3. Wellness of the Body/Physical Health. As sons of Elohim, we have an inheritance of wellness and wholeness in our physical bodies, just as Yeshua, Jesus lived free of diseases. Where there is any breach in the balance of health, we are entitled to the healing effect of the stripes that Yeshua, Jesus specifically suffered for that purpose!

Isaiah 53:4-5 (KJV) 4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

1 Peter 2:24 (KJV) 24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

For this reason, Yeshua, Jesus gave charge that hands be laid on the sick in His Name for recovery to take place as part of the Great Commission.

Mark 16:15-18 (KJV) 15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 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.

James 5:16-18 (KJV) 16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. 17 Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. 18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

No matter how much you are challenged in your physical body, never believe the lie that God is responsible and has made you to be so in order to enable you to be holy! The messenger of Satan that was allowed to afflict Paul was for a specific purpose: to save him from the pride that would have destroyed his walk and ministry.

2 Corinthians 12:7 (KJV) 7 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.

It is also important to avoid guilt complex over any infirmity or to accuse those who are unwell of secret sins for which they are punished. There are some inexplicable things in life which we need to learn how to commit into the hands of the Most High. He alone can bring solutions – in His Own appointed time.

John 9:1-3 (KJV) 1 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? 3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

4. Financial adequacy

Here, the Lord makes a simple commitment to provide ALL the resources (ALLOCATION) needful to pursue and fulfil the full scope of responsibilities (ASSIGNMENT/DESTINY) committed to our trust. Elohim is able to release the Spirit of favour that can cause even the poorest saint to come into abundance. He owns the cattle on a thousand hills. Psalm 24 says explicitly:

Psalm 24:1-2 (KJV) 1 The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. 2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

The Lord then qualifies those who He commits the blessings of the resources that He owns .

Psalm 24:3-6 (KJV) 3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? 4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. 5 He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. 6 This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.

A mindset issue!

Ultimately, it is a mindset issue! Do you believe it is all part of the New Covenant for the Father to provide all you need? The spirit of religion makes saints to dwell securely in the curse pronounced on Adam and the earth at the fall.

Genesis 3:17-19 (KJV) 17 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; 18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 19 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.

At Calvary Cross, the curse was comprehensively broken by the spilling of the Blood of Yeshua, Jesus – God Who was made flesh for that purpose, among others. His last Words are significant:

John 19:30 (KJV) 30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

Unto Paul was committed the sacred responsibility of downloading to the elect, the full implication of IT IS FINISHED!

Galatians 3:13-16 (KJV) 13 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: 14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. 15 Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto. 16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

You have a choice which no person can make for you: to dwell in Genesis 3:17-19 or Galatians 3:13-14. As for me and my house, we stand upon the fullness of the ordinance of the New Covenant to declare that we are not cursed and the ground for sake of our Elohim given assignment, shall yield forth her increase!

2 Peter 1:3 (KJV) 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:

Have you been faithful in serving the Lord since you believed or since you matured in Yeshua? Get ready to receive what is freely yours!

Assignment: 1. Please provide a brief exposition of 3 John 2. 2. Please write a short summary of how Elohim produces wellness in the spirit-man of saints. 3. Please write a short summary of how Elohim produces healing of the soul realm 4. How does Elohim ensure wellness of the physical body? 5. Does Elohim provide for the financial blessings of saints? 6. Describe how it the mindset of a believer can affect ability to walk in the blessings of the Lord.

CHAPTER 8

A COMPLETE COVENANTAL RELATIONSHIP

The Lord does not want us to forget that the New Covenant is not like the Old Covenant which led ended up in religion of rituals without heart performed in Temples on certain ‘holy days’ and times. In the Old Testament mindset, people perceived Elohim as a distant unknown God Who is ever angry, and in figurative language, carrying a hammer always ready to strike believers. I remember as a young convert that was the image one of the Pastors gave me one day of God carrying a hammer to wait to hit those who commit any sin. Some of us come into the Kingdom and we do not deal with those old mindsets which makes it difficult for us to receive the Fatherhood of Elohim. That is why we need to open our heart to the Word of life which will build up our Faith.

Romans 10:17 (KJV) 17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God

Although you and I may know these things the Lord emphasizes them so that we can be quickened in our faith to walk in the victory that is already procured for us at the cross of calvary. In Jeremiah chapter 31 the Lord gives a picture of what he wanted to do in the earth realm. Moses had given them the Law. The Law ended up in religious activities and rituals without heart. Elohim looked at them and said:

Jeremiah 31:31-33 (KJV) 31Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: 32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord 33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their

hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Elohim's plan for New Covenant saints is one in which His Laws will be written within our hearts or spirit-man when we are born again and sealed into Him. He backed up His vision with an oath:

Jeremiah 31:7 (KJV) 7 Thus saith the Lord; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the Lord.

Speaking to Nicodemus in John 3, Yeshua gave him some insight into the new birth experience

John 3:3 (KJV) 3 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.

The amazed religious leader wondered how this would be possible for adults!

John 3:4-5 (KJV) 4 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? 5 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.

Let us take note that to 'See' and to 'Enter' are two separate things. He went on to explain that the New Birth experience is a spiritual transaction of Holy Spirit in the human heart!

John 3:6 (KJV) 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

That's why the Lord wants us to remember we are a new creation

2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV) 17 Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Old things include the former nature of Sin which dominated life. It includes Old things that you were a part of: the old family limitations, and the old family constrictions. The Lord says he has plucked you out of it. And wants us to know that he that is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:17 (KJV) 17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit

At the new birth, our bodies are now the temple of Holy Spirit. Though physically on earth, He makes us to be of a different composition as other human beings who share the same earth realm. Saints are not the same as other human beings on earth who have rejected Yeshua, and the salvation of Elohim in him. Our case is different. The Lord says he that those who are His are inheritors of His immeasurable assets and resources:

1 Corinthians 3:21-22 (KJV) 21 Therefore, let no man glory in men. For all things are your's; 22 Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours

This is what the Lord is saying to his people: if we are born again and we continue in faith the way the Lord ordained it He guarantees us an inheritance, all things that pertain to life and godliness. Yes, we have an inheritance in our heavenly Father. It is an inheritance we possess through the knowledge of him who called us.

2 Peter 1:3-4 (KJV) 3According 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: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

His inheritance are the rewards that the Lord has promised the faithful. Elohim's faithfulness guarantees provision for all our needs. Everything single thing means everything indeed which pertains to life and godliness in the earth realm. We are not to live and behave as if He is not there. He is a God that is there! We should not behave as if we are orphans in the world and our parents are not there. If we embrace His kingdom and righteousness as our priority in terms of things to focus on he makes an unbreakable commitment to care for our needs.

Matthew 6:24 (KJV) 24No 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.

We need to make a choice. It is impossible for the heart to be filled with mammon and yet serve Elohim. But if you serve Elohim in sincerity and singleness of eye, He will give you what you need to fulfill your destiny. It is a matter of priority. It is a matter of option. Which option are you pursuing?

Matthew 6:33-34 (KJV) 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

When it says seek first the kingdom and his righteousness, that does not mean you have to go into so called 'full time ministry' carrying the bible as a preacher 24/7. It rather means:

- to enthrone Yeshua in your heart as King Who rules everything you do every moment of your life. It is a lifestyle of living by His spirit, doing whatever he tells you to do.
- Seek the kingdom in terms of primal investment in kingdom business. It includes preaching so that sinners will hear and be saved; intentional discipling of those who are saved and

bringing them to the place where they are under the submission to the authority of the King.

Everything the Lord wants to accomplish through you whether you are in full time ministry or in the marketplace whether you have a hybrid calling (combining pulpit and market place ministry), the question is what does he want to accomplish through you? He will empower and guide you by His Spirit to accomplish all that He has purposed to do through your vessel. Your heart is therefore not on what to get out of what you do. Rather, all your heart is in Him. If your heart is in money, it will cause you to come under the dominion of mammon, the abomination of Babylon. If your heart is in anything other than Him those things will possess your being. Because the being is like a vessel, what you put inside it is what it is. The Lord is asking: are you going to allow me to take over your being as my appointed vessel? It is in this regard that The Lord says to those who are truly seeking him first and his kingdom:

John 6:27 (KJV) 27Labour 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.

Your life pursuit is not to be for bread and butter. Your pursuit should rather be Him. If you pursue Him the bread and butter needed will come to you by course because the Father knows your need and has already indicated a willingness to supply them.

Matthew 6:7-8 (KJV) 7But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

In the Kingdom economy, the blessings or rewards may not just come but may come in abundance.

Ephesians 3:20 (KJV) 20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

For those who are faithful to visions and vision holders they are connected to, what Paul said of the saints in Philippi is relevant.

Philippians 4:15-19 (KJV) 15 Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. 16 For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity. 17 Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. 18 But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God. 19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

In the things we do, all that saints need is a leading or direction of what the will of The Father is. Once aligned with His will, He can bless the faithful anyhow and anywhere, using whatever human vessel or institution as agents of increase:

- The Lord can connect you to somebody and that one person can be the instrument of blessings untold.
- The Lord can give you favor and that can be the instrument of blessings untold.

That is why the Lord wants us to have an expansive view of His rewards and Kingdom compensation principles. They come by our covenantal relationship with our Father. Rewards do not come outside of it. When the covenant is real certain benefits are a done deal.

An overview of the benefits/blessings in Psalm 103

Psalm 103:1-2 (KJV) 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

The benefits are His rewards. What are the rewards? Let us consider some of them in this Psalm.

Psalm 103:3 (KJV) 3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases”

Do not let anybody tell you that because of a particular sin, mistake, or error of judgement in time past, the Lord is angry with you perpetually. According to Proverbs 28:13, Elohim forgives the repentant. Elohim forgives all iniquities. Yeshua told us that the only sin that cannot be forgiven is the sin against Holy Ghost. The question is: what is? It is the sin of attributing to Satan - out of malice - what Elohim is doing in order to downgrade or detest it. This is the sin against the Holy Ghost because it is His spiritual gift that is despised.

Matthew 12: 22-32 (KJV) 22 Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. 23 And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David? 24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. 25 And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: 26 And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? 27 And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges. 28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. 29 Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house. 30 He that

is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad. 31 Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. 32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.

Outside this Sin, there is nothing you have ever done that the Lord cannot forgive you. That why he says fall forward into His hands when sin occurs. Do not run away from Him like Adam. As He called 'Adam, Adam where are you', the first man ran into the bush (Genesis 3: 1-8). That is why repentance is one of the most powerful things you can ever grasp and hold onto as a believer.

The ability to repent of sin of thought, word, or deed, and attitude is sign of maturity. Responsible saints are never too big or too slow to repent any time they fall short! Do not be too big to repent. If you are too big to repent it is possible that one has not just backslidden, but may have fallen into the ditch of apostasy. Bless the Lord Who forgiveth all thine iniquities. He forgives iniquities. He forgives sin.

Psalm 103:3 (KJV) 3Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases

There is no disease Elohim cannot heal. By the stripes that Yeshua suffered, we are made whole.

1 Peter 2:24 (KJV) 24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Psalm 103:4(a) (KJV) 4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction;"

Many believers have no idea how many demons have been set against us operating covertly and overtly. You have no idea how many witches and wizards have attacked you when you were sleeping. He redeems our lives from destruction.

“who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies” Psalm 103:4(b)

“Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things” Psalms 103:5(a)

He satisfies. You may not have all the money in the world but even the little you have can bring great satisfaction that you are not moved by what other people have. Some may have 100 buildings but that one He gave to you brings great satisfaction, contentment, and joy in the hearts of spiritual saints.

“so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's”. Psalm 103:5(b)

The Lord can do a work which halts the aging process and make us to be like Caleb who at 85 declared that his strength still as it was when he was 40:

“6 Then the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the LORD said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadeshbarnea.7 Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadeshbarnea to espy out the land; and I brought him word again as it was in mine heart.8 Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the LORD my God.9 And Moses sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the LORD my God.10 And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as he said, these

forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old.¹¹ As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in.¹² Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.” Joshua 14: 6-12

“The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed” Psalm 103: 6.

Are you oppressed? The Lord can execute judgement and righteousness for you.

“He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel” Psalm 103:7

We need to graduate to the place where we begin to understand the ways of Elohim. That is what this course is all about. The Lord is in the business of making known His ways to us so that we are not like people try to bargain with Him: ‘God if you want me to do this will you give me that blessing’?. He says what we need – expressed or unexpressed - is already guaranteed. It is guaranteed because He has designed it such that our allocations will match our assignments. This principle is so simple: People are different. Their Assignments in the earth realm are different. In the same way, the quality and quantity of Allocations of resources to match assignments will necessarily vary. Understanding this will ensure that there is no jealousy, competition, or strife. When this principle is understood there will be no comparison at all.

“The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.” Psalm 103:8

The Lord is truly longsuffering. If He was carrying a hammer to hit me by now there would be no George left. There would be none of us left. But He is merciful, gracious, and slow to anger. He is plenteous in mercy. There are some people who are looking for the old you: you of many years ago. They are looking for the old you in your present. Such people are playing a game and scoring an own goal because ‘you’ they are clinging at, who they thought they knew is nonexistent! They have no idea the process the Lord and His mercy has brought you through. He is putting you in a place where He can use you. Do not let yourself be defined by people.

“He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger forever” Psalm 103:9

He is not always frowning His face neither will he keep his anger forever. Though He hates Sin, Elohim allows His love for us to arrest those who are out of the way to lead them to repentance.

“He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. 11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.” Psalm 103:10-11

Do you fear him? His Mercy is too high for people to contemplate, to understand.

“As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.” Psalm 103: 12

That is what the blood of the Lamb did, it took away and blotted out our Sins.

“Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.” Psalm 103: 13

The key to tap into this realm of mercy is to recognize Elohim and relate with Him as a Father. When we recognize that He is a God that is there, Omniscient and Omnipresent, we will not play games with Him. He pities those who fear Him.

“ For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.¹⁵ As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. ¹⁶ For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. ¹⁷ But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;” Psalm 103: 14-17

Our Creator knows how fragile we are. He can extend his mercy to you and from you to your children and generations to come. There are certain deeds we do in our lifetime that secure a place in the kingdom for the people to come. Righteousness is not inherited because it is a gift to be received by those who He chooses. However, there is a way Christians can serve Elohim which touches His heart to the extent of extending mercy to children and their offspring. Even when some of those children stray away, Elohim can because of the covenant relationship between you and Him draw them back to himself like described in Psalm 89: 20-37.

“But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children.¹⁸ To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.” Psalm 103:17, 18

May your children and children’s children serve the Lord unto the coming of Yeshua.

“The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all” Psalm 103: 19

The Kingdom of Elohim rules over all things in heaven and earth, including the workplace, where you are. His Kingdom rules everywhere.

“Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.” Psalm 103: 20

Do you know there are angels assigned to you? To minister to you as an heir of salvation.

According to Hebrews Chapter 1:13-14 angels are messengers of Elohim assigned to minister to us, the heirs of salvation. Their job is to help us through tough situations. In 2 Kings 19:35, one angel slaughtered 185 thousand Assyrians in a moment of time, to give King Hezekiah of Israel a decisive victory in answer to his earnest prayer to Elohim. are real spiritual beings deployed around saints and throughout the heavens and earth realm. It is just that somehow our eyes of understanding are not open. If you are facing impossible situations, difficulties, and hard choices there comes a time you can just allow Holy Spirit to inspire you to The Father for the guardian angel assigned to you and call them forth by Faith, believing that heaven will respond favorably. When your natural strength comes to an end, let the angels come to assist..

“Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure. 22 Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul.”
Psalm 103: 21-22

Your home is part of his dominion. Your office is part of his dominion. Your business is part of his dominion. So, you need to learn how to praise the Lord and give him all glory and all honor. He deserves it all. Do not be very economical about your praise. Do not be economical about your worship. Just exalt him. When you meet adverse situations, you pray and even fast but it seems to tarry get into praise mode! Get into exaltation of the Great I AM that I AM; The El Shaddai Jehovah Jireh, El Gibbor: He who created all things by the word of His power. Remind him of His great acts and wonder deeds: how he parted the Red Sea. How he took Israel through the 40 years in the wilderness how he parted the River Jordan and divided the promise land and gave it to Israel. It is this Lord Who is also our protector. And he says in Psalms 91:

“He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.” Psalm 91: 1

Will you dwell in the secret place in prayer? Will you dwell in the secret place in consecration and commitment?

“I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.” Psalm 91: 2

He wants to be our fortress. The bible says the name of the Lord is a strong tower the righteous run into it and are safe

“Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.” Psalm 91:3

He will deliver you from every evil including pandemics. The noisome pestilence will not get you.

“He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. 5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; 6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.” Psalm 91: 4-6

You are protected. You are preserved. Even when destruction visits the environment and theatre of war, The Lord is able to preserve you.

“A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.” Psalm 91: 7

Will you believe the scripture as you go forth to do what the Lord has called you to? Will you believe that a thousand can fall this way and ten thousand the other way. Will you believe that your case can

be different by the ordinance of the reward system of Elohim for those who are His.

“Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.” Psalm 91:8

You don't need to pray dangerous prayers against real or assumed 'enemies'. You don't need to call down so called “Holy Ghost fire” against those that say or do evil against you. Throw those prayer books into the trash heap because you do not need them. It is already a done deal that Elohim will reward the wicked with divine punishment and does not need our help! Do not repay evil with evil. Rather intercede and pray for those who offend. Pray that the Lord would visit them and for them to be saved. That is what we owe them. Do not fight for yourself if you truly trust Elohim.

“Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; 10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.” Psalm 91: 9-10

This is the Lord saying to us in this season there shall no evil befall you.

“For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.¹² They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.” Psalm 91: 11

This promise was not just for Yeshua, It is for you also. There are angels assigned to you according to your assignment on earth. They will keep you from any destructive thing because the line of the blood of the covenant is around you. And within that bloodline Satan is outside and can only make noise. You are protected. You are preserved.

“Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.” Psalm 103: 13

What is that lion in your life that is roaring. His position is underneath your feet. What is that adder or snake that is rattling, trying to smite? The reality is that his place is underneath your feet.

“Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. 16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation” Psalm 103: 13

The Lord is with us, Elohim. He tells us we have victory over even Satan himself. As 1 Peter 5: 8-9 says, you have the capacity, in Yeshua, to resist Satan steadfastly in the faith and he will flee.

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.” 1 Peter 5:8-9

Part of reward of the faithful is the capacity to resist Satan in the earth realm.

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” James 4:7

Stop giving oxygen to Satan. The more you call his name and attribute every challenge and difficulty to him, the more you empower him to feel invincible. The Word says ‘resist him and he will flee’.

“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.” Revelation 12:11

You can overcome Satan and by Blood of the Lamb! Furthermore, all the powers of darkness that are part of his fiendish governmental

authority structure can also be overcome according to what we are told in Ephesians 6:10-18:

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:”
Ephesians 6:10-18

You can triumph over them. The authority is within you - in your tongue. Believe these truths as a done deal in your heart and speak authoritatively with your tongue, and consider it done!

“22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. 23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.” Mark 11:22-24

The same way you were saved, is the same way to walk in all the blessings of the reward and exercise victory all the time: Believe in your heart you confess with your tongue.

“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;⁹ 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.¹⁰ For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” Romans 10: 8-10

This is the same way healing can come; the same way deliverance can come. It is the same way that everything can come. Therefore saints should live in the lifestyle mode of praying without ceasing since no one knows the ‘evil day’ when the hosts of hell can come against us:

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;” Ephesians 6: 18

Learn to live above the attacks of the enemy. We are in the end of the age and the Lord wants his people to know he is a faithful Elohim. He rewards his people, He provides for his people, He cares for his people and if you are in him, you have nothing on earth to be afraid of.

Assignment: Share 5 things you received from this teaching

CHAPTER 9

THE PRINCIPLES OF REWARDS/HOLISTIC PROSPERITY

At this stage in our study, it may be necessary to incorporate some scriptural principles which will help us to avoid the snare of one-track thinking. It is the reality that embedded in the Word are some specific principles of blessings through which He rewards humans. Those who understand and give Holy Spirit space to release Grace for walking in these principles will flow in holistic prosperity which come as rewards for their faithfulness. Elohim is Faithful to Himself, His Word, to His children in the earth realm and indeed to all of humanity. What He says in the Word is backed by His Personality and Power.

Psalm 138:2 (KJV) 2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

1. Sovereign Acts of Elohim

These are the things that Elohim does because He is Sovereign, with inherent capacity to do whatever He chooses including bless those He wishes without fitting into any logical pattern understandable to humans. Some rewards in scripture were based on His Sovereign acts.

Deuteronomy 7:9-10 (KJV) 9 Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations; 10 And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face.

2. Election

This is when Elohim, in exercise of His Sovereign will chooses any human or family for the purpose of being His assigns in the earth realm or manifestation of any of His prophetic counsels.

Romans 9:6-24 (KJV) 6 Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: 7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. 8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed. 9 For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sarah shall have a son. 10 And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac; 11 (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;) 12 It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger. 13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. 14 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid. 15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. 16 So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. 17 For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. 18 Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth. 19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will? 20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? 21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour? 22 What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of

wrath fitted to destruction: 23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, 24 Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob fitted into this category. The blessings they walked in were entirely by the Grace of Election. Even though their off springs, the Jews staggered of course with the Promise of the Messiah, they have continually walked in aspects of the Abrahamic blessings.

3. Inheritance – heritage of the first born

Wired into the earth realm is the reward of the first born. It is one in which the first born automatically inherits for instance the family house, if a male. His intellectual, physical abilities, social standing and wealth status have nothing to do with the inheritance. It is only in specific instances where profanity and gross sin is involved that the inheritance skips a man. Reuben lost his inheritance due to gross immorality – incest with his father’s concubine

1 Chronicles 5:1-2 (KJV) 1 Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel, (for he was the firstborn; but forasmuch as he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Israel: and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright. 2 For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him came the chief ruler; but the birthright was Joseph's:)

4. Compassion/Mercy/Pity

Compassion and Mercy are part of the intrinsic nature of Elohim as Psalm 103 and other scriptures reveal. Humans who walk with hearts full of compassion, who respond to the felt needs and pains of others and have pity on those who suffer are promised rewards that are truly staggering.

Proverbs 19:17 (KJV) 17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.

Psalms 41:1-3 (KJV) 1 Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. 2 The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies. 3 The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.

Matthew 25:31-40 (KJV) 31 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: 32 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: 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 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: 35 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: 36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. 37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? 38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? 39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 40 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.

5. Favour

There are people who Elohim clothe with Favour. Such people walk in inexplicable dimensions of blessings. Doors that are closed

to others in various realms of life often open to them without any effort on their part. He especially places this mantle on those who are obey His word, trust Him completely and are merciful towards others.

Proverbs 3:1-6 (KJV) 1 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: 2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. 3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: 4 So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. 5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

6. Sowing and Reaping/ Seed time and harvest time

This principle was instituted by Elohim as a foundational one to keep the earth realm in balance. Right after the flood when this principle was pronounced, it has governed everything and will keep doing so until everyone enters the eternal phase of what they sowed: Eternal Bliss or eternal damnation.

Genesis 8:22 (KJV) 22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

Galatians 6:7-9 (KJV) 7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8 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. 9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Those who sow in righteousness shall reap eternal rewards.

Hosea 10:12 (KJV) 12 Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

Matthew 25:34 (KJV) 34 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:

In the same way, those who serve in unrighteousness stand in mortal danger of eternal damnation!

Matthew 7:21-23 (KJV) 21 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. 22 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? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Matthew 25:41-46 (KJV) 41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: 43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. 44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? 45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. 46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

7. Diligence

The principle of diligence also undergirds the earth realm. Whatever you do, if done with all your heart, consistently and persistently will lead to breakthrough into the realm of blessings and promotion, one day.

Proverbs 10:4 (KJV) 4 He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

Proverbs 12:24 (KJV) 24 The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.

Proverbs 12:27 (KJV) 27 The slothful man roasteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man is precious.

Proverbs 22:29 (KJV) 29 Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.

8. Love and Unity

Mutual love and Unity have been modelled in all eternity by Elohim, The Godhead – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He wants us to follow His example and shun things and people which break the power of love and unity. Throughout the Bible, there is an underlying message that love leads to bonding of humans and unity leads to breakthrough and success in any human or spiritual endeavour.

John 13:34-35 (KJV) 34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Ephesians 5:1-2 (KJV) 1 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 sweetsmelling savour.

When individuals unite around a particular vision and align with leaders, a critical mass of synergy is generated which leads to breakthrough. In the New Testament, Unity is a vital pillar of Kingdom life because it releases synergy which leads to breakthrough in all situations.

John 17:20-23 (KJV) 20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; 21 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. 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23 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.

Whenever people unite around a leader and vision, victory is assured as Yeshua dwells amongst His people.

Matthew 18:19-20 (KJV) 19 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. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Ephesians 4:1-6 (KJV) 1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

1 Chronicles 12: 38 (KJV) 38 All these men of war, that could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel: and all the rest also of Israel were of one heart to make David king.

Joel 2:7-9 (KJV) 7 They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks: 8 Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded. 9 They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief.

Even among sinners, Elohim recognized the awesome power of united thoughts and actions and implications of such in the building of the Tower of Babel.

Genesis 11:1-6 (KJV) 1 And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. 2 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. 3 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. 4 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. 5 And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. 6 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.

Certain negative attitudes and actions such as backbiting, tale bearing, selfishness and self-centredness are agents of disunity and should be discerned and avoided. The word is particular concerning how the Church should deal with evil influences.

Romans 16:17 (KJV) 17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

Proverbs 26:20 (KJV) 20 Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.

Proverbs 26:22 (KJV) 22 The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

9. Prayer

The Lord wants His children to see Him as a dependable Father Who is there for them and to therefore approach Him in confidence anytime there is need.

Matthew 7:7-11 (KJV) 7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? 10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? 11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

Those who persist in prayer are assured of breakthrough!

Luke 18:1-8 (KJV) 1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; 2 Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: 3 And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. 4 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; 5 Yet because this widow

troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. 6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. 7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? 8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

However, our heavenly Father wants us to know that though He has enough for the needs of all His children, He does not indulge covetousness or greed. Those who ask out of lust or worldliness operate outside His will.

James 4:1-4 (KJV) 1 From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? 2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. 4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

10. Divine Connection/Alignment

In His wisdom, Elohim ordains Destiny helpers for every child of His in the earth realm. Their assignment is to support those they are assigned to as Holy Spirit leads. They are to do this with joy, as unto Him, not because of anything they hope to get from the person. One of the greatest acts of humility and wisdom is to discern, connect with and stay connected with the assigned destiny helpers until their work is completed. For Esther, her destiny helper was Mordecai. Lot prospered when he was aligned with Abraham. When he unwisely allowed covetousness and pride to bring separation, his descent towards trouble began.

Genesis 13:1-18 (KJV) 1 And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with

him, into the south. 2 And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold. 3 And he went on his journeys from the south even to Bethel, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Hai; 4 Unto the place of the altar, which he had make there at the first: and there Abram called on the name of the Lord. 5 And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents. 6 And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together. 7 And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land. 8 And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren. 9 Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left. 10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar. 11 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. 12 Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom. 13 But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly. 14 And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: 15 For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. 16 And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. 17 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee. 18 Then Abram

removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the Lord.

The well-watered sight which attracted him was to land Lot and family into the midst of Sodom and Gomorrah. Ever so gracious, Abraham, the destiny helper did not give up on his nephew.

11. Generosity

The word is clear that those who are generous and liberal will be continuously provided for by Elohim.

Proverbs 11:25 (KJV) 25 The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

2 Corinthians 8:10-15 (KJV) 10 And herein I give my advice: for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago. 11 Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have. 12 For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. 13 For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: 14 But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality: 15 As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack.

12. Holiness

Holiness is part of the intrinsic nature of Elohim. He is pure in thoughts, word, and deeds. He is ever ready to sanctify those who yearn to be like Him. When we are like Him, there is better flow in our relationship which grants saints access to all that their Father has.

1 Peter 1:15-16 (KJV) 15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;
16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

Amos 3:3 (KJV) 3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed?
Holiness is clearly profitable!

Assignment: 1. Please summarise any 7 of these 12 Principles of Rewards and divine Prosperity 2. Which of them particularly impacted or challenged you?

CHAPTER 10

A FAITHFUL ELOHIM AND WAYS OF THE FAITHFUL

Part A. Introduction

A careful examination of the Holy Scriptures reveals that Elohim has two broad approaches in blessing humanity.

1. General Benefice of The Creator-God

In spite of the sins of fallen humanity, Elohim still cares for all of His creation. In those fundamentals, He does not discriminate.

Matthew 5:45 (KJV) 45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

It is in His Faithfulness that Elohim sustains the earth realm and prevents the utter destruction which humans would have visited on the creation through things like nuclear war. While Sinners may enjoy His free Sunlight and Rain, rejection of the free Salvation in Yeshua, Jesus amounts to a certain future apart from Him – eternal perdition.

John 3:16-19 (KJV) 16 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. **17** For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. **18** He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. **19** And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

These scriptures emphasize the reality that the long road to Hell and the Lake of Fire is actually based on the choice to reject the Salvation of Elohim in Yeshua!

Mark 9:47-48 (KJV) 47 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: 48 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

Revelation 21:8 (KJV) 8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

2. The Promises/Rewards are for the Faithful

The great promises of blessings in the Bible are truly not for all humans. They are reserved generally for His children and specifically for the Faithful. In writing the powerful epistle to the Colossians, this is how Paul prefaced it:

Colossians 1:1-2 (KJV) 1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timotheus our brother, 2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord, seated securely on His Throne in the heavenlies, does something regularly: His eyes are on the lookout for manifestation of faithfulness in humans.

Psalms 101:6 (KJV) 6 Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.

2 Chronicles 16:9 (KJV) 9 For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect

toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.

Part B. Definitions. What is Faithfulness?

According to the dictionary, the word Faithful is an adjective with these meanings:

1. Remaining loyal and steadfast. These are Similar words: loyal, constant, true, devoted, true-hearted, unswerving, unwavering, staunch, steadfast, dedicated, committed, trusted, trusty, trustworthy, dependable, reliable, obedient, dutiful

The Opposite of Faithful is unfaithful. This implies that one is unreliable, not dependable, lacking in integrity and opportunistic. Unfaithful people are dangerous, like Judas Iscariot and are more interested in what they will 'get' out of an assumed relationship.

2. It is a quality which along with LOVE, HOLINESS, UNITY, reflects the nature of Elohim: He is Faithful!

IMPLICATIONS – To be faithful is the ability to embrace, connect with and stick to a vision of The Kingdom we are called to; take our places therein and stick to the divine instructions as given; give it our all without reservations or modifications

Faithfulness connotes Loyalty, and primal Commitment to the King and His Kingdom purposes which does not change with mood, circumstances of life and cannot be bought with money or enticement. Faithfulness is part of the intrinsic nature of Elohim which we inherit as part of His DNA. Those who are faithful cannot fall easily to devices and wiles of Satan manifested through 'dreams', 'visions' and 'revelations' which are contrary to the mind of Elohim.

Part C. Faithfulness is a virtue of Elohim which He desires to see as a lifestyle in His children

The Old and New Covenants are united in presentation of Elohim as a Faithful God. He manifests this virtue as a lifestyle.

Deuteronomy 7:9 (KJV) 9 Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth

covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

Deuteronomy 32:4 (KJV) 4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

Isaiah 49:7 (KJV) 7 Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the Lord that is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee.

Out of Faithfulness, Elohim undergirds His saints and makes a way of escape when they face strong seductions.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (KJV) 13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

Most times, Christians struggle with manifestations of the Old man and all of its negative impulses. Elohim is faithful to provide for entire sanctification which leads to deliverance from motions of the old nature.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (KJV) 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

Hebrews 10:23 (KJV) 23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

Elohim places a high premium on Faithfulness in those who walk with Him. Those who are not faithful cannot last the distance: they wilt under pressure. Faithfulness is therefore a virtue expected in all those who will walk intimately with Elohim.

The importance of this virtue can be discerned from this analogy: *many are called but few are chosen.*

Matthew 22:14 (KJV) 14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

Out of the few who are chosen, only the Faithful can pass the ultimate test and be part of the special operation forces of Yeshua against Satan and his cohorts.

Revelation 17:14 (KJV) 14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

Elohim counts faithfulness highly and does not joke with it. Faithfulness requires us to die to self, cut out selfish tendencies, give out part of our lives, time and assets for the greater good of all. In other words, faithfulness enables us to pay the price required to build up the vision and other brethren connected thereto.

1 Samuel 2:35 (KJV) 35 And I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed for ever.

One can be powerful, flowing in Charismatic gifts but without a faithful heart, such a believer will be opportunistic, ever willing to exploit others and use them to climb the ladder of 'success'.

The Power of Faithfulness: case study of David and Hezekiah

1 Kings 2:1-4 (KJV) 1 Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying, 2 I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man; 3 And keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself: 4 That the Lord may continue his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk

before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel.

Hezekiah was a faithful king in Israel. When death came knocking, he used that virtue to plead his cause with Elohim.

2 Kings 20:1-6 (KJV) 1 In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live. 2 Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the Lord, saying, 3 I beseech thee, O Lord, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore. 4 And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 5 Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the Lord, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the Lord. 6 And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

2 Chronicles 31:20-21 (KJV) 20 And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah, and wrought that which was good and right and truth before the Lord his God. 21 And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered.

There is a whorish spirit Satan has released upon the earth realm. It makes people inherently unfaithful and unable to be worthy of trust. We must recognise and escape the snare of this spirit. Faithfulness is an intrinsic part of the Kingdom. Elohim wants us to be faithful, dependable, committed, and loyal people who can be trusted both by Him and people He connects us with. Whatever you

are faithful in building, you become a stakeholder of and a stranger to whatever you are not faithful to. Those who are not faithful in little things cannot be faithful in handling bigger things. The Kingdom is an ordered one. We are called to be faithful to people and visions He connects us with.

Assignment: 1. What is Faithfulness? Please indicate Similar words which convey the meaning. 2. In what way is Elohim called Faithful? Please provide at least 3 scriptures 3. Please share 5 other things you received from this chapter.

CHAPTER 11

WAYS OF THE FAITHFUL AND SCOPE OF FAITHFULNESS

As we saw in the previous chapter, Faithfulness is the nature of Elohim. Let us be refreshed on His Faithful nature with these scriptures:

Psalm 89:8 (KJV) 8 O Lord God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

Psalm 25:1 (KJV) 25 Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

1 Corinthians 1:9 (KJV) 9 God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 4:19 (KJV) 19 But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power.

The New Covenant was established on the Faithfulness of Yeshua, Jesus.

2 Timothy 2:13 (KJV) 13 If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

Revelation 3:14 (KJV) 14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

Yeshua's faithfulness was manifested in the way He wholly embraced the mandate of the Father and made it His dwelling place.

John 4:34 (KJV) 34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

John 5:30 (KJV) 30 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 6:8 (KJV) 8 For our sake, He emptied Himself of His glory so that through that awesome sacrifice we could become sons of Elohim, delivered from fear of death.

Hebrews 2:14-18 (KJV) 14 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; 15 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. 17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. 18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Ways of The Faithful

As saints of the Most High, we too are called to a life of Faithfulness. In a real sense, the Epistles were messages written to faithful saints who were encouraged to remain faithful.

Ephesians 1:1 (KJV) 1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

Colossians 1:2 (KJV) 2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. “To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Faithfulness manifests in these 12 interconnected attributes

1. Death of Self with a renewed mind. The greatest threat to faithfulness is self-worship. As long as self is alive, it will demand primal loyalty. Many there are who are worshipping self; driven by ambition and ego yet deluded that they are serving the Lord.

Philippians 3:18-19 (KJV) 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.)

When we die to self, our lives are totally consecrated to service of the King. The outcome is an intentional poured out Life.

Galatians 2:20 (KJV) 20 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.

Romans 12:1-2 (KJV) 1 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. 2 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.

2. Embrace of the call to be a disciple or true follower of

Yeshua who enthrones Him as Sovereign King

Matthew 16:24-25 (KJV) 24 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. 25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

3. Lifestyle of seeking first the Kingdom and its righteousness in every situation. Those who make the Kingdom a priority discover the blessedness of true spiritual living, unencumbered by the pressures of carnal pursuits.

Matthew 6:33-34 (KJV) 33 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.

4. Self-evident prioritisation of time that gives Elohim prime time in His Presence through prayer, study, and communion with Holy Spirit to the degree that only Him, not flesh leads.

Romans 8:5-16 (KJV) 5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. 10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth

in you. 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. 13 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. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15 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. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

5. Living and serving as a Steward, not owner of assets Elohim places at our disposal (including money and spiritual gifts) which are primarily utilised to advance Kingdom purposes first, before anything else. This is in realization of the fact that Elohim Owns All and we are mere stewards of those assets.

1 Corinthians 4:2 (KJV) 2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

1 Peter 4:10-11 (KJV) 10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If any man speak, 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.

6. Reliable and Dependable spirit: wholehearted embrace of any vision to which Holy Spirit leads and connects you.

Luke 16:10 (KJV) 10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

7. Understanding of Faithfulness as a righteous seed which bears the fruit of honour.

Luke 16:12 (KJV) 12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

8. Loyalty to spouse, Employer and any cause you are part of.

Faithfulness implies commitment and loyalty whether things are good, tough, or bad. The marriage bond for instance brings two separate people into a union which lasts till death parts. No third party should be given space to displace a spouse in terms of affections. Saints should not be fair weather friends.

Titus 1:5-7 (KJV) 5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee: 6 If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. 7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

9. Avoiding the Diotrephes syndrome of becoming an illegitimate authority who undermines the lawful authority provided by Elohim. This is by intentionally shunning quest for vain glory or seeking advantage over others, especially those placed in leadership over you.

3 John 9-11 (KJV) 9 I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not. 10 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. 11 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.

10. Focused attention on whatever is committed to your trust to

ensure that it does not waste or is destroyed. It calls for focus, carefulness, and a sense of responsibility.

Matthew 24:45 (KJV) 45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? "His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

11. Shunning Profanity - missing the mark by esteeming lightly whatever thing the Lord esteems highly.

Esau was so profane that he sold his birth right for a plate of porridge. He did not count the position of first born as highly as Elohim did.

Genesis 25:29-33 (KJV) 29 And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he was faint: 30 And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom. 31 And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright. 32 And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me? 33 And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob.

12. Faithfulness requires us to be people of our words, in dealings with other people. Our word should be our bond with no grey areas at all. When we make commitments, we ought to stand by same, notwithstanding.

Psalms 15:1-4 (KJV) 1 Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? 2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. 3 He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour. 4 In whose

eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not. 13. Faithful people understand that the consequence of unfaithfulness can be terrible in time and eternity.

What happened to Judas Iscariot who sold his Master for 30 pieces of Silver is instructive. A man who walked with Yeshua for 3 and half years ended in a painful death and eternal perdition while his bishopric was lost to another more worthy than him.

Acts 1:15-26 (KJV) 15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,) 16 Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus. 17 For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry. 18 Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out. 19 And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood. 20 For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take. 21 Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection. 23 And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. 24 And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen, 25 That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place. 26 And they gave forth their lots; and the

lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Assignment: 1. Discuss the Faithful nature of Elohim/Yeshua and use at least 3 scriptures to back it up. 2. Please share summaries of any 7 of the scope of faithfulness required of saints in relationship with Elohim

CHAPTER 12

CLEANING UP SOME ISSUES ABOUT THE REWARDS

One of the key scriptures undergirding this course is the dialogue between Yeshua and Peter.

Matthew 19:27-30 (KJV) 27 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? 28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. 30 But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.

For the 12 apostles, the Promise was staggering: they would sit on 12 thrones to judge the 12 tribes of Israel.

For all true disciples of all ages, the extraordinary promise was made: Everything that is forsaken for His sake, such as Houses, Brethren, Sisters, Father, Mother, Spouse, Children, Lands, for His Names sake shall inherit the following:

A. 100-fold of whatever they forsook

We have substantially discussed the scope of 100-fold blessings in previous lessons. They include sound health, wellness, material blessings, social capital such Favour, healthy self-esteem and indeed whatever pertains to life and godliness.

B. Everlasting Life

A. 100-fold Blessings. We have dealt with this substantially in the previous lessons. Let us add value to our learning through gaining additional insight into why the promise of 100-fold restoration was made.

In a real sense, every disciple is called to make a conscious choice regarding the following:

- Who will be Lord of Life - Is it Yeshua, Satan or Self or other people? For those who choose Yeshua, a critical price they need to pay is to dethrone all previous 'gods' including allegiance to Self, Satan, the world system or other humans. This is because two gods or lords cannot compete for space in the same heart. To resolve this identity crises of who to identify with as Sovereign ruler is at the heart of discipleship as this scripture affirms:

Matthew 10:34-38 (KJV) 34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. 35 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. 36 And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. 37 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. 38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

- When He is truly enthroned as King, His Kingdom Business becomes our priority of His Ambassadors. We are to live as 'sent' people. A conflict is immediately implied with those for who Satan, the world and Flesh lead their lives. Yet, the Faithful are required to fear not but be steadfast.

Matthew 10:16-33 (KJV) 16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. 17 But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; 18 And ye shall be

brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. 19 But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. 20 For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you. 21 And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. 22 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. 23 But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come. 24 The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. 25 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? 26 Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. 27 What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops. 28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows. 32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. 33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

- Our core pursuits of life change! We seek His Kingdom to come and pray accordingly. In the present, His Kingdom is His spiritual dominion over those who believe. We become invested in the ministry of Reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:

17-21); Discipling others through our witness and feeding them with the word until it transforms their hearts and renews their minds (Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Timothy 2:2). In that regard, the things of this world which drive lives of other humans lose their hold over us.

- We keep the earth realm preserved from corruption and destruction before the due date as Salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13). The day the Church is taken out of the world at the rapture, corruption explodes until the day of Armageddon (2 Thessalonians 2).
- Our light dispels the gross darkness of worldly culture. Darkness cannot comprehend Light (Matthew 5:15-16)
- The gospel of the Kingdom is to be preached holistically - restore the spirit and soul to a state of wholeness. It also deals with restoring wholeness of the physical body

Matthew 10:7-8 (KJV) 7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Mark 16:15-20 (KJV) 15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 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. 19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. 20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

For those who make this strategic choice to seek first the Kingdom, The Lord undertakes to provide

- All we need because He knows them already as a Faithful and responsible Father
- What He will give us is not gotten by our might or power but entirely by His Grace. They are to be 'added to us' as we seek first the Kingdom
- For this reason, we cannot be found to merchandise the gospel or gifts of Holy Spirit since the Kingdom compensation plan guarantees all things that are needful for us to live and thrive:

Matthew 10:9-12 (KJV) 9 Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, 10 Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat. 11 And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, enquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence. 12 And when ye come into an house, salute it.

- Yeshua then makes the startling promise that there will be 100-fold Restoration of all that was forsaken for His cause.

Matthew 19:29 (KJV) 29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

Take note of this reality:

Throughout History, Elohim valued the state of heart of those who wanted Him more than material blessing. The character of the heroes of Faith reveal the tendency to esteem the things of eternity so highly:

Hebrews 11:13-40 (KJV) 13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar

off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. 14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. 15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. 16 But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city. 17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: 19 Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure. 20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. 21 By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff. 22 By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones. 23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. 24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; 25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; 26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. 27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. 28 Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them. 29 By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days. 31 By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that

believed not, when she had received the spies with peace. 32 And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: 33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions. 34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. 35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: 36 And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: 37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; 38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. 39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: 40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

The Alpha Church received such a strong and vivid revelation of the eternal blessings that they counted the 100-fold as dung. They were so focused on pressing in that they did not want to take chances with fulfilling their courses and obtaining the eternal treasures. The words of Paul and Peter reveal this attitude:

Philippians 3:4-14 (KJV) 4 Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: 5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; 6 Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. 7 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, 9 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: 10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; 11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. 12 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. 13 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, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 4:6-8 (KJV) 6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: 8 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.

Here are the words of Peter shortly before he was crucified by the Roman authorities:

2 Peter 1:13-15 (KJV) 13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; 14 Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. 15 Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

Just as some of the more known disciples were called into full time ministry, there were others who were called to the Market Place. They laid down the resources they were blessed with as instruments of advancing the Kingdom purpose of the Church. This is because they understood their role as stewards, not owners of the resources. They joyfully invested them for expansion of the Kingdom, not their bellies. These examples will suffice:

1. The women who provided for material needs of Yeshua

Luke 8:2-3 (KJV) 2 And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils, 3 And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance.

2. Joseph of Arimathea who laid down his wealth and stature for the purpose of fulfilling scripture regarding giving Yeshua a decent burial

Matthew 27:57-60 (KJV) 57 When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: 58 He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. 59 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

3. Barnabas, the son of consolation walked in the blessings but invested all his assets into advancement of the Kingdom.

Acts 4:32-37 (KJV) 32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. 33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the

resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. 34 Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, 35 And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need. 36 And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus, 37 Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Assignment: 1. Please share 5 main takeaways from this chapter.

CHAPTER 13

THE ULTIMATE REWARD: ETERNAL LIFE

We need to go back to one of the key scriptures undergirding this course: the dialogue between Yeshua and Peter.

Matthew 19:27-30 (KJV) 27 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? 28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. 30 But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.

For the 12 apostles, the Promise was staggering: they would sit on 12 thrones to judge the 12 tribes of Israel. For all true disciples of all ages, the extraordinary promise was made: Everything that is forsaken for His sake: such as Houses, Brethren, Sisters, Father, Mother, Spouse, Children, Lands, for His Names sake shall inherit a two-fold reward for time and for eternity.

A. 100-fold of whatever they forsook

We have substantially discussed the scope of 100-fold blessings. They include sound health, wellness, material blessings, social capital such Favour, healthy self-esteem and indeed whatever pertains to life and godliness.

B. Everlasting Life

One of the main reasons Yeshua was Incarnated was to proclaim the Kingdom of Elohim, pay the price for those appointed to be paid of it with His Own blood. Through His death and resurrection, those

who believe would be translated from death to life and become sons of God.

John 3:16 (KJV) 16 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 1:11-12 (KJV) 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 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:

Hebrews 2:9-10 (KJV) 9 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. 10 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.

The new life of the believer is an eternal one. When unbelievers die, that is the end of life. They proceed into eternal perdition. But for the true saint, death is simply a translation from temporal, limited to eternal life of endless bliss with Elohim.

1 Corinthians 15:49-57 (KJV) 49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. 50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 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. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 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. 55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Yeshua came essentially to inaugurate the Kingdom which has two broad dispensations: The Present and the Future. The present phase of the Kingdom is simply the number of people who have submitted to His Sovereign rule over their lives. Considering the inconsistencies in the lives of a good number of saints, not to talk of the mass of those who have refused to receive the gospel, the population of those in the Kingdom of Elohim at this present time on planet earth is indeed limited! Even though He created the world and all the people therein, Elohim does not impose His Kingdom or Sovereign rule on people against their will. In effect, at this present time, majority of those on earth have decided that they do not want His ruler ship!

Luke 19:12-14 (KJV) 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. 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us.

1 John 5:19-21 (KJV) 19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. 20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. 21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

In the Present time, there is Kingdom Nation which comprises all disciples, regardless of race, tribe, gender, age, or location who have exchanged their sins for His righteousness in Him, having been washed clean by the Blood He shed. For such people, the Kingdom

is not an external construct. It is certainly not occupation of the Heights or Mountains of Culture and Society. It is not outside but rather inside their very beings!

Luke 17:21 (KJV) 21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

John 1:12 (KJV) 12 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:

Yeshua, Jesus used Himself, The King, to illustrate this reality when He faced Herod, the temporal king of Judea:

John 18:36 (KJV) 36 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.

In the present dispensation of the Kingdom, He has deposited spiritual gifts, natural talents, provided opportunities and will make available resources that saints as well as the degree of security from Satan and all evil saints need to fulfil the assignment He committed to their trust. The essence of their lives is to “occupy” till he comes or “do Kingdom business with everything Elohim puts at their disposal. Without equivocation, Jesus asked those who will follow Him to “Seek first the Kingdom, and His righteousness”. To understand what this Kingdom is and what the righteousness of Elohim implies is perhaps the most critical journey of discovery you can ever embark upon. The day you discover and walk in this truth, you will be delivered from bondage to this world order and the best it offers. As we have seen in this extensive download, Elohim is able to bless you with all things, according to His determinate counsel.

However, when you are rightly aligned to Elohim and submit to His Supreme will, you will see everything on earth from the prism of His holy eyes! You will be delivered from addiction and attraction to all kinds of stuff, material financial or otherwise. Your attitude to

assets and resources will shift from a “labouring, acquisition and enjoyment culture” to that of “receiving from your Father and King, the allocation of resources needful to fulfil the assignment for which He brought you to planet earth” and redeemed you to be part of His Kingdom! Making this paradigm shift in the way you think and respond to needs is perhaps one of the most important things that should happen to you! May that be the case as you study this course with an open heart.

The exceeding greatness of eternal rewards

We will now proceed to explore the ultimate rewards that await the saint who endures till the end, overcoming the winds of doctrine sweeping across the world today.

Revelation 2:7 (KJV) 7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

Mortal man cannot truly comprehend the fullness of the things of eternity. The finite mind of man is simply too limited to grasp the vastness of the things stored up in the infinite mind of Elohim, The God of heaven. Concerning the limitless scope of the rewards set before the redeemed, here is what the Holy Spirit spoke through the hands of Paul the apostle:

1 Corinthians 2:9 (KJV) 9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

The eternal dimension of the Kingdom is therefore offered to the redeemed as the grand reward of life on earth lived within the ambit of the will of Elohim and in full submission to His Sovereign rule. The specifics of this reward package are set out so clearly in the Holy Scriptures. Unfortunately, many have preferred to believe lies of the wicked one using men of fertile imagination whose ideas

amount to nothing more than clever attempts to make saints climb down from the elevated pedestals where Elohim placed them.

Superiority of the eternal rewards

As we outlined in a previous chapter, we have the Kingdom of God in our hearts at this present time. Those in the world, on the other hand, have the spirit of the enemy ruling them.

1 John 4:4-5 (KJV) 4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. 5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.

1 John 5:4-5 (KJV) 4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

One critical message that Yeshua, Jesus preached repeatedly is the fact that this present phase of life is temporal. For this reason, most of His teachings and parables were designed to keep eternity in the view of His own. Truly, the redeemed of the Lord, while in this life, are to be used of Him to be the Salt that flavours and preserves our environment from corruption and the light which illuminates His ways (Matthew 5:13-16). That does not in any way imply that the ultimate purpose of the gospel is to preserve this present order and world system from the ultimate destiny which awaits its rebellion from the Sovereign rule of God For the redeemed, to secure a passage from death to life eternal is the ultimate purpose of God!

John 3:16 (KJV) 16 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.

In speaking of rewards of the faithful, it is imperative that we go beyond the present to see the glorious things reserved for us when time is no more.

1 Corinthians 15:19 (KJV) 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

1 Peter 2:9-12 (KJV) 9 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; 10 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. 11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; 12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Eternal Blessing No. 1: Life in Eternity with God

Every saint who holds on to the Lord faithfully till the end, overcoming the various winds of doctrine and attempts of Satan to instigate rebellion against His Sovereign rule has an assured inheritance in eternity! It does not matter if you were used to build a great ministry or not, if you had access to the good things of life or not in the present, if you were prominent or obscure! This general reward is for those who faithfully clung unto Yeshua, Jesus, refusing to let go. They are the over comers!

John 3:14-16 (KJV) 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: 15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. 16 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 10:27-29 (KJV) 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

John 12:25 (KJV) 25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

John 17:1-3 (KJV) 1 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: 2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. 3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

Eternal Phase is accessed through 2 principal means: Death or the Rapture

1 Corinthians 15:52 says this awesome reward of eternal life is accessed through two principal pathways:

1. Participation in the rapture or catching up of living saints at the coming of Jesus
2. Resurrection of the dead at the coming of Jesus

1 Corinthians 15:50-54 (KJV) 50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 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. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal

must put on immortality. 54 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.

This is further confirmed in this piece of scripture:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (KJV) 13 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. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 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. 16 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: 17 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. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

For unbelievers, death is a terror, the end of the so called ‘good life’ they lived during their short stay on this side of eternity. For believers however, death is not a terror! It is a mere translation from the temporal to the eternal phase of life, the very rewards they were promised by King Yeshua.

Hebrews 2:14-15 (KJV) 14 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; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

The Day of the Lord is coming when saints will receive the ultimate reward for clinging faithfully to Him till the end. It is a reward for

which Yeshua, Jesus Himself tells us to press into, brushing aside all oppositions and plans of Satan.

Matthew 16:24-26 (KJV) 24 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. 25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. 26 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?

Assignment: 1. Please share 3 things you received from this chapter about the eternal reward awaiting all saints. 2. What will you do with the lessons in this chapter?

CHAPTER 14

RULING AND REIGNING WITH JESUS

One of the truths which the false prosperity, pseudo-kingdom and religious spirit have collectively made saints to be ignorant of is the reality that there is real, tangible life to come here in the earth realm for those who breast the tape of eternity! Before endless eternity begins however, there will be a specific period of time when overcomers will function as Priests and Kings as co-heirs and co-rulers with The King of Kings, Yeshua. This period is called the Millennium/Millennial/1000 years of His reign on planet Earth. In the same way, Satan does everything in his power to obscure or hide the fact that a day is coming when he will be taken out of the way! From that day and for one thousand years, Yeshua, Jesus will rule and reign as Sovereign King over the whole world with Jerusalem as His capital city! This will be a physical, rather than spiritual rule as at this time. This is the manifest phase of the Kingdom of Elohim God which many people are wrongly attributing to this present time! This is the Blessed Hope of all believers of all the ages when the final fruit of redemption will be delivered in a tangible, visible way in the earth realm.

Revelation 20:1-3 (KJV) 1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3 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.

Commentary: Satan will be locked away so that all evil influences and capacity for temptation and seduction will not be operative during the time Yeshua will reign. It is important to stress that the earth realm will not be due for destruction at this time.

Revelation 20:1-4, 6 (KJV) 1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3 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. 4 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.

6 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.

Commentary: The Millennial Royal Priesthood

To assist Yeshua Jesus as co-heirs of the earth realm will be faithful saints who sought this particular phase of the kingdom above all else.

Matthew 6:33 (KJV) 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Understanding of this dimension of rewards enables us to press on until we breast the tape of eternity.

Romans 8:16-18 (KJV) 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God 17 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. 18 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.

A moment in this phase of life in the earth realm will wipe off all the tears, pains, rejection, persecution and challenges the saints encountered on this side of eternity. Whatever is suffered on this side of eternity shall be rewarded with glory: as we inherit all things and reign with Him as co-heirs!

Revelation 21:7 (KJV) 7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

2 Timothy 2:12 (KJV) 12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

The saints who overcome will be assigned over specific cities, nations, and territories according to the capacity earned through their faithfulness in serving the Lord during the present phase of the Kingdom.

Revelation 1:5-7 (KJV) 5 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, 6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. 7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

Revelation 5:9-10 (KJV) 9 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; 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

There will be many surprises on the Day of the Lord! Some seemingly obscure saints will be discovered to have lived and served more faithfully than some prominent ministers. When the fire of God tries every work, many will be disappointed to barely squeeze into the Kingdom as ordinary citizens while less known saints receive great rewards.

1 Corinthians 3:11-15 (KJV) 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 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. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

The Millennial Amnesty Project

One of the prophecies which many preachers do not understand the timing for its fulfilment leading to confusion is this:

2 Peter 3:10-13 (KJV) 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

From uniform testimony of scriptures, we have high confidence to assess that this passage will be fulfilled after the millennium, at time of the Great White Throne Judgement which is shortly before inauguration of new heavens and earth for endless eternity will commence.

Revelation 20:7-14 (KJV) 7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. 9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. 10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. 11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

The hidden reality: Divine ‘amnesty’

So, what will happen to population on earth who are not killed at the Battle of Armageddon? Billions of souls will pass from time into the millennium without death at the second coming of Yeshua, Jesus in a special amnesty project that is not often discussed by Christians due to the veil of religion. Due to cultural, religious, and ideological persuasions, peoples, and nationalities, across the world, are totally

blank about Yeshua and the Kingdom on this side of eternity. Because they will not be wiped off the earth, they will enter the millennium with no knowledge of Yeshua, the gospel, and the Kingdom.

Saints who lived and served God faithfully while on the journey of life will be utilized as priests during the millennial reign of Yeshua, Jesus to teach the ordinances and precepts of the Kingdom to those who enjoyed amnesty. They will also be deployed across the world to serve as Kings, ruling over cities, Counties/Provinces, States, and nations. With the combination of the imprisonment of Satan, loss of power to tempt humans by all demonic forces, the subjugation of godless earthly rulers by the all-conquering Jesus (Psalm 2, Psalm 110) and the absolute power and pervasiveness of the Person and Presence of Yeshua, Jesus during the millennial reign, the billions of souls alive across the world will be open to hear and receive the truth and the principles of the Kingdom of Elohim. These scriptures, often quoted out of context, speak of the time to come! Whatever kingship and priesthood we attain to in the present time is but a shadow of the real thing to come!

Revelation 5:10 (KJV) 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Revelation 1:6 (KJV) 6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 20:6 (KJV) 6 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.

The Millennial reign of Yeshua is a time when all the peace, comfort, and world-wide prosperity which humans have sought for will be realized! It is a time when there will be no more wars, terrorism, death, crises, robberies and or disorder and pain of any type. Wild animals shall lose the capacity to kill and destroy! It will be a season of universal righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy

Spirit. The Kingdom of Elohim our God will be fully established on a global scale to show humans what life would have been like if Adam and Eve had not sinned. The Kingdom would also be a demonstration of what life will be like when humans fully submit to the Sovereign rule of Yeshua! The benefice of Jesus as King shall extend over the whole world.

Isaiah 11:5-7 (KJV) 5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. 6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. 7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

Isaiah 65:25 (KJV) 25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord.

Revelation 20:5 (KJV) 5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

The rewards are a fruit of faithfulness

It is important to stress two inter-related truths:

1. Genuine Salvation when maintained till the last breath will guarantee eternal life in the now and a place in eternity.
2. The rewards of rulership with Yeshua during His Millennial reign will be fruit of faithfulness in Kingdom service during lifetime of saints. He Who called us knows what He placed inside of us as gifts and other endowments. He also knows our capacity to produce results, by His Grace at work. Those who are diligent in laying their lives down and effectively use their gifts and callings to do what He redeemed and called them to do will laugh last on the Last Day.

Luke 19:11-18 (KJV) 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. 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. 15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. 16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. 17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. 18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds.

The Crowns for those who make it. The Crown of Life – for all the saved

James 1:12 (KJV) 12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

The Incorruptible Crown

1 Corinthians 9:24-26 (KJV) 24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. 25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. 26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:

The Crown of Rejoicing – for leaders

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20 (KJV) 19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? 20 For ye are our glory and joy.

The Crown of Glory – for all leaders

1 Peter 5:1-4 (KJV) 1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: 2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; 3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

The Crown of Righteousness

It is in this context that we can fully understand why apostle Paul could approach death by beheading with such peace, joy, and expectation: the Crown was his ultimate, not death!

2 Timothy 4:6-8 (KJV) 6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: 8 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.

Let us likewise hold onto eternal life in Yeshua and serve with all diligence until we breast the tape of eternity! The eternal rewards ahead are worthy of all the price we can pay in time.

Assignments: 1. Please explain the Millennial reign of Yeshua. What is it? Why would Satan need to be locked away for 1000 years? 2. Please explain the concept of the special amnesty project for the Millennium. 3. In what way shall the Overcomers serve as Co-heirs, Co-rulers; Priests and Kings with Him? (Provide scripture back up). 4. Explain the various Crowns and their scriptures.

CHAPTER 15

REWARDS OF ENDLESS ETERNITY WITH ELOHIM GOD

In this part of the Course, we have identified some of the eternal based rewards. These include:

1. Eternal life of bliss with Elohim.
2. Ruling and with Yeshua as co-heirs, co-rulers, priests, and kings in the millennium over humans who were given a pass into that phase of life by a divine ‘amnesty’ programme.

In this chapter, we will explore some other aspects of the eternal rewards so that saints can make a value decision to esteem them highly and press on faithfully, overcoming all attempts by Satan to distract them from the glorious future ahead. The Holy scriptures state with clarity the reality that Salvation introduces eternity into the reality of lives of saints.

John 10:28 (KJV) 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

John 17:1-3 (KJV) 1 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: 2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. 3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

In the economy of Elohim, eternal life is superior to 'long life' which many of this generation seem fixated on.

In the previous chapter, we saw how saints will rule and reign with Yeshua during His Millennial reign. This period will be consummated after 1,000 years. The word of is clear on what will happen thereafter.

Revelation 20:7-9 (KJV) 7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. 9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

Commentary: Satan will be loosed for a little while. Though people of the world were given an amnesty into the Manifest Kingdom for 1000 years, and enjoyed the benevolent rule of Yeshua, he will still be able to deceive some people. The reason is that they were unregenerated and at the earliest opportunity presented by an unleashed Satan, their hardness of heart was revealed.

Revelation 20:7-10 (KJV) 7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. 9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down

from God out of heaven, and devoured them. 10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Commentary: This is another extremely significant day in all of time: when Satan, as a created being, will finally meet his end of eternal perdition. Knowing that this day draws nearer with every passing year, he has perfected the dark art of seeking multiple strategies and ways to entice as many believers as possible to miss their appointed eternity and spend his painful future together. He also works overtime to keep as many people groups as possible blinded from seeing the glorious light of the gospel of Salvation, hardening their hearts with political ideologies, religious veils, and socio-economic systems whose foundations and operations are ungodly.

1 Peter 5:8-9 (KJV) 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

Revelation 12:10-12 (KJV) 10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. 12 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.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (KJV) 3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 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.

The Great White Throne Judgement that seals fate of all Sinners

Revelation 20:11-15 (KJV) 11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Commentary: This is the Great and Terrible Day of all humans who rejected the Salvation of Elohim in Yeshua and

who though saved, exercised their will to drift away from Him, loving temporal pleasure more than eternal bliss. Overt and Covert Sin will come up in the unfailing record books before the Judge of the whole earth leading to eternal weeping and gnashing of teeth. We will discuss this certain reality in another chapter.

Dimensions of Eternal Bliss for Overcomers

Saints who overcame Satan, the world, their self-lives/old man and all temptations and trials shall be part of endless bliss with Elohim God. These are saints from every generation and from various races, cultures who are His one new man in Yeshua, Jesus, redeemed by His Blood.

Revelation 12:9-10 (KJV) 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. 10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Overcomers will be citizens of the New Heavens and Earth, after the present earth passed away.

Revelation 21:1 (KJV) 1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Overcomers will also be partakers of the Crown Jewel of Elohim in the new earth: the New Jerusalem where they will enjoy face to face life with Elohim in a personal way!

Revelation 21:2-3 (KJV) 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

Overcomers will have the privilege of having Elohim wipe away all tears for all pain experienced on this side of eternity. Going forward, it will be an endless life free of tears, death, or sorrow.

Revelation 21:4 (KJV) 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Overcomers will drink from the fountain of life freely, inherit all things and experience the Fatherhood of Elohim on a personal basis. One moment in this state will offset all pain suffered on this side of eternity!

Revelation 21:5-7 (KJV) 5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. 6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. 7 He that

overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Overcomers will take their part in the decoration of the eternal Bride of The Lamb.

Revelation 21:9-26 (KJV) 9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. 10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, 11 Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; 12 And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: 13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. 14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. 15 And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. 16 And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. 17 And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel. 18 And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold,

like unto clear glass. 19 And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; 20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. 21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls: every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. 22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. 23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. 24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. 25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. 26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

Overcomers are in for extraordinary blessings!

Revelation 22:1-7 (KJV) 1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants

shall serve him: 4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. 5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. 6 And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done. 7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Overcomers shall have access to the Tree of Life that Adam and Eve were prevented from getting to.

Revelation 22:14 (KJV) 14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Overcomers will be people who made the right choices. Elohim does not force any one to receive and hold onto eternal life.

Revelation 22:10-19 (KJV) 10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. 11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. 12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. 13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. 14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the

tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. 15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. 16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. 17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. 18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Overcomers will be those who are expectant of the return of Yeshua Who alone has the Rewards!

Revelation 22:12-13 (KJV) 12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. 13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Revelation 22:20 (KJV) 20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Hebrews 9:27-28 (KJV) 27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the

judgment: 28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

Matthew 10:22 (KJV) 22 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

Matthew 24:22 (KJV) 22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

To Overcome is not by might or power but by His Grace.

Revelation 22:21 (KJV) 21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

It is by Grace that we are saved. As we grow in grace, we learn how essential it is as instrument of enablement to live the overcoming life, taking away any prospect of boasting or pride.

Ephesians 2:5-9 (KJV) 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

Ephesians 2:8 (KJV) 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Ephesians 3:7 (KJV) 7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.

Titus 3:7-8 (KJV) 7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. 8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

Assignment: 1. Please share 5 key things you learnt from this chapter about eternal rewards of overcomers. 2. What is the impact of this and the previous chapter on you?

CHAPTER 16

SALVATION FROM WRATH

As we get to the end of this Course, we need to beam the spotlight on a reward that is not often discussed: the dangers they are saved from! The reality is that saints have a double-edged blessing which keeps them above the pay grade of other humans is one which is so pervasively outlined in the Holy Scripture. In summary form, the overall reward of saints will read like this in bullet form:

- 100-fold blessings on this side of eternity
- Eternity of bliss with Elohim
- Joint-heirs, co-rulers, who will rule and reign with Yeshua in the Millennial reign as Priests and Kings.
- They will be saved from the wrath to come

The Concept of Wrath of Elohim

In all ages, humans have been deceived by Satan to be oblivious of dire consequences for rejecting His free Salvation by Grace in Yeshua.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (KJV) 3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 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.

In the habit of cherry picking the word, many believers are also deceived to believe that once saved, they have eternal security. The uniform testimony of scriptures reveals that those who claim to be saved but refuse to bear fruit of righteousness will be in for real shock at end of the age.

Demonstration of Wrath of Elohim

One of the reasons Elohim gave His Word and allowed it to be preserved is to empower all saints with the spiritual compass which leads us back to He Who created us. Those who take His words seriously are guaranteed two fundamental blessings: blessed in time and in eternity and salvation from His wrath which lies ahead at end of the age. Throughout history, the wrath of Elohim has been displayed in High Definition. Some outstanding cases include:

1. The Curse of works on Adam and Eve, curse on the earth realm and their expulsion from the Garden of Eden due to the original sin (Genesis 3:1-22).
2. The Great Flood which wiped out humanity except Noah and his family, a total of only 8 persons (Genesis 6,7,8).
3. Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah for the life of iniquity which despised the Creator (Genesis 19).
4. The Punishments meted to all the major Empires which arose only to fall because of pride and ungodly living.

The Egyptian, Assyrian, Babylonian/Chaldean; Medo-Persian, Greco-Macedonian, Roman and Ottoman Empires became extinct in the course of history.

5. The elect people of Elohim, the Hebrews/Jews of Israel were punished with heavy hands of oppressors when they strayed away.

Paul the apostle, in writing to the Church at Thessalonica, commended their zeal but also alluded to the reality that they were saved from untold danger.

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 (KJV) 5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. 6 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost. 7 So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. 8 For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing. 9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; 10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

2 Thessalonians 1:6-10 (KJV) 6 Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; 7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; 10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

Saints who are faithful will be raptured before manifestation of the man of Sin and thus saved from the wrath that is the Great Tribulation.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-14 (KJV) 3 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; 4 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. 5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? 6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. 8 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: 9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. 13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: 14 Whereunto he called you by our

gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Commentary: It cannot be clearer than stated that faithful saints will be spared the horrors of life under the anti-Christ! They will be raptured just in the nick of time to the Judgement Seat of Yeshua (2 Corinthians 5:10). After which they will enjoy the unspeakable joy of a short tenure in the heavenly realm of the Kingdom in the mansions Yeshua went to prepare for them (John 14:1-6).

The notion that the gates of Salvation will be closed at the rapture is inconsistent with the whole counsel of Elohim in scripture! Many believers who missed the rapture will be saved during the Great Tribulation. Some will be by special election as Revelations 7 and Revelation 15 teach. The vast majority will however be saints who Holy Spirit will bring to remembrance all the truths in scripture which show that it is better to suffer pain and be killed and to inherit eternity (Revelation 20). Here are the words of Yeshua to those who will live on earth during that terrible chapter of human history when the wrath of Elohim will be poured out.

Matthew 24:15-31 (KJV) 15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) 16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: 17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: 18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. 19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! 20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: 21 For then shall be great tribulation, such

as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. 23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. 24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. 25 Behold, I have told you before. 26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. 27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together. 29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: 30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Matthew 24:36-51 (KJV) 36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. 37 But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 38 For as in the days that were

before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, 39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. 43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. 44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. 45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? 46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. 47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. 48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; 49 And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; 50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, 51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Commentary: Watching, Praying and hands on the plough engagement with Kingdom business will make the difference.

Let us allow Holy Spirit to speak directly to our hearts on the subject matter of divine wrath through the very words of scripture uttered by Yeshua, Jesus, and writers of the New Testament.

In the words of Yeshua, Jesus

Matthew 5:21-22 (KJV) 21 Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: 22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

Matthew 5:29-30 (KJV) 29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. 30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

Matthew 7:13-27 (KJV) 13 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: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. 15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men

gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. 21 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. 22 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? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. 24 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. 26 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: 27 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 10:27-28 (KJV) 27 What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops. 28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him

which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Matthew 18:8-9 (KJV) 8 Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. 9 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.

Matthew 23:15 (KJV) 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 23:33 (KJV) 33 Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?

In the words of Paul, wrath lies ahead for those who live in the flesh.

Galatians 5:14-21 (KJV) 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. 16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. 18 But if ye

be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:7-20 (KJV) 7 Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded? 8 Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that your brethren. 9 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, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. 12 All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. 13 Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. 14 And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power. 15 Know ye not that your bodies are the

members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. 16 What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. 17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. 18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. 19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Hebrews 6:4-9 (KJV) 4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,⁵ And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, 6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. 7 For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God: 8 But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned. 9 But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.

Hebrews 10:26-30 (KJV) 26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more

sacrifice for sins, 27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. 28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: 29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.

In the words of Peter

2 Peter 2:2-22 (KJV) 1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. 3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. 4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; 5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; 6 And turning the cities of Sodom and

Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; 7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: 8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) 9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: 10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. 11 Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord. 12 But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; 13 And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you; 14 Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: 15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; 16 But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet. 17 These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. 18 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. 19 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. 20 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. 21 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. 22 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.

In the words of James

James 3:5-6 (KJV) 5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

James 4:1-5 (KJV) 4 From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? 2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive

not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. 4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. 5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

James 5:1-9 (KJV) 5 Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. 2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten. 3 Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. 4 Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. 5 Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. 6 Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you. 7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. 8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. 9 Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.

In the words of Apostle John

1 John 2:9-20 (KJV) 9 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. 10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. 11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes. 12 I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. 13 I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father. 14 I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one. 15 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. 16 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. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. 18 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. 19 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. 20 But ye have an

unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

The warnings of Yeshua to 5 of the 7 churches in Asia minor reveal that Salvation can be lost and will lead to damnation.

Revelation 2:1-29 (KJV) 1 Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; 2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: 3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. 4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. 5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. 6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate. 7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. 8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive; 9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. 10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall

cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. 11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death. 12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges; 13 I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth. 14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. 15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate. 16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. 17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it. 18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass; 19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first. 20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest

that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. 21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. 22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. 23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works. 24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden. 25 But that which ye have already hold fast till I come. 26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: 27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. 28 And I will give him the morning star. 29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Revelation 3:3-22 (KJV) 3 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. 2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. 3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not

watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. 4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. 5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. 6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. 7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; 8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. 9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. 10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. 11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. 12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name. 13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith

unto the churches. 14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; 15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. 17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: 18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. 21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. 22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

It is profitable to read all of the Book of Revelation in order to fully grasp the wrath ahead!

Revelation 20:13-15 (KJV) 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And

whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Revelation 21:7-8 (KJV) 7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. 8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Revelation 21:27 (KJV) 27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Revelation 22:15 (KJV) 15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

Assignment: 1. Please share 3 key things you learnt from this chapter concerning the reality of the wrath of Elohim upon Sinners and believers who continue in sin or backslide. Cite the relevant scriptures. 2. What will you do with the lessons in this chapter?

CHAPTER 17

THOSE WHO WILL LOSE THE REWARDS

As we get close to end of this course, it has been impressed on our heart to discuss an inconvenient truth. It is the reality that not all those who are born again or in the physical church will enjoy the rewards. Believers who will miss rewards and potentially earn wrath of Elohim include those whose lives are marked by these defects:

1. **Backsliders.** These are those who though born again, begin to draw back from their consecration. They open the door to sin and with time, they become entrenched therein in what is called besetting sins which take away their consecration. For some, this process is sudden like a cliff people fall off from. For many others however, the process is a slow, steady descent that they may not even be consciously aware of. With time, they become cold hearted in things spiritual. Their relationship with the Lord becomes stiff, lacking passion and fervour. They begin to compromise even in essentials claiming that 'it does not matter' what they do as long as they can claim salvation and loudly claim the promises.
2. **Apostates.** These are those who have forsaken the faith completely. They renounce allegiance to Yeshua and in His place are other 'kings': Satan, Self and the world. In turn, Elohim gives them a reprobate heart which is dead and insensitive to realise consequence of their actions.

Romans 1:28 (KJV) 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

3. Looking back, after laying hands on the plough. These are those called to Kingdom service and walk the path of ministry for a period of time. At some point, they open doors for various excuses to crowd their hearts and displace primal loyalty to The King and His Kingdom. In so doing, they announce themselves as unqualified for the Kingdom and its reward or compensation system.

Luke 9:57-62 (KJV) 57 And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. 58 And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. 59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. 60 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God. 61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house. 62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

4. **Carrying cultural baggage.** Various cultures of the world have reward systems which seem to ‘work’ for their kith and kin. Unfortunately, there are some believers who do not understand the reward system of the Kingdom, do not believe in it or are impatient to wait for the appointed time. The result is that they ‘go to Egypt’, so to say to seek help. In the process, they get ensnared by divergent cultural values. Their lot is pitiable.

Isaiah 31:1 (KJV) 31 Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the Lord!

5. **Worldliness.** This is the tendency to seek pleasures of this world and getting snared by its temporal placebo like attractions such as seeking satisfaction through entertainment, Fashion, and general love of the world. This tendency offends Holy Spirit Whose responsibility is to guide us to stay in the will of the Father and be satisfied with Kingdom Culture (Romans 8:12-14).

1 John 2:12-17 (KJV) 12 I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. 13 I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father. 14 I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one. 15 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. 16 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. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Worldly saints cannot engage in prayer, in the real sense of the word. Rather, what they do often is called 'lusting' or craving for what gratifies the flesh and its five carnal senses and ego, expecting Elohim to rubber stamp approval of their fleshly desires.

James 4:1-5 (KJV) 1 From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? 2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. 4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. 5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

6. **Giving space to Mammon** to rule their lives. Mammon is the demon Satan assigns to rule money and offer Christians incentives to deny the Lordship of Yeshua by doing whatever they can to be rich.

Matthew 6:19-24 (KJV) 19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single,

thy whole body shall be full of light. 23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! 24 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.

1 Timothy 6:6-11 (KJV) 6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. 9 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. 11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

Such people are covetous for ungodly gain which is idolatry.

Colossians 3:5-6 (KJV) 5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: 6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

7. **Teachers, preachers, and practitioners of heresies.** Heresies are untruths which have capacity to take those that believe in them away from the

Truth in the Holy Scripture. With explosion of easy access to social media platforms and their global reach, many heresies get easily peddled. Those who buy their toxic doctrines cannot expect to receive rewards of the faithful in time and eternity. That is one of the reasons why The Lord is restoring the Fivefold – Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers: to mature the saints so that they are grounded in truth and able to recognise erroneous doctrines and syncretic practices.

Ephesians 4:11-14 (KJV) 11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 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: 14 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;

8. **Lazy folks.** These are saints who like to enjoy ease but are not diligent to discover, pursue and fulfil their appointed destinies. Lacking understanding of their assignments, they are morally crippled from expecting any allocations from Elohim. They can become psychologically detached from reality and live in fantasyland. With the advent of social media, they can turn their idleness into an evil weapon: becoming busy bodies, tattlers, and gossips. Unfortunately for such believers, the Kingdom has a

No Work, No Rewards policy! Both the Old and New Covenant Texts condemn slothfulness.

Proverbs 12:24 (KJV) 24 The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.

Proverbs 12:27 (KJV) 27 The slothful man roasteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man is precious.

Proverbs 15:19 (KJV) 19 The way of the slothful man is as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous is made plain.

Proverbs 18:9 (KJV) 9 He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.

Proverbs 19:15 (KJV) 15 Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger.

Proverbs 21:25 (KJV) 25 The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.

Ecclesiastes 10:18 (KJV) 18 By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through.

King Yeshua Himself exalted diligence in use of all assets and resources committed to our trust to produce more for the greater good of all and honour of His Name.

Matthew 25:14-30 (KJV) 14 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. 15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. 16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. 17 And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. 18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. 19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. 20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. 21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. 22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. 23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. 24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. 26 His lord answered and said unto him,

Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: 27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. 28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. 29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. 30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Romans 12:11 (KJV) 11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

Hebrews 6:10-19 (KJV) 10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. 11 And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: 12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. 13 For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself, 14 Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. 15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. 16 For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife. 17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an

oath: 18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: 19 Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

There should be no idle or lazy person in the Kingdom. If you are truly called to full time ministry, prove same by being fully invested in waiting on the Lord in prayer, diligent studying the scriptures, and constant communion with Holy Spirit to receive food to serve the saints faithfully. Walk in the unction to receive and walk in fresh anointing to break yokes and loose captives if you have Charismatic gifts. Do not go into full time ministry prematurely or out of mistaken notions that those who are called are only those in pulpit ministry. He Who calls people for full time ministry is the same Who calls others to Market Place Ministry and service in the Public sphere. The key is to enthrone Him in your heart and be led by His Spirit concerning the sphere or sector to which He has called you! The No work, no pay/eat policy of the Kingdom deserves to be properly understood and applied by all saints.

2 Thessalonians 3:6-15 (KJV) 6 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us. 7 For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; 8 Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you: 9 Not because we have not power,

but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us. 10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. 11 For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. 12 Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread. 13 But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing. 14 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. 15 Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

9. Faith without works is dead.

James 2:14-26 (KJV) 14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, 16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? 17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. 18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. 19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. 20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? 22 Seest

thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? 23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. 24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. 25 Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? 26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

Faith is not empty sloganeering but rather practical confidence in Elohim who blesses what we do by His Grace with 30, 60 & 100-Fold multiplication.

Matthew 13:8 (KJV) 8 But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

Those who sow nothing have nothing to reap. Wage earners generally have fixed income. If you are a wage earner, your income is limited. If you have capacity to earn extra income, please do so. Apart from 8 hours invested in your job and time to sleep and eat, what do you do with the extra hours of each day? Bring your vessels not a few to the Lord of the harvest and He shall fill all! Give Him room to bless! Elohim expects us to assess, and comprehend the extent of assignments committed to our trust, embrace the challenges connected thereto and expand our vision, making enough room for provisions. Elohim has a signature in the arena of blessings: He provides Allocations for all visions committed to our trust! Let us therefore look beyond the narrow needs of our nuclear families and provide space for

Elohim to fill with resources needed for Kingdom assignments we are connected with.

Hold onto this Word!

Isaiah 54:1-13 (KJV) 1 Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the Lord. 2 Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; 3 For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited. 4 Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more. 5 For thy Maker is thine husband; the Lord of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called. 6 For the Lord hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God. 7 For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. 8 In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer. 9 For this is as the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee. 10 For

the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee. 11 O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires. 12 And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones. 13 And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children.

Security of the diligent is promised

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Conclusion. This word is spot on:

James 5:19-20 (KJV) 19 Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; 20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

Assignment: 1. Please write short direct to the point summaries of each of the 9 points 2. Which one had the most impact on you? 3. What will you do with the lesson in this chapter.

CHAPTER 18

EPILOGUE SUNDRY ISSUES

In chapter 17, we outlined 9 categories of people who will miss the rewards. There is an interesting set of people who collectively constitute #10. These are those who willingly chose to focus on and receive the eternal rewards. This was the case with the first set of Apostles which made them have a radical rejection of this world and all the good therein. Let us read this account of the way the first set of apostles ran and completed their race. Apart from John the beloved who lived to a ripe old age, the rest died young or in middle age. They looked unto the author and finisher of their faith Yeshua who completed His assignment at the tender age of 33 and half years.

Hebrews 12:2-3 (KJV) 2 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. 3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

Elohim wants us to emulate them by esteeming eternal life and eternal rewards much more than long life and temporal blessings which will pass away someday.

HOW THE APOSTLES DIED.
(freely available on the internet)

1. Matthew: Suffered martyrdom in Ethiopia, Killed by a sword wound.

2. Mark: Died in Alexandria, Egypt, after being dragged by horses through the streets until he was dead.
3. Luke: Hanged in Greece as a result of his tremendous preaching to the lost.
4. John: Faced martyrdom when he was boiled in huge Basin of boiling oil during a wave of persecution in Rome. However, he was miraculously delivered from death.

John was then sentenced to the mines on the prison Island of Patmos. He wrote his prophetic Book of Revelation on Patmos. The apostle John was later freed and returned to serve As Bishop of Edessa in modern Turkey. He died as an old man, the only apostle to die peacefully.

5. Peter: He was crucified upside down on an x-shaped cross.

According to church tradition it was because he told his tormentors that he felt unworthy to die in the same way that Jesus Christ had died.

6. James: The leader of the church in Jerusalem, was thrown over a hundred feet down from the southeast pinnacle of the Temple when he refused to deny his faith in Christ. When they discovered that he survived the fall, his enemies beat James to death with a fuller's club.

* This was the same pinnacle where Satan had taken Jesus during the Temptation.

7. James the Son of Zebedee: A fisherman by trade when Jesus called him to a lifetime of ministry. As a strong leader of the church, James was beheaded at

Jerusalem. The Roman officer who guarded James watched amazed as James defended his faith at his trial. Later, the officer walked beside James to the place of execution. Overcome by conviction, he declared his new faith to the judge and knelt beside James to accept beheading as a Christian.

8. Bartholomew: Also known as Nathaniel was a missionary to Asia. He witnessed for our Lord in present day Turkey. Bartholomew was martyred for his preaching in Armenia where he was flayed to death by a whip.
9. Andrew: Crucified on an x-shaped cross in Patras, Greece. After being whipped severely by seven soldiers they tied his body to the cross with cords to prolong his agony. His followers reported that, when he was led toward the cross, Andrew saluted it in these words: 'I have long desired and expected this happy hour. The cross has been consecrated by the body of Christ hanging on it.' He continued to preach to his tormentors for two days until he expired.
10. Thomas: Stabbed with a spear in India during one of his missionary trips to establish the church in the sub-continent.
11. Jude: Killed with arrows when he refused to deny his faith in Christ.
12. Matthias: The apostle chosen to replace the traitor Judas Iscariot, was stoned, and then beheaded.
13. Paul: Tortured and then beheaded by the evil Emperor Nero at Rome in A.D. 67. Paul endured a lengthy imprisonment, which allowed him to write

his many epistles to the churches he had formed throughout the Roman Empire. These letters, which taught many of the foundational Doctrines of Christianity, form a large portion of the New Testament.

Perhaps this is a reminder to us that our sufferings here are indeed minor compared to the intense persecution and cold cruelty faced by the apostles and disciples during their times for the sake of the Faith.

Matthew 10:22 (KJV) 22 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

The attitude of esteeming of eternal life and eternal rewards greater than blessings of time provides part of the answer to the question “What happens when the blessings of time do not seem to come? What are we to do?”. We need to graduate to the point where, in a real sense, we are not living for the rewards and are not burning the candles of life for them! We need to die to self and come to a place where all that is us and in us is poured out as a drink offering unto Elohim. When we get to this level of 360-degree commitment to the King and His Kingdom, we become free of idols and truly capable of handling the full extent of rewards and blessings available from our heavenly Father.

How were the rewards veiled in the parables?

The parables were methods of teaching which made eternal values and concepts easy to grasp by humans. Many of the parables made clear the type of spirit and quality of diligence required to successfully run our race until the tape of glory is breasted

Matthew 13:1-9 (KJV) 1 The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side. 2 And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. 3 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow; 4 And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: 5 Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: 6 And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. 7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: 8 But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. 9 Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Matthew 13:18-23 (KJV) 18 Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. 19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. 20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; 21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. 22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and

he becometh unfruitful. 23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Matthew 13:31-52 (KJV) 31 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: 32 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. 33 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. 34 All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them: 35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world. 36 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. 37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; 38 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. 40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. 41 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; 42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. 44 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. 45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: 46 Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it. 47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: 48 Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. 49 So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, 50 And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 51 Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord. 52 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.

Luke 19:11-27 (KJV) 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. 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. 15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. 16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. 17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. 18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. 19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities. 20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: 21 For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow. 22 And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow: 23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury? 24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds. 25 (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.) 26 For I say unto you, That unto every

one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him. 27 But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.

Rewards of the Faithful: Down the Wire

Let us again examine the right attitude when any blessing seems to tarry. With the measure of divinity saints receive, their perspectives of life change! Their tastes and pursuits also change! They thirst for more of Elohim God because that is the only truly satisfying pursuit! The things God has clearly promised are not things they clutch at! If the new car they want is not yet in the driveway, they do not question Elohim but trust that He is working it out! If the husband or wife the saint needs seem to tarry in the eyes of the natural man, the true saint knows that delay is not denial and that Abba is preparing both of those He will bring together, in His Own time, which happens to be the best time. The trust of true saints in the Fatherhood of Yahweh is so complete that they cannot question Him! They can plead their case as He commands them and bring forth their strong reasons. They can be importunate in prayer and faith, but they will never condescend to make any material thing or financial blessing to take the place of Yeshua in their hearts and minds! Here is how Jesus defines the love commitment of saints:

Luke 10:27 (KJV) 27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

In the final analysis, rewards of the faithful boil down to these questions: Who is in charge of your life in the now? What are you living for? Are you living for the true eternal Kingdom of Elohim God, or a secular humanistic construct invented by men who deny the His divinity and claim it does not matter? These are weighty questions which will be fully unveiled the day the Books are opened before the righteous Judge! It is either yourself, Satan or God who is ultimately in charge. Who is in charge will determine the content and direction of life. Life is a seed. Who you live it for will show up one day. If it is for Elohim, your whole being will be subject to Him, and He will have His way in you. If you are living for yourself, there will be a determined focus to pursue gratification of the flesh! Personal pursuit of happiness will obscure your view of eternity and lead away from Him. Life lived for Satan may appear to offer temporal rewards like fame and even some form of wealth, but these are fleeting in time and totally worthless in eternity.

Philippians 3:17-21 (KJV) 17 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.) 20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: 21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

It makes great sense to re-calibrate and turn around today, making love of Elohim and pursuit of His Kingdom the core driving force of your life!

Matthew 6:33-34 (KJV) 33 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.

When Elohim God sits in the centre of your heart, ruling and reigning, His righteousness, peace, and joy cease to be a struggle but define the very essence of your being.

Romans 14:17-19 (KJV) 17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. 18 For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. 19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

These are tangible properties which emit like a holy fragrance perceived by all who come close to you.

2 Corinthians 2:14-17 (KJV) 14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place. 15 For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: 16 To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things? 17 For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of

sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.

This is a logical consequence of seeking to be like Yahweh in Yeshua, Jesus:

Ephesians 5:1-2 (KJV) 1 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 sweetsmelling savour.

Saints, Elohim wants us in this mode! Then the Cross becomes a real experience where our will submits to His will! To such people who have been stripped of ego, pride, ambition and covetousness, Elohim can entrust real financial and material assets, if it be in line with His will and they will not stumble. Some of such people, when He so decorates them, emulate Yeshua, Jesus and lay it all down at His feet, to be utilised for His glory as led by Holy Spirit. They do not mind choosing to live the simple, broken life so that out of their brokenness, multitudes are brought into the Kingdom and nurtured therein! (John 12:24) If it is not the will of their heavenly to use them in that dimension of earthly financial prosperity, they do not question Him neither do they put on an attitude that suggests He has disappointed them.

Ultimately, Elohim wants us to be vessels through which He will manifest and demonstrate His holy, loving personality and display His unlimited power while on our pilgrimage on this side of eternity. From the beginning to the end of the New Covenant, this truth is self-evident and cannot be denied. Those who teach otherwise are part of agents embedded into the Kingdom whose assignment is principally to make saints stumble and look away from the

time to come, even the eternal dimension of the Kingdom!
Saints, beware of doctrines of devils and of men!

Jude 3-5 (KJV) 3 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. 4 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. 5 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.

Do not allow any humanistic doctrine to cause you to miss the glory and rewards which are to come. Keep your eyes on the grand prize which will be unveiled at the coming of the Lord Yeshua, Jesus!

Revelation 1:7-8 (KJV) 7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. 8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Revelation 3:11-12 (KJV) 11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. 12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out:

and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

Those who prefer to believe a lie concerning time and eternity should know that they have liberty from the King of Kings Himself:

Revelation 22:11-12 (KJV) 11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. 12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

In the meantime, He has stored up all things we need for our earthly pilgrimage for us to download as and when needed – by Faith!

2 Peter 1:3-4 (KJV) 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: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Assignment: 1. Please share 5 things you learnt from this chapter 2. Which of the things you learnt touched you particularly? 3. What will you do with the lesson in this chapter? 4. Write a 500-word essay. Scope of the Feedback: Identify the most important truths learnt; what impacted you most and outcome of the course in your life.

COURSE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

This Course Feedback & Impact Assessment is designed to assess the impact the course has on those who have completed all lesson assignments. The assessment is not academic and is utilized to ensure your understanding of the truths taught in the course. The goal is for you to share the revelation you received from the course.

Feedback Scope

1. Explain how the Religious Right and the Religious Left have negatively impacted attitude to the Word of Elohim.
2. True or False: Adding to or subtracting from the Word has no eternal consequences. True False
3. True or False: True worship of Elohim is based on the rewards He has promised or will give. True False
4. Give at least 1 scripture that enables us to walk in the reality that we are created to worship Elohim. Explain the scripture in terms of how you will apply it to your life.
5. Multiple Choice: Which of the following statements is true?
 True Praise & Worship holds string even in adverse circumstances
 True Praise and Worship depends on what we receive from Elohim
 True Praise and Worship is from our response to loud, lighted worship music.

6. True or False: Our motives towards obtaining rewards from Elohim do not matter. True False
7. Explain the one of the four Kingdom Principles that position us for the revelation of rewards unfolded in this course
8. Which one of the following statements is True?
- Seeking divine rewards with a corrupt heart is still ok
- Seeking divine rewards with a corrupt heart is toxic
- Seeking divine rewards with a corrupt heart is potentially Deadly
9. Explain one person in scripture whose example reveals it is possible to seek Elohim's favor and spiritual gifts with the wrong motives.
10. Explain Divine-Human Partnership
11. Explain Elohim's perspective of prosperity and how it differs from the world perspective.
12. True or False: there is a correlation between Identifying our assignment and the allocation of resources
13. Explain how Yeshua motivates us to serve with the right Motives
14. Fill in the blank: The promises of Elohim are _____.
15. Please summarise with brief words, the legal basis of the Promises
16. True or False: Elohim produces wellness in the spirit-man of saints True False

17. True or False: The mindset of a believer can affect ability to walk in the blessings of the Lord. [] True [] False
18. Explain Elohim's plan for that we live in His image and Likeness
19. Please list the 12 principles of Rewards and Divine Prosperity. Select 2 of the 12 and which you need to apply to your life immediately and what you understand will be the outcome.
20. Define Faithfulness and support your response with at least 2 scripture references.
21. List the 12 attributes of faithfulness, select one and explain the attribute and how we should respond as saints in relationship with Elohim
22. Explain the provision promises of Elohim for those who seek first the Kingdom
23. Explain the Eternal Blessings of Elohim
24. Read Matthew 19:27-30 then explain the 100-fold with regard to what a saint forsakes and with regard to Everlasting life
25. Explain what is considered the Ultimate Reward.
26. What three things must you do to ensure you will rule and reign with Yeshua
27. True or False: The Great White Throne Judgement is reserved for all Saints
28. Explain the outcome for saints who overcome Satan, the

world, and their self-life

29. Briefly explain the Wrath of Elohim. What is it? Why is it? What can saints do to avoid it?

30. Which of the following will not miss the rewards of Elohim

Those who seek first His Kingdom and Righteousness

Backsliders

Apostates

Those who carry cultural baggage

HOW TO BE INVOLVED

If you would like to be part of the elect who Elohim will use to impact and transform the Church world-wide with this revelation, there are various ways you can be involved, depending on your skills:

- i. Promote these revelations to the wider Body through electronic or print means or via Facebook and other Social Media platforms.
- ii. Be part of those who will use revelation in this course to train other leaders and saints within your loop of Kingdom influence – on and off Facebook
- iii. You have the skills/capacity to edit or proofread these materials
- iv. You can support in any other way: Financially or otherwise. Please send a note to: visionarymail7@gmail.com

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- What constitutes Faithfulness and ways of the Faithful.
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