

NEW CREATION REALITIES III

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Weeks 1- 6 of this class will deal with the preeminence, the Lordship, and the centrality of the Lord Jesus Christ.

- 1. Introduction, Advocate, Author and Finisher of our Faith & Bridegroom**
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- 4. Forerunner & Head of the Church**
- 5. Heir of All Things, High Priest & Husbandman**
- 6. Last Adam, Pattern Son, Rock & Seed of the Woman**

Weeks 7-12 will deal with the government, rule and authority of God in the earth and the universe.
Practically speaking it is His rule or His government in our life.

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Introduction:

The BIBLE.....

66 books written by 40 authors over a period of 1500 years.

As revelation knowledge flows like a mighty river in the earth, we pray that you may learn to explore the depths of the Bible as we follow on to know its Author.

There has never been a day like this day before! God has poured out His Spirit unto us that He might make His Word known unto us.

Prov.1:23 Behold, I will pour out my spirit upon you; I will make known my words unto you.

As you learn to study the Bible, may the Word become flesh in your life as part of His Glorious Church, His ongoing incarnation in the earth!

The Scriptures are the embodiment of all revelation, the supreme source of theology, and constitute a progressive revelation as taught by the Holy Spirit.

We must fall in love with the Bible by falling in love with the Author!

Such a revelation is to be expected, for a natural father would not conceal himself from his son; he would desire to have communication with him.

Psalm 19:7-11 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. ⁸ The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. ⁹The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. ¹¹Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Psalm 119:18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

Psalm 119:89 LAMED. For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

Psalm 119:105 NUN. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Psalm 119:130-131 The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple. ¹³¹ I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments.

Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

Luke 1:37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

Acts 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

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

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

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: ¹⁷ That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Hebrews 4:12 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.

2 Peter 1:19-21 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: ²⁰Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. ²¹For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

THE NAMES OF THE BIBLE:

1. **The BIBLE ("book")** Mk.12:26; Lk.3:4; 4:17-18; 20:42; Acts1:20; 7:42; Gal. 3:10; Heb.9:19; 10:7; Rev.1:11; 5:1-10; 10:5-10; 22:7-10.
2. **The WORD OF GOD** - Mk.7:13; Jn.1:1-3; 10:35; Acts 8:25; 13:48; Rom.10:8; Eph.1:13; Phil.2:16; Col.3:16; Heb.4:12; Jas.1:21-23; 1Pet.1:23.
3. **The SCRIPTURES ("writings")** - Dan. 10:21; an. 7:38; Rom.1:2; 4:3; 16:26; II Tim.3:15-16; II Pet. 3:16.
4. **The ORACLES OF GOD ("the speaking place")** - Psa.28:1; Rom. 3:2; Heb. 5:10-12; 6:1-2; I Pet. 4:11.
5. **The OLD and NEW TESTAMENTS ("covenants")** - Matt. 5:17-18; 11:13; 26:26-28; Mk.14: 24; Lk.22:20; Rom.3:21; 1Cor.11:25; 2Cor. 3:6, 14; Jer. 31:31-34; Heb. 8:6-13; 9:15; 10:15-17; 12:24.

THE SYMBOLS OF THE BIBLE:

1. **FIRE (Jer. 23:29)** - It burns, cleanses, and purges all that is contrary.
2. **HAMMER (Jer. 23:29)** - It smashes and demolishes; it is used to build.
3. **LAMP (Ps. 119:105)** - It is an instrument of light in the darkness.
4. **MIRROR (Jas. 1:23)** - It reveals what we are and what we can be in God.
5. **MILK (I Pet. 2:2)** - It nourishes the young in the Lord.
6. **ROD (Rev. 11:1-2)** - It is a measuring instrument and standard in all matters of faith and practice. It is the authority of God's rule.
7. **SEED (I Pet. 1:23; Lk. 8:11; Is. 1:18)** - It is a germinating, life-producing word having God's life in it.
8. **SWORD (Eph. 6:17; Heb. 4:12)** - It is living, sharp, and two-edged in its operation as it separates flesh and spirit.
9. **WATER (Ps. 119:5, 9; In. 15:3; 17:17; Eph. 5:26)** - It is life-giving, refreshing and cleansing.
10. **GOLD (Ps. 19:7-10; Job 28:1; Pr. 25:2)** - It is priceless and an inexhaustible mine for treasure to be dug out.
11. **HONEY (Ps. 19:10; Rev. 10:10)** - It is sweet to the taste.
12. **OX-GOAD (Eccl. 12:11)** - It prods the servant into fulfilling his duties.
13. **NAIL (Eccl. 12:11)** - It is fastened in a sure place, and we can safely hang things on it.
14. **BREAD (Matt. 4:4; Deut. 8:3; Ps. 119:103; Isa. 55:10; Ex.16)** - It is the staff of life, ever fresh, and meant for our daily consumption.
15. **PEARL (Matt. 7:6)** - It is a priceless gem; though formed in darkness, it has the colors of the rainbow when brought to the light.
16. **ANCHOR (Heb. 6:18-19)** - It holds the believer in safety through every storm.
17. **STAR (Matt. 2:1-11; II Pet. 1:19; Rev. 2:28)** - It guides the believer.
18. **MEAT (Heb. 5:11-14)** - It is strength-giving food for the mature.

NOTE: Jesus Christ is the LIVING WORD, the Word made FLESH. Each of these symbols speaks of Him and His Church which is the ongoing incarnation of His Person.

These terms deal with the preeminence, the lordship, and the centrality of the Lord Jesus Christ in this new day message and ministry.

Week 1

1 ADVOCATE

The Greek word "PARAKLETOS" means "called to one's side, to aid." It was used in a court of justice to denote a legal assistant, a counsel for the defense, an advocate. (Vine)

1 Jn. 2:1 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.

ADVOCATE:

3875 parakletos {par-ak'-lay-tos} a root word; AV - comforter 4, advocate 1; 5

Summoned, called to one's side, esp. called to one's aid; one who pleads another's cause before a judge, a pleader, counsel for defense, legal assistant, an advocate; one who pleads another's cause with one, an intercessor; of Christ in his exaltation at God's right hand, pleading with God the Father for the pardon of our sins; in the widest sense, a helper, succourer, aider, assistant; of the Holy Spirit destined to take the place of Christ with the apostles (after his ascension to the Father), to lead them to a deeper knowledge of the gospel truth, and give them divine strength needed to enable them to undergo trials and persecutions on behalf of the divine kingdom

1Tim. 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

The Lord Jesus Christ is our advocate. He is our defense lawyer, our legal assistant.

John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you **another Comforter**, that he may abide with you for ever;

It is true the Comforter is the Holy Ghost but Jesus said another Comforter. Same word Parakletos, the one who comes along side, to aid, to succor, to strengthen.

Jesus forever lives to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ the righteous, our Advocate. The one who began a good work in us and will perform it and finish it. He will perfect that which concerns us. . Jesus sits in the heavens and He is now ministering in our behalf.

2 AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH

Old Testament faith is found in Heb. 11 and New Testament faith (the faith of Jesus) is revealed in Heb. 12.

Hebrews 12:1-2 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.

Jesus is the author ("a prince; one who takes the lead in, and who provides the first occasion of anything") and also the finisher ("perfecter") of the same quality and substance of faith that began in us at conversion.

Galatians 2:20 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.

Faith is in Christ and Christ is in you.

Colossians 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

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

The Greek word for Christ is Christos and means the anointed one, the indwelling Christ. It's been a mystery. But when the Christ came in, He brought with Him, His kind of faith. We are not doing away with Heb. 11 but in Heb. 12 we find the Jesus kind of faith.

Romans 1: 16- 17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. ¹⁷For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from **(out of)** faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Habakuk 2:4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by **his** faith.

It is God's faith, it is the faith of the Son of God. And God wants to move us from faith to faith. From the in-part realm of faith of Hebrews 11, to the faith in-fullness realm of Hebrews 12.

Hebrews 11:13 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.

Heb. 11 faith is in part and brings a good report. We can die with it and not obtain the promise. Heb. 12 faith is faith in fullness and makes itself of no reputation. We can conquer death with it and obtain the promise.

Heb.12 faith is the all-faith of 1Cor. 13:10 that will believe all things, and it is His faith; the faith of the Lord Jesus.

1 Corinthians 13:10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

1Corinthians 13:7 Beareth all things, **believeth all things**, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Acts 3: 16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, **the faith which is by him** hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

Phillippians 1:6 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:

Psalms 138: 8 The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me:

Hebrews 11:38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. ³⁹And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: ⁴⁰God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

Galatians 3:23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

Philippians 2:1-11 If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, ² Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. ³Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. ⁴Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. ⁵Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: ⁷But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: ⁸And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. ⁹Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him

a name which is above every name: ¹⁰That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; ¹¹And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

3 BRIDEGROOM

The Lord Jesus is the heavenly Bridegroom and Husband to His wife the Church.

Jeremiah 33:11 The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the LORD of hosts: for the LORD is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: and of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the LORD.

The voice of the Bridegroom is the very voice of the Lord Jesus, Rev. 19:10 says that the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy. God's telephone number is here in Jeremiah 33:3.

Jeremiah 33:3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

It is a good scripture for prayer but it is also a powerful principle concerning praise and worship and the response of the prophetic word which is the voice of the Lord in our midst. As we call as the Bride of Christ unto Him in love and worship and adoration. As we sing unto Him privately and publicly, He begins to respond and speak and the voice of the Bridegroom, the very voice of the Lord is prophetic utterance and Jesus is the Bridegroom. (Jer. 33:11)

John 3:29 He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.

Matthew 25:1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

*There are outer court Christians they are foolish virgins.
Holy Place Christians they are wise virgins.*

But there are Most Holy Place Christians who are sold out completely and they are the watchmen, the watchmen on the wall whose voice said, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh go ye out to meet Him."

Matthew 25:13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Ephesians 5:17-33 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what **the will of the Lord is.** ¹⁸ And **be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;** ¹⁹Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, **singing** and making melody in your heart to the Lord; ²⁰Giving **thanks** always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; ²¹**Submitting** yourselves one to another in the fear of God. **(marks of spirit filled people)** ²²Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. ²⁴Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; **(sacrificial love)** ²⁶That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, **(purifying love)** ²⁷That 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. **(caring love)** ²⁸So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. ²⁹For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: ³⁰For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. ³¹For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. **(unbreakable kind of love)** ³²This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. ³³Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

This describes the great mystery concerning Christ and the Church. It not only describes the husband kind of

love but it is the kind of love that the Bridegroom Jesus has for His Church.

Week 2

4 CHIEF APOSTLE

The word in Greek ("APOSTOLOS") means "one who is sent to fully be a representative of the One who sent him."

The Father sent Jesus, because He said:

John 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

An apostle denotes the authority of God. Jesus is the highest authority in the Church at all times.

Hebrews 3:1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

Ephesians 1:20-23 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹**Far above** all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: ²²And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, ²³Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.

There is nothing in heaven, in earth or under the earth that is not under the authority and the jurisdiction of the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. If we as God's people would ever see that and believe that and go forth and act like that is so we would turn this world upside down, in the Name of the Chief Apostle, the highest authority.

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

This is the basis of the Great Commission. All executive authority has been given unto Jesus.

5 CLOTHED WITH THE SUN

Jesus is the "son" and the "sun" in the Bible.

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the **light** of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the **light of life**.

All through the Bible as exemplified by the Golden Candlestick in the Tabernacle of Moses in the O.T. Jesus is that light and of course that Candlestick is not only that symbol of light, but also life because it was in the shape of a vine, and the symmetrical branches protruding from each side; and thus it beautifully is revealed in John 1 where Jesus Christ is the true light and in Him was life.

John 1:4 In him was **life**; and the **life** was the **light** of men.

¹John1 also brings together the concepts of light and life and as in the natural the sun giving light and life to this planet, Jesus Christ is the light of the world, He is the true vine according to John 15 and so it is we can be clothed with the light.

1 John1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of **life**; ²(For the **life** was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal **life**, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) ³That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. ⁵This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is **light**, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: ⁷But if we walk in the **light**, as he is in the **light**, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

We can be clothed (put on as a garment) with the light, the glory and the divine nature of Christ the Sun of Righteousness.

Ephesians 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as **children of**

light:

Psalms 19:1 To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. ² Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

It is very appropriate that natural things can symbolize or typify spiritual things, we know this from Romans 1:20, because it tells us that:

For **the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen**, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead;

Going back to Ps. 19 in verse 3 it says, concerning the heavens and the stars:

Psalms 19:3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. ⁴ Their **line** is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the **sun**, ⁵ Which is as a **bridegroom** coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

Line: voice, sound, chord (instrument), light.

In Ps. 19:5 the SUN is described as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber and rejoices as a strong man to run a race.

Psalms 19:6 His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

Malachi 4:1-2 For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. ²But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

2Peter1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

Colossians 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

Jesus is the SUN; He is the DAYSTAR. And that new day is dawning in the power of His new nature, even the Christ nature.

Revelation 21:21 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.

the Greek word for transparent glass is

1307 diaphanes {dee-af-an-ace'} from 1223 and 5316; adj

AV - **Transparent, translucent.**

5316 phaino {fah'-ee-no} prolongation for the base of 5457;

AV - appear 17, shine 10, be seen 2, seem 1, think 1; 31

To bring forth into the light, cause to shine, shed light

be bright or resplendent; to become evident, to be brought forth into the light, appear; of growing vegetation, to come to light; to meet the eyes, strike the sight, become clear or manifest; to appear to the mind, seem to one's judgment or opinion

1223 dia {dee-ah'} a primary preposition denoting the channel of an act; prep

AV - by 241, through 88, with 16, for 58, for ... sake 47, therefore + 5124 44, for this cause + 5124 14, because 53,

**Through; of place; with; in; of time; throughout; during
of means; by the means of**

To shine through. So it is that our walk in God is coming into a place of honesty and transparency in the power of the Holy Ghost and God is enabling us, to let the light of Jesus Christ shine through our lives that men can see that indeed He is the Light of the World.

Proverbs 4:18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

Revelation 12:1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; **a woman clothed with the sun**, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: *Here is a Spirit filled Church who has put on Christ.*

Romans 13:11-14 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. ¹²The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. ¹³Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. ¹⁴But **put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ**, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Put Him on today and wear Him as a beautiful garment and display Him where ever you go.

6 ELDER BROTHER

In this walk we have a Heavenly Father and Jesus is our elder or older brother who has gone before us as our pattern and example.

Jesus has gone before us as our pattern and as our example. He is the prototype, He is the Pattern Son.

He has consecrated a new and living way for us through His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension. When we fellowship His sufferings, and are changed into His image, there is a people, His brethren of whom the scripture says He will not be ashamed to call His brethren.

Romans 8:28-29 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. ²⁹For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

The Bible says concerning Jesus:

Colossians 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

Hebrews 2:6-13 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? ⁷Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: ⁸Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.

The last Adam, the Lord Jesus Christ, the dominion that He has, and the dominion that He now shares with His Church is dominion that encompasses and includes power. The Greek word EXOUSIA, all executive authority Jesus said,

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

All executive authority in heaven, in earth and under the earth, is His, and Jesus Christ is our elder brother.

Hebrews 2:9 -13 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. ¹⁰For 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 (**or mature**) through sufferings. ¹¹For both he that sanctifieth (**that is the Lord Jesus**) and they who are sanctified (**His brethren, His Church, His body**) are all of one: (**that is an ablative of source in the Greek meaning they are all out of one source, just like the Golden Candlestick in Moses Tabernacle, it was beaten out of one piece of pure gold, the vine and the branches**) for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, ¹²Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. (**Psalms 22:22**) ¹³And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children (**or the sons**) which God hath given me. (**Psalms 18:2, and Isaiah 8:18**)

Psalm 22:22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

Isaiah 8:18 Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for **signs and for wonders** in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

Jesus has some brethren of whom He is not ashamed. And it is like that day at the Jordan river when the heavens opened and the Father spoke over Jesus and He said, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." This parallels John 8:29 where Jesus said to do all things that please the Father. So the Lord Jesus would desire to look at your life and at mine.

John 8:29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

He is saying, "here is my house and in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." "That is where I am going to be speaking from, there is the habitation of my words and my works, these are my beloved sons, these are my brethren of whom I am not ashamed in whom I am well pleased." Jesus Christ is our elder brother, He is consecrated for us in a new and a living way, through His blood and through His death, burial and resurrection and ascension. When we fellowship His sufferings we are changed into His own image and He is not ashamed to call us brethren.

The issue in the book of Song of Solomon is not how attractive HE is, although the Bible says He is altogether lovely. But the issue in that book is how attractive are we to Him. In the words of the Shulamite, she said, "I am my beloved's and His desire is toward me."

God has faith in Himself. Faith is in Christ and Christ is in you. Without faith it is impossible to please Him. Heb.11:6 and God looks at himself in us and He is pleased. The Bible says that we are dead and our life is hid with Christ in God, or in the words of Paul in:

Galatians 2:20 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.

Week 3

6 FIRSTBORN SON

Jesus is the firstborn Son among many brethren. God's purpose in Christ is to have a vast family of sons in the image of Jesus. As the firstborn, Jesus has received the birthright and the blessing, and is the Head of the Church of the firstborn. He is also the firstfruits of them that slept.

Romans 8:28-29 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. ²⁹For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

4832 summorphos {soom-mor-fos'} from 4862 and 3444; adj. AV - conformed to 1, fashioned like unto.
Having the same form as another, similar, conformed to

3444 morphe {mor-fay'} perhaps from the base of 3313 (**through the idea of adjustment of parts**); n f.
AV – form. **The form by which a person or thing strikes the vision.**
External appearance.

God is Apostolic, before He is Pastoral, this means that God is a builder, before He is a Shepherd, and the one who meets your needs. Jesus is Priest and King. He is surely Priest, the merciful one, the kind and loving one, the mother side of God's nature, the EL-Shaddai, the All-Breasted one, the Nourisher, the one who will supply, one from whom we can draw. The one who in His sufficiency does meet our needs, for indeed Philippians 4:19 declares:

Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

There was a loaves and fishes crowd that followed Jesus and when He turned around and said, "Except you eat my flesh, and drink my blood, ye have no life in you." He was speaking of spiritual realities, in:

John 6:53-63 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. ⁵⁶He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. ⁵⁸This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever. ⁵⁹These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum. ⁶⁰Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it? ⁶¹When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you? ⁶²What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: **the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.** ⁶⁴But there are some of you that believe not.

But Jesus is the first born son among many brethren and God is Apostolic before He is Pastoral; that is, Paul said of his own Apostolic ministry:

1Corinthians 3:9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. ¹⁰According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise **masterbuilder**, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

753 architekton {ar-khee-tek'-tone} from 746 and 5045;
n m AV - ; **A master builder, an architect, the superintendent in the erection of buildings.**

God is a builder, Jesus was the son of a carpenter. It is quite appropriate. He said in:

Matthew 16:18 ... I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Jesus is the first born son among many brethren. God's purpose is to have a vast family of sons in the image of Jesus. What have we built that will remain? Fruit that will remain? The lives of the people that need the character of Christ to be built in them. The Hebrew word for Son is:

01121 ben {bane} from 01129;
AV - son 2978, children 1568, old 135, first 51, man 20, young 18, young + 01241 17, child 10, stranger 10, people 5, misc 92; 4906
Son, grandson, child, member of a group, male child; children (pl. - male and female); youth, young men (pl.); people (of a nation) (pl.)
01129 banah {baw-naw'} a primitive root; v
AV - build 340, build up 14, builder 10, made 3, built again + 08735 2, repair 2, set up 2, have children + 08735 1, obtain children + 08735 1, surely 1 (inf. for emphasis); 376
To build, rebuild, establish, cause to continue; to build a house (ie, establish a family); established (of restored exiles) (fig.) established (made permanent); to be built up (of childless wife becoming the mother of a family through the children of a concubine).

There, in that one Hebrew word, ben or banah, in its verb form, is revealed the eternal purpose of God. Through the ages He desires to build a son. Jesus is the firstborn among many brethren. He was appointed heir of all things and He has the birthright and He has the blessing.

There is a principle in Exodus 13:2

Exodus 13:2 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, **Sanctify** unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine.

Hebrew: 06942 qadash {kaw-dash'} a primitive root; v.

AV - sanctify 108, hallow 25, dedicate 10, holy 7, prepare 7, appointed 1, bid 1, purified 1, misc 7; **To consecrate, sanctify, prepare, be hallowed, be holy, be sanctified, be separate; to be set apart,**

Greek: 37 hagiazo {hag-ee-ad'-zo} from 40;

AV - sanctify 26, hallow 2, be holy 1;

To render or acknowledge, or to be venerable or hallow

To separate from profane things and dedicate to God; consecrate things to God; dedicate people to God. To purify; to cleanse externally; to purify by expiation: free from the guilt of sin; to purify internally by renewing of the soul.

Sanctify is to set apart, it is positive in its thrust. And as we are set apart, sanctified we automatically began to drop off the works of darkness. This is a basic foundational principle to the Bible concept of the firstborn. It belongs to the Lord, and Jesus Christ is the one who sanctifies.

Hebrews 2:10 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.

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Deuteronomy 21:17 But he shall acknowledge the son of the hated for the firstborn, by giving him a **double portion** of all that he hath: for he is the beginning of his strength; **the right of the firstborn** is his.

The firstborn got the birthright, He got the blessing, the double portion.

1 Corinthians 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

Jesus Christ is the first born among many brethren. He is the firstfruits. There were three Feasts in Israel economy, Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles. In that Passover Feast there were different dimensions to that Feast in the first month and one of it was the waving of the sheaves of firstfruits. Jesus was that firstfruit sheave, He was waved, He arose from the dead and on the morning of the third day He was waved as it were before the Father and Jesus was that firstfruit sheaf pointing to the harvest that would follow. And because He has risen from the dead we too can live.

Revelation 3:14 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;

Concerning the new creation He is the beginning. He is the head of the Church, He is the Cornerstone of the true Tabernacle which the Lord pitched and not men.

Hebrews 12:22-24 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, ²³ To the general assembly and **church of the firstborn**, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, ²⁴And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God,

I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is about to be revealed into us, because if we are the children of God then we are heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:18 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.

Outline of the PENTATEUCH and a pattern of the Church in the wilderness,

Acts 7:38 This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sinai, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

Jesus is the firstborn son among many brethren. And we saw that the Hebrew word for son is BEN and the verb form is BANAH, to built, therefore God's eternal purpose in Christ Jesus is to build a son, both corporately or many-membered body of Chris and individually.

1 Corinthians 12:12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

And so it is that there is a new creation man; the new creation man of Ephesians 4:13 that is rising up in this hour- Christ:

Ephesians 4:13 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: ²⁴And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

The Body of Christ is a corporate many membered son of which Jesus Christ is the glorious head. One head = Jesus, one body = His Church constituting one new man.

1Corinthians 10:1-11 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; ²And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; ³And did all eat the same spiritual meat; ⁴And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. ⁵But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. ⁶Now these things were our **examples**, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. ⁷Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. ⁸Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. ⁹Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. ¹⁰Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. ¹¹**Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition**, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

Examples: 5179 tupos {too'-pos} from 5180; TDNT - 8:246,1193; n m. AV - ensample 5, print 2, figure 2, example 2, pattern 2, fashion 1, manner 1, form 1; 16

The mark of a stroke or blow, print. A figure formed by a blow or impression; of a figure or image. Form; the teaching which embodies the sum and substance of religion and represents it to the mind, manner of writing, the contents and form of a letter. An example; in the technical sense, the pattern in conformity to which a thing must be made; in an ethical sense, a dissuasive example, a pattern of warning; of ruinous events which serve as admonitions or warnings to others; an example to be imitated.

Galatians tells us that Moses was the mediator of the O.T.

Galatians 3:19 Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

1Tim.2:5 tells us that Jesus Christ is the mediator of the New Covenant.

1Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

God took the spirit of Moses and multiplied it and imparted it to the seventy elders and in the N.T. God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts by which we cry Abba Father.

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

Jesus Christ is altogether lovely, He is the preeminent one, He is the head of the Church, He is King, He is Lord, and He is being multiplied into a vast nation for He is the firstborn among many brethren.

That people, that Church in the wilderness, all the things that happen unto them are written for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

In Exodus Chapters 1-6 God began to multiply the man Moses, In Exodus Chapters 7-12 God kept that holy nation, which is the Church (1Peter 2:9) during the hour of trial. God is desiring to keep His people during the hour of trial. In Exodus 7-12 the ten plagues that came upon Egypt parallel the plagues of Revelation and the point is made that God made a difference, He put an immunity upon His people. The first 3 plagues fell on everybody, but the rest only fell on the Egyptians and Israel was kept during the hour of trial. You remember the hail, the darkness, the lice, the frogs and the death of the firstborn. The son that God is building in this hour will be kept in the hour of trial.

The son, this many membered man will be delivered by the blood, the water and the Spirit.

1John 5:8 *And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.*

We must be delivered by the blood, (that was Exodus Chapter 12) by the water (that is water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins- that took place when they were baptized into Moses in the sea in Exodus 14-15) [Of course we were baptized into Jesus Christ] and they were baptized into the cloud (that is the Shekinah- the glory of God, typifying the Holy Ghost in Exodus 13. So in Exodus 12-15 we see that they were delivered by the blood, the water and the spirit.

They were supernaturally supplied. There are 5 experiences mentioned in 1Corinthians 10. Three are once for all, two are continuous. The blood, baptism in water, baptism in the Holy Ghost are once for all. But the other two, the bread and the beverage, these are continuous. The bread is in Exodus 16, the manna from heaven. The beverage is in Exodus 17, the water from the rock. And that rock that followed them was Christ. Speaking of the supernatural supply of the word of God. Give us this day our daily bread, and learning to drink from the spirit of the Lord within, the Christ from within us Colossians 1:27.

This nation was instructed in Exodus 18-40; the whole 27 chapters of Leviticus; Numbers 1-10; Deuteronomy 4-33. The majority of the Pentateuch - They were instructed; the whole Tabernacle scheme, the whole priesthood, was to teach Israel the two main lessons: holiness and justice. To be clean and to be fair.

And this nation that God is building today with Jesus as the head and the firstborn son among many brethren is kept during the hour of trial, delivered by the blood, water and spirit, supernaturally supplied, instructed and finally sifted.

Numbers 11-17 They were sifted in four areas: murmuring, carnality, rebellion and unbelief.

This is what God is doing in His Church today, individually he will sift these things out of you and corporately He will sift it out of our midst. The murmuring by those on the edge of the camp. The carnality of wanting the garbics of Egypt. The rebellion of Korah and Myriam. And the unbelief of the whole nation.

When two witnesses, Caleb and Joseph came back and said to go up and possess the land they said no because the giants were too big and the walled cities were too high and God cut a whole nation off in unbelief because they provoked Him in the wilderness. All of that is a scenario or a panorama of the people that God is building in this hour. Jesus Christ is the firstborn son among many brethren.

Week 4

7 FORERUNNER

Hebrews 6:19-20 Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; ²⁰Whither the **forerunner** is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

4274 prodromos {prod'-rom-os} from the alternate of 4390; adj. AV - forerunner 1; 1

A forerunner; esp. one who is sent before to take observations or act as a spy, a scout, a light armed soldier; one who comes in advance to a place where the rest are to follow.

The Greek word "PRODROMOS" signifies "running forward, or going in advance; those who were sent before to take observations, and acting as scouts, especially in military matters; one sent before a king to see that the way was prepared." (Vine)

Jesus Christ has gone before us, He is the pattern son, He is the prototype of every son, He is the example. He has gone before us and made a new and living way unto God by His blood.

In the pattern of Moses' Tabernacle, it says in:

Exodus 25:8 And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

Exodus 25:40 And look that thou make them after their **pattern**, which was shewed thee in the mount.

Hebrews 8:5 Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the **pattern** shewed to thee in the mount.

This word pattern, tupos is the same word used in John 20 as the print of the nails in the hands of Jesus. It's the same word as examples in 1Cor.10:5.

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Jesus has gone beyond the veil as a forerunner into fullness of life and ministry. He has gone into the Holy of Holies which is the realm of unlimited anointing in the life and presence of God in fullness. As such, He is the Head of the Church and the High Priest of the Melchisedec priesthood.

Hebrews 9:24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

Hebrews 10:19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; ²¹And having an high priest over the house of God; ²²Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. ³⁹But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

Jesus Christ is the Forerunner, Moses Tabernacle had three dimensions, there was an Outer Court, there was a Holy Place and there was a Most Holy Place, and the veil separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place. To equate that in experiential terms of your Christian walk; an Outer Court experience in God, this is Evangelical, Fundamental Christianity. People who are born again and Baptized in water. The Brazen Laver in the Outer Court finds its complete fulfillment in the Cross of Jesus Christ. The emphasis there, of course, is the blood. The Laver, the emphasis there was, of course, was the water. Interestingly enough in John 19:34 when His side was pierced, out came the two cleansing agencies, blood and water; and through these two cleansing agencies we are also going to go back into Him. We are sanctified by the blood and by the washing of the water by the word. Then the door into the Holy Place is the Holy Ghost Baptism with the evidence of speaking other tongues and it ushers us into a Spirit filled dimension. There at the Candlestick which is the Church,

Revelation 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

The bowls filled with oil, it's a Spirit filled Church marked by nine sets of ornaments on either side of its symmetrical structure. There is the fruit and gifts of the Spirit ornamenting the Church. Also in that Holy Place realm which was 10x10x20 cubits, that is 2000 speaking of the 2000 year Church age that is now presently coming to an end, that would usher it in, in Jesus' day in the day of Pentecost. There was a Table of Shewbread showing us the Covenant, the Lord's Supper, a border of an hand breadth around the table showing the fivefold ministry. There were also 5 pillars into the Holy Place, that is also the fivefold ministry. Five bars were holding the building up that is fivefold ministry of apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, and teacher. And then the Altar of incense speaking of spirit filled praise, prayer and worship.

But it didn't stop there. There was another room, there was a Most Holy Place with the Ark of the Covenant with its Golden Lid, the Mercy Seat. He didn't stop in the Outer Court, He didn't stop in the Holy Place, there was a realm beyond Pentecost, beyond the Charismatic frame of mind, beyond the Faith message, because hope entered into that which was within the veil. And Jesus walked into the veil and through the veil. He went into the Holy Place and then the Most Holy Place and now He has entered into that which is within the veil in the Most Holy Place as a Forerunner after the Order of Melchisedec.

The word of God is revealed to us in three's:

Proverbs 22:20 Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge, ²¹That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?

Excellent things:

07991 shaliysh {shaw-leesh'} or shalowsh (1 Chr 11:11; 12:18) {shaw-loshe'} or shalosh (2 Sam 23:13) {shaw-loshe'} from 07969; n m. AV - captain 11, lord 4, instrument of musick 1, great measure 1, excellent thing 1, measure 1, prince 1; 20

Third part; name of a measure. A musical instrument; maybe three-stringed, triangular shape, or three-barred; perhaps a sistrum or triangle. Shield carrier, adjutant, officer, captain.

Deut. 16:16 He says He would meet with us:

Deut.16:16 Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, **(PASSOVER)** and in the feast of weeks, **(PENTECOST)** and in the feast of tabernacles: **(TABERNACLES)** and they shall not appear before the LORD empty:

There is a whole dimension beyond passover and Pentecost that we will call realm of maturity. Eph.4:13 calls it unto a perfect man, one brought to completion, fully equipped, “telios”.

5046 teleios {tel'-i-os} from 5056; adj.AV - perfect 17, man 1, of full age 1; 19

Brought to its end, finished; wanting nothing necessary to completeness. Perfect. That which is perfect; consummate human integrity and virtue. Of men; full grown, adult, of full age, mature.

5056 telos {tel'-os} from a primary tello (to set out for a definite point or goal); n n. AV - end 35, custom 3, uttermost 1, finally 1, ending 1, by (one's) continual + 1519 1; 42.

End; termination, the limit at which a thing ceases to be (always of the end of some act or state, but not of the end of a period of time); the end; the last in any succession or series; eternal; that by which a thing is finished, its close, issue; the end to which all things relate, the aim, purpose. Toll, custom (i.e. indirect tax on goods).

The purpose of God is in three dimensions.

“EXCELLENT THINGS” are literally “THREE-FOLD THINGS”.

Feast of Passover	Feast of Pentecost	Feast of Tabernacles
Outer Court	Holy Place	Most Holy Place
New Birth	Holy Ghost Baptism	Maturity
Jesus (Saviour)	Christ (Anointing)	The Lord
Milk	Bread	Meat
The Way	The Truth	The Life
Faith	Hope	Love
Water Baptism	Spirit Baptism	Fire Baptism
Babes	Youth	Men
Born of the Spirit	First fruits of the Spirit	Fullness of the Spirit
Born an heir	Earnest of the Inheritance	Full Possession
Babies	Children	Adults
Little children	Young Men	Fathers
Born of the Spirit	Developed	Matured
Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Thirty-fold	Sixty-fold	Hundred-fold
Spirit has been saved	Soul is being saved	Body shall be saved
Common salvation	Great salvation	Eternal salvation
Dust	Sand	Stars
Thanksgiving	Praise	Worship
Prophet	Priest	King
Gentiles	Church	Israel
Walk	Run	Mount up
Natural light	Artificial light	Divine Light
Fruit	More fruit	Much fruit
Bud	Blossom	Fruit
Birthright	Blessing	Inheritance
Jesus the Babe	Jesus the Youth	Jesus the Man
Out of Egypt	Through the wilderness	Into the land
Foolish virgins	Wise virgins	The Watchman
David's 1st anointing	Second Anointing	Third anointing
Gleanings	Harvest	Firstfruits
Divine healing	Divine health	Divine life

Orpah	Naomi	Ruth
Brass vessels	Silver vessels	Gold vessels
Workers	Warriors	Worshippers
Multitude of disciples	Nine disciples	Peter, James, & John
Little faith	Great faith	All faith
First heaven	Second heaven	Third heaven
Mount Ophel	Mount Moriah	Mount Zion
Remnant of her seed	Sun-clothed Woman	Manchild
Sealed with circum- cision of water baptism	Sealed with Holy Spirit of Promise	Sealed with the Mind of Christ in the forehead
For all Israel	For the Priest	For the High Priest
Come out	Come in	Come up
Good	Acceptable	Perfect
Congregation	Levites	Sons of Zadok
Place of Sacrifice	Place of Ordinances	Place of His Presence
Natural light	Lampstand	Shekinah Glory
Getting	Doing	Being
32,000	10,000	Gideons 300
External	Internal	Eternal
Gifts	Administrations	Operations
Death	Burial	Resurrection
Plant	Water	Increase
Heard	Saw	Fell (worship)

Ephesians 4:13 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:

We are in the threshold of that right now. And so we see that the firstfruits principle lends itself to the principle of the Most Holy Place and the Feast of Tabernacles.

KNOWLEDGE: 1922 epignosis {ep-ig'-no-sis} from 1921; n f. AV - knowledge 16, acknowledging 3, acknowledgement 1; 20

Precise and correct knowledge; used in the NT of the knowledge of things ethical and divine.

1921 epiginosko {ep-ig-in-oc'e'-ko} from 1909 and 1097; AV - know 30, acknowledge 5, perceive 3, take knowledge of 2, have knowledge of 1, know well 1; 42

To become thoroughly acquainted with, to know thoroughly; to know accurately, know well. To recognise; by sight, hearing, of certain signs, to perceive who a person is; to find out, ascertain.

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In God when we are born again, we are just that, we are born again and the whole spirit realm, that is the adolescent stage in God, but the purpose of Pentecost is that we might grow up into Him in all things which is the head, Ephesians 4:15 tells us.

Ephesians 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

So Jesus is the Forerunner, He has entered into the Most Holy Place, the realm of life and love. That is the realm of His being a full grown son. The Ark of the Covenant and the Mercy seat is where God sits. That is the throne of God, the throne of Grace. The realm of His lordship.

It can be summarized simply by saying Jesus the Christ my Lord. In the Outer Court He is Jesus, that means saviour, Jehovah our salvation, in the Holy Place, He is the Christ, the indwelling one, Christos, the anointed one. But in the Most Holy Place He is my Lord. In the Outer Court we met the son, in the Holy Place we met the Spirit, but in the Most Holy Place we meet the Father. So Jesus is the Forerunner and there is a third dimension.

8 HEAD OF THE CHURCH

Jesus is Head (“KEPHALE”) over the Church.

2776 kephale {kef-al-ay'} from the primary kapto (in the sense of seizing); n f. AV - head 76; 76

The head, both of men and often of animals. Since the loss of the head destroys life, this word is used in the phrases relating to capital and extreme punishment.

Metaph. anything supreme, chief, prominent; of persons, master lord: of a husband in relation to his wife; of Christ: the Lord of the husband and of the Church; of things: the corner stone.

As such, He is the Seat of authority; the Source of life; the Seat of judgment, intelligence, and direction; the Seat of knowledge; the Seat of power; the Seat of honor, glory, and beauty. The Christ of the New Testament is one man, a Head and a Body.

When you think of authority, life, judgment, intelligence, direction, knowledge, power, honor, glory and beauty, Jesus Christ must be center or focal point. He is the Head of the Church. The Christ of the

N. T is One New Creation Man Eph. 4:13 and 24. He is one Head as Jesus and one body which is His Church. One Head +one body= one New Man.

Jesus is the Head and we are the Body. He is the Mind that governs this Body, which we are. He is the one who is the Captain of our Salvation. He is the one who is giving the marching orders, He is Lord.

Ephesians stresses the body of Christ over which He is Head, and Colossians stresses Him who is Head over the body. That is why there are parallel passages between Ephesians and Colossians. Colossians says in 1: 19.

Colossians 1:19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

Colossians 2:9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

This is a little implication of the purpose of God to take all the fullness of Himself and put it in a body. You see man is a tripartite being, man is a trichotomy, because 1 Thes 5.23 tells us that we are spirit, soul and body. We have a spirit or we are spirit, we have a soul and we live in a body. And God is the same way. He is a Spirit, He has a soul and He lives in a body.

Colossians 2:19 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.

The Ark of the Covenant, in the Tabernacle of Moses, and the Mercy Seat, is the piece of furniture in the Most Holy Place that typifies the Headship, Lordship, Kingship, or throneship of Jesus Christ. . An example might be when the Ark of the Covenant entered the land first and held the Jordan back while the nation entered in. Rom. 5:10 says we were saved by His Life. Jesus Christ the true Ark has entered the land and just as the Jordan rent, the veil has been rent and 2000 cubits later the nation followed so that 2000 years after Jesus died and was buried and rose again and ascended there is a holy nation in this Church that is now entering in and

possessing Canaan, which is Kingdom living in the now. But Jesus is the Head of the Church. He is the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord of all the earth. In Ephesians there is a beautiful outline:

Ephesians 1 - The Head of the Church -	Eph.1:20-23
Ephesians 2 - The Head of the Temple -	Eph.2:19-21
Ephesians 3 - The Head of the Family -	Eph.3:14-15
Ephesians 4 - The Head of the Body -	Eph.4:11-12
Ephesians 5 - The Head of the Wife -	Eph.5:22-24
Ephesians 6 - The Head of the Army -	Eph. 6: 10-18

Jesus is the head of the Church.

Eph. 1:18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, ²⁰Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: ²²And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, ²³Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Jesus is the head of the Temple.

Ephesians 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; ²⁰And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the **chief corner stone**; ²¹In whom all **the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord**: ²²In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Jesus is the head of the Family.

Ephesians 3:14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵Of whom **the whole family in heaven and earth is named**, ¹⁶ That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; ¹⁷That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; ¹⁹And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. ²⁰Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, ²¹Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Jesus is the head of the Body.

Ephesians 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; ¹²For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the **edifying of the body of Christ**: ¹³Till 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: ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is **the head, even Christ**: ¹⁶From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Jesus is the head of the Wife.

Ephesians 5:22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. ²³For **the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church**: and he is the saviour of the body. ²⁴Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

Jesus is the head of the Army.

Ephesians 6: 10 ¹⁰Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For 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. ¹³Wherefore 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. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; ¹⁵And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. ¹⁷And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: ¹⁸Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

9 HEIR OF ALL THINGS

All the promises of all the covenants were made to Jesus. And all the promises of all the covenants were fulfilled in and by Jesus. He has received all things at the hand of the Father. And we are joint-heirs of all things.

Heb. 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, ²Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed **heir of all things**, by whom also he made the worlds; ³Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express **image (character, Jesus is the character of God)** of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; ⁴Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. (*Hebrews 8:6 "a more excellent ministry"*)

When He spoke to us through His Son Jesus He exhausted His vocabulary. There won't be another word, and even in the dimensions that God is revealing the deeper principles of sonship and eternal life, there won't be another word. Jesus is God's last word. There will be an amplification, a clarification and a multiplication of that Word, that incorruptible seed, (1 Peter 1:23) but there will be no further Word. God summed it up in Christ Jesus and He exhausted His vocabulary.

Image: 5481 karakter (khar-ak-tare') from the same as 5482; AV - express image 1; 1

The instrument used for engraving or carving. The mark stamped upon that instrument or wrought out on it; a mark or figure burned in (Lev. 13:28) or an impression; the exact expression of any person or thing, marked likeness, precise reproduction in every respect, Le facsimile.

Rom. 8:14 For as many as **are led** by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

1 Corinthians 1:27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; ²⁸And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which **are not**, to bring to nought things that are:

Rom. 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, (or **sonship**) whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

The word Abba is an Aramaic word that there is only one way to translate it- Daddy, Daddy.

Rom. 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: ¹⁷And 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.

The definition of Jesus being Heir of all things is:

All the promises of all the covenants were made to Jesus. And all the promises of all the covenants were fulfilled in and by Jesus. He has received all things at the hand of the Father. And we are joint-heirs of all things.

In the words of Jesus, the basis of the great commission in Matt. 28:18-20 He said himself. All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. This means executive authority.

Power: 1849 exousia (ex-oo-see'-ah) from 1832 (in the sense of ability); n
AV - power 69, authority 29, right 2, liberty 1, jurisdiction 1, strength 1;

Power of choice, liberty of doing as one pleases; leave or permission.

Physical and mental power; the ability or strength with which one is endued, which he either possesses or exercises. The power of authority (influence) and of right (privilege).

The power of rule or government (the power of him whose will and commands must be submitted to by others and obeyed); universally; authority over mankind; specifically; the power of judicial decisions; of authority to manage domestic affairs: metonymically; a thing subject to authority or rule; jurisdiction; one who possesses authority; a ruler, a human magistrate; the leading and more powerful among created beings superior to man, spiritual potentates; a sign of the husband's authority over his wife; the veil with which propriety required a women to cover herself; the sign of regal authority, a crown.

Mathew 1:1 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Jesus is the son of Abraham and son of David, or He is the seed of Abraham and the seed of David.

Galatians 3:16 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.

Jesus fulfilled the Abrahamic Covenant and the Davidic Covenant. He fulfilled them and through Him they are fulfilled in us .The basis of it is that Jesus has the land because of the Abrahamic Covenant in which He was given the land. When we bring that to Romans 4:13, it says Abraham and its seed, as Jesus and then passed unto us, was heir of the world.

Romans 4:13 For the promise, that he should be the **heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed,** through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

We need to know who the Jew is. Jesus is the seed of Abraham and as the seed of Abraham He already has the land. And as the seed of David, He already has the throne. The throne is not a chair up in outer space or the Middle East it is a place or seat of authority.

Throne: 2362 thronos (thron'-os) from thrao (to sit), a stately seat (throne*); n m. AV - throne 54, seat 7;

A throne seat, a chair of state having a footstool; assigned in the NT to kings, hence, kingly power or royalty. Metaph. to God, the governor of the world; to the Messiah, Christ, the partner and assistant in the divine administration; hence divine power belonging to Christ; to judges i.e. tribunal or bench; to elders.

Jesus has the land, He has the throne. The land is the earth and the throne is the right to rule it. And now we are joint-heirs with Him Lets take our place and sit beside Him In heavenly places.

10 HIGH PRIEST

Jesus is made a High Priest after the order (manner) of Melchisedec. This is a priesthood of prophets, priests, and kings. A New Testament order of priesthood is a royal priesthood that is eternal, that has brought in perfection, that is of the tribe of Judah, that put away sin, that is for all nations, and that is energized by the power of an endless life.

Heb. 7:1-28 For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; ² To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; ³Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually. ⁴Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. ⁵And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who

receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham: ⁶But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises. ⁷And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better. ⁸And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth. ⁹And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham. ¹⁰For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him. ¹¹If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? ¹²For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. ¹³For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar. ¹⁴For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood. ¹⁵And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, ¹⁶Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life. ¹⁷For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. ¹⁸For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof. ¹⁹ For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God. ²⁰And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest: ²¹(For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:) ²²By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament. ²³And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: ²⁴But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. ²⁵Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. ²⁶For such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; ²⁷Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself. ²⁸For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore.

1Pet. 2:9-10 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: ¹⁰Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

A study in Hebrews 7 shows several principles concerning the Melchisedec order of Priesthood. You will discover that it is:

An order of Prophets, Kings and Priests.

It is eternal, unchangeable, immutable means unchangeable.

It is of the tribe of Judah, it springs out of Judah which means praise.

It is universal, that means it ministers to all nations.

It brings in perfection.

It puts away sin, sickness, poverty and death.

When you get all the way through chapter 7 you get to chapter 8 of Hebrews and it says:

Hebrew 8:1 Now of the things which we have spoken **this is the sum:** We have such a high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; ²A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.⁶But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

Jesus Christ is the High Priest after the Order of Melchisedec. And as you know, God has many names by which He is revealed in scripture, just like a diamond has many facets, the names of God reveal His manifold or many sided wisdom.

One of the names of God is Yahweh, He is the lawgiver. El-Shadai is the mother side of God, the All-Breasted one, the nourisher. Then in line with Melchisedec, as He is revealed in Genesis 14 and Hebrews 7, He was a priest of the Most-High God, El-Elyon. If Moses was the priest of Yaweh, and Abraham was the priest of El-Shadai, Jesus Christ is a priest of El-Elyon.

The gospels reveal Him to be the Son of the Most-High. Because you see as Daniel said, there would be some saints of the Most High or some Most High saint from the Most Holy Place. There is a people who are apprehended for Zion, Mount Zion, the top of the mountain or the high calling. There is a people, a Most Holy Place people, for His Lordship, there is a royal priesthood, an order of kings and priests who are going to bring deliverance to this creation.

There are those of the Royal Priesthood, like Moses the King and Aaron the Priest, a King - Priest ministry in His image. Just as surely as the rod of Moses became the rod of God, this overcomer shall have the shepherd staff, the rod of iron to rule, and shepherd the nations.

POIMAINO in Greek.

4165 polmaino (poy-mah'-ee-no) from 4166; TDNT 6:485,901; v. AV - feed 6, rule 4, feed cattle 1;

To feed, to tend a flock, keep sheep; to rule, govern; of rulers; to furnish pasture for food; to nourish; to cherish one's body, to serve the body; to supply the requisites for the soul's need.

There is a Man in the Throne with a ministry. Jesus Christ is a High Priest after the order of Melchisedec and He has obtained a More Excellent Ministry.

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Reading Hebrews 8:1,2,6, which summarizes Hebrews 7.

Hebrew 8:1 Now of the things which we have spoken **this is the sum**: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; ²A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.⁶But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

Here is the purpose of God in a nutshell. A Man in the Throne with a Ministry. This New-Man, this New Creation man: Jesus is the Head and we the Body, in the Throne, the place of authority, with a Ministry the More Excellent Ministry. The eternal purpose of God in Christ Jesus is to form and fashion a man, just as He did in Genesis 1, and give him dominion over the earth.

God lives in a three room house as seen in the Tabernacle of Moses, which is outlined in Exodus 18-40. There were three dimensions to that construction which forms a pattern and a principle that is consistent throughout the Word of God.

In the Tabernacle of Moses there was an Outer Court, there was the Holy Place and then the Most Holy Place. Jesus Christ is the Great, High Priest. Hebrews 7:25 and Romans 8:34 tells us that He ever lives to make intercession for us.

Hebrews 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth **to make intercession** for them.

Romans 8:34It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also **maketh intercession** for us.

It is out of that realm of that Holy Place that He ministers. Indeed, God does live in a three room house, and the third room is a living room because Jesus told us in:

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by

me.

In the Outer Court we meet Him as saviour. He is the way to God. In the middle court, the Holy Place in the Spirit filled realm, He is the truth, as He walks in agreement with the Spirit of Truth. But in the Most Holy Place, where He is Lord it is a realm of life out of which our High Priest Ministers, is out of the living room. God lives in a three room house and the third room is the living room and it is also the loving room because

1 Corinthians 13:13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

Charity is "AGAPE", the divine love of God, and the Most Holy Place the realm of High Priestly Ministry is not only the realm of life, but the realm of love. Love is described as a Person or full grown Son in Hebrews and 1 Cor. 13. God lives in a three room house, the third room is a living room, the third room is the loving room and there was one piece of furniture in the Most Holy Place. It was the Ark of the Covenant and its golden lid, the Mercy Seat. This constituted, the very Throne of God. The Mercy Seat is where He sat. And in the N. T it is the Throne of Grace. God no longer is speaking from the heights of Mount Sinai, saying keep away, but now from the heights of Mount Zion saying whomsoever will may come. The law of sin and death has now been swallowed up and superceded by the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 4:14-16 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. ¹⁵For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 5:1-2 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, ²Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

Hebrews 7:26 For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

God lives in a three room house, the third room is the living room, the loving room. There is one piece of furniture in God's living room, it is His love seat, the Throne of God is the love seat, the Mercy seat. He is our propitiation. Literally He is our Mercy Seat.

Romans 3:25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Propitiation: 2435 hilasterion (hil-as-tay'-ree-on) from a derivative of 2433; . AV - propitiation 1, mercyseat 1; 2

Relating to an appeasing or expiating, having placating or expiating force, expiatory; a means of appeasing, expiating, a propitiation; used of the cover of the ark of the covenant in the Holy of Holies, which was sprinkled with the blood of the expiatory victim on the annual day of atonement (this rite signifying that the life of the people, the loss of which they had merited by their sins, was offered to God in the blood as the life of the victim, and that God by this ceremony was appeased and their sins expiated); hence the lid of expiation, the propitiatory; an expiatory sacrifice; a expiatory victim.

John 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

1John 4:17 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.

Jesus is the High Priest after the order of Melchisedec and He is fashioning in His image a royal priesthood, who are becoming a mercy seat in the Most Holy Place. A people of love mercy, and compassion, a people created in the image of their glorious Captain, and High Priest the Head of the Church.

Jesus Christ who ever lives to make intercession for us said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of

the world." It is from the Mercy Seat, He now reaches to us . We receive Him, accept Him, bow our knee and receive mercy and grace from the benevolent hand of Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest.

11 HUSBANDMAN

The Greek word "GEORGOS" means "a tiller of the ground; a vine-dresser." Jesus tells us in John 15:1 that the Father is the husbandman;

John 15: 1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the **husbandman**.

Husbandman: 1092 georgos (gheh-ore-gos') from 1093 and the base of 2041; n m. AV - husbandman 19; 19

A husbandman, tiller of the soil, a vine dresser.

1093 ge (ghay) contracted from a root word; n f. AV - earth 188, land 42, ground 18, country 2, world 1, earthly + 1537 + 3588 1; 252

Arable land; the ground, the earth as a standing place. The main land as opposed to the sea or water. The earth as a whole; the earth as opposed to the heavens; the inhabited earth, the abode of men and animals. A country, land enclosed within fixed boundaries, a tract of land, territory, region.

2041 ergon (er'-gon) from a primary (but obsolete) ergo (to work); n n. AV - work 152, deed 22, doing 1, labour 1; 176

Business, employment, that which any one is occupied; that which one undertakes to do, enterprise, undertaking, Any product whatever, any thing accomplished by had, art, industry, or mind. An act, deed, thing done: the idea of working is emphasized.

James 5:7 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.

Or until he receives the fruit that is produced by the early and the latter rain. This is a Christ centered message and Romans 11:36 says that it is:

Romans 11:36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

What is the early and the latter rain? In Palestine the seasonal rains were, the early rain which was the rain by which the seed was planted; and the latter rain, was the rain that brought the harvest to maturity. In the light of what God is saying today we understand the early or the former rain to be the outpouring of the Holy Ghost at the early or the former part of this age or the Pentecostal outpouring.

And then we have come to understand that the latter rain that the prophet Joel (2:23) mentioned, began falling at the turn of this century and is still falling. As God restored Pentecost to the Church at the turn of this century, some have called the outpouring in the late 40's as the latter rain but there is a broader scope than that. There is a marvelous outpouring of the Spirit at the latter part of this age, the latter rain. It says that He is going to receive the early and the latter rain.

The prophets said that it would be in the first, the word month is not in the scripture, in that prophetic statement, he just said it would be revealed and out-poured in the first, if you will, in the firstfruits company unto God and the Lamb. Those were part of the Church of the Firstborn, but, be that as it may, we are going to see an outpouring of the Spirit that is unprecedented. The early and the latter rain.

It says here that the husbandman waits for that. I believe that here in James 5.7 we see our ascended Lord Jesus Christ in union with the Father calling Himself the Husbandman who is waiting until He receives the Harvest in the same principle of the ascended Christ wafting until His enemies are made His footstool.

Psalm 110:1 A Psalm of David. The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Matthew 22:44 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?

Mark 12:36 For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Luke 20:43 Till I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Acts 2:35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool.

1 Corinthians 15:25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

Hebrews 1:13 But to which of the angels said he at anytime, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

Heb. 10:12-13 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; ¹³From henceforth **(the time He sat down, until now)** expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

Jesus is the Husbandman and He is waiting patiently until He receives the early and the latter rain

Mark 7:13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

Colossians 2:8 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.

We want to follow the Christ and all that He is saying and doing and He is the Husbandman and He longs for fruit not just the fruit of souls, but also the fruit of the Spirit, the fruit of His own nature reaped in us. God is Apostolic before He is Pastoral, that is He desires to build into us His own nature, the character of Christ, even before He wants to meet our needs.

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

This is what He is going to receive from the early and latter rain, but the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, that is patience, gentleness, that is kindness, goodness, faith, literally faithfulness, meekness, or humility, temperance, or self control against such there is no law.

There are nine attributes of the nature of the Lord, His divine nature, the character of Christ.

Hebrews opens by saying that Jesus is the image of God, the Greek word is CHARACTER. Jesus is the character of God, no wonder the angel sang that first Christmas, it was the first time they had seen God, He put a face on Himself, and He wrapped Himself in flesh and blood and then Mary wrapped Him in swaddling clothe and laid in a manger and now He has come, and through the exceeding, precious and great promises of the word the Apostle Peter tells us that we can be partakers of His own divine nature and it is coming through the outpouring of the Holy Ghost in the early and the latter rain. Jesus is the Husbandman, He is the tiller of the ground, He is the vine dresser, He is the one who is cultivating His own nature in a people and He will receive the precious fruit of the earth.

That Incorruptible Seed that was planted in you when you were born from above will bud, blossom and fill the face of your world with fruit.

Isaiah 27:6 He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.

Week 6

12 LAST ADAM

Jesus is the Last Adam who was revealed to bring a lasting end to the first Adam. He is the Lord from heaven. He is a life-giving Spirit to us. He is the federal Head of the new creation. He is the beginning of a new race, species, and breed of spirit beings.

1 Corinthians 15:44-49 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. ⁴⁵And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. ⁴⁶Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.

Genesis 3:14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

Isaiah 65:25 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.

1 Corinthians 15:48-49 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. ⁴⁹And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

The Greek of vs. 49 is much more powerful, because it reads this way. "And as we have borne the image of the earthy, so let us now put on and wear as a garment the image of the heavenly.

Bear: 5409 phoreo {for-eh'-o} from 5411; v. AV - bear 3, wear 3; 6
To bear constantly, wear; of clothing, garments, armour.

Phoreo means to put on, like you put on armour or a garment, or as you put on Christ. He said lets do it now, it is not futuristic. As you read and study that passage you begin to understand that re only two men on this planet. The first Adam and the last Adam. Men of the flesh and men of the spirit.

John 6:31-35 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. ³²Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. ³⁴Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. ³⁵And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

He is the last Adam, the Bread from heaven.

Romans 5:12-19 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, **(that is the first Adam)** and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: ¹³(For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. ¹⁴Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. ¹⁵But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. ¹⁶And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. ¹⁷For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) ¹⁸Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. ¹⁹For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

1 Corinthians 15:20-23 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. ²¹For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his **coming**.

Coming: Parousia: Coming, presence, arrival, advent.

Jesus is the Last Adam who was revealed to bring a lasting end to the first Adam. He is the Lord from heaven. He is a life-giving Spirit to us. He is the federal Head of the new creation. He is the beginning of a new race, species, and breed of spirit beings.

God is a Spirit. John 4.23-24 and He is called here in James 1:17, the Father of lights, In Hebrew 12:9 He is called the Father of Spirits. And it says here, "of His own will begat he us with the word of truth." That can be paralleled with 1 Peter 1.23, we are born again by the incorruptible word of God.

John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Hebrews 12:9shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

1 Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which

liveth and abideth for ever.

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. ¹⁸Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

We should be, being is more important than doing, that we should be a kind, Greek word TIS and means a certain kind, and you can translate that we should be a kind or a species of firstfruits of His creatures. The firstfruits, that which matures first.

Revelation 14 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. ²And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: ³And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. ⁴These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the **firstfruits** unto God and to the Lamb. ⁵And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

A firstfruits company unto God and the Lamb. Jesus Christ is the Last Adam, He is the beginning of a new race, a new species and a breed of spirits beings and of His own will beget He us by the word of truth in order that we should be a kind, a certain kind, a breed, a species of firstfruits of His creation.

Revelation 3:14 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;

13 PATTERN SON

Jesus Christ is the pattern and example of a son of God in every aspect. To see the proper growth and development of a son of God from birth to full maturity, we must look at Jesus the Pattern Son. Follow Him from His birth in the Spirit to His full maturity and ministry to know the path that we must take.

1 Peter 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

1 John 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

The prophet Isaiah in Chapter 9:6-7 says:

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us **a son is given:** and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

The Child was born in Bethlehem 30 years later. The Son was given at Jordan. You can even take the language of the Greek words that describe Jesus the Babe, and Jesus the Youth, and then Jesus the Man. God lives in a three room house. In the pattern of the Tabernacle of Moses there is a consistent pattern, Outer Court, Holy Place, Most Holy Place. And indeed it does demonstrate three levels of Christian maturity. Jesus the Babe, Jesus the Youth, at age 12 and Jesus the Man, the full grown son. So it is in our development. In the Outer Court we are babes in Christ, in the Holy Place, in the Spirit filled dimension we are youth, adolescents, but in the Most Holy Place we become full grown sons.

1 John 2: 12-14 I write unto you, **little children**, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.

An outer court Christian, whether you are a literal child, or teenager or you are eighty years old. Whether you have a DD or PHD behind your name, or whether you can even read or write. You are still a little child in the outer court. Then He says:

¹³I 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. ¹⁴I 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.

Little children, young men, fathers. There is the pattern again. So it is Jesus the Babe, Jesus the Youth, Jesus the Man, and in every dimension He is the pattern, He is the example.

14 ROCK

The Rock of Matt. 16:18 is Jesus the Rock of Ages. It is the Rock of the revelation of the confession of the Christ as exemplified in Peter's confession based upon revelation. The Church will be built upon revelation.

Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

The rock of Matt. 16:18 is Jesus, the Rock of Ages. It is the rock of the revelation of the confession of the Christ. It is the rock of the revelation of the confession of the Christ as exemplified in Peter's confession based upon revelation. What Jesus told us here was that the church will be built upon revelation. Jesus is the rock.

Matthew 21:42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become **the head of the corner**: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

He is the chief cornerstone, rock of ages cleft for me. Let me hide myself in thee. He is the rock, He is the stable one. He won't be moved. The Psalmist, David, declared those that trust in the Lord shall be in Mount Zion which cannot be removed, which abideth forever.

Psalm 125:1 A Song of degrees. They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

Hebrews 12:26- 29 declares the time on this planet where everything that can be shaken will be shaken and only that which cannot be moved will constitute a Kingdom which will remain in stability, security and consistency. There was a stone cut out of the mountain made without hands in Daniel's prophecy. The chip off the old block if you please, an arrow out of the sling, a sword out of the sheaf, a manchild out of a woman, a stone cut out of the mountain, hitting the foundation and framework of any and all kinds of humanism, even the religious kind.

Jesus is the rock and His church is being built upon the revelation of the confession of who He is. Not who He was, not what He will be; if He can be anything else, because you see He is King of Kings, He is Lord of Lords, and His Name is Jesus. He is not only the Pattern Son, but He is the Rock, Let's fall on Him and be broken, else He falls on you and will be ground to powder

Hebrews 12:26-29 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. ²⁷And this word, Yet once more, signifieth **the removing of those things that are shaken**, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: ²⁹For our God is a consuming fire.

15 SEED OF THE WOMAN (OR SEED OF ABRAHAM)

Jesus is the beginning of the Seed of the Woman who was to come to bruise the head of the serpent (Satan). He is the Seed of Abraham.

Jesus Christ was the seed of Abraham and the seed of David. This was covered when we talked about Him being the Heir of all things. Because in Matthew 1:1 the first verse in the N. T. declares that Jesus Christ is the Son of David and the Son of Abraham. Well, He is the Son of Abraham or the Seed of Abraham, that is confirmed by all of Galatians the third chapter and of course from the Davidic Covenant of 2 Samuel 7:13 And 1 Chronicles 17, we see in Luke 1:30-33 He is also the Seed or the Son of David. As the Seed of Abraham He has the land and as the Seed of David He has the Throne and the land is the earth and the throne is the right to rule it. The Davidic and Abrahamic Covenants both show how Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of both. In line with that He is also, not only the Seed of David, the seed of Abraham but He is also the Seed of the Woman. And He is the beginning of the Seed of the Woman who was to come and He is the Seed of the Woman who is to bruise the head of the serpent, Satan, He is the Seed of Abraham, the Seed of David, but as the Seed of the Woman He is to bruise the serpent's head.

Acts 1: 1 declares "of all that Jesus began both to do and teach," and now we go forth in His Name and we continue to bruise the serpent's head, in His Name. Jesus bound the strong man and now we are spoiling his house.

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it (**HE**) shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Here we have the PROTEVANGEL or the first promise of the Messiah, or the coming of Jesus Christ. The bruising of the heel of our Lord is vividly prophesied and detailed in that great Messianic Chapter of Isaiah 53 then read the Gospel accounts, the synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and also John's account of His passion, His suffering on Calvary's Cross for our sins. Thank you Lord that your heel was bruised. Thank you Lord that you have bruised the serpent's head and dealt him a deadly wound.

1 John 3:8 For this purpose the **Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.**

Hebrews 2:14 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; ¹⁵And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. ¹⁶For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. ¹⁷Wherefore 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.

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Luke 1:34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? ³⁵And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

The Spirit filled Church is bringing forth a people known as "He that Overcometh." Again the Seed of the Woman.

Revelation 12:1-17 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; **a woman clothed with the sun**, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: ² And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. ³And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red

dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. ⁴ And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. ⁵ And she brought forth a **man child**, who was to rule (**POIMAINO, Greek, to shepherd, feed**) all nations with a rod of iron:.....

Revelations 2:26 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.and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. ⁶ And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that **they (That is the Manchild Company of Chapter 12:5)** should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days...

Jesus is the Seed of the Woman who came to bruise the serpents head. Out of the Woman, the Spirit-filled Church there is coming now an Overcoming people. The purpose for these people, who are the firstfruits unto God and the Lamb, is to turn right around and feed this Woman, teach Her, train Her, help Her, nourish Her, sustain Her, much as Elijah fed the woman in the book of 1 Kings.

Paul said it this way:

Romans 16:20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Jesus is the Seed of the Woman, He is the Seed of Abraham, and the Seed of David, but He is the Seed of the Woman and He came to bruise the head of the serpent. And now there arises a people in His image and they are putting satan, the works of darkness and ignorance, the traditions of men under their feet and they are going forth and becoming like their glorious Lord.

Revelations 12 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, ⁸ And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 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. 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. ¹³ And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. ¹⁴ And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. ¹⁵ And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. ¹⁶ And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. ¹⁷ And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Galatians 3:1-29 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? ² This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? ³ Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? ⁴ Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if it be yet in vain. ⁵ He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? ⁶ Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. ⁷ Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. ⁸ And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. ⁹ So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. ¹⁰ For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one

that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. ¹¹But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. ¹²And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them. ¹³Christ 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: ¹⁴That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. ¹⁵Brethren, 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. ¹⁶Now 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. ¹⁷And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. ¹⁸For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise. ¹⁹Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. ²⁰Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one. ²¹Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. ²²But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. ²³But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. ²⁴Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. ²⁶For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

These terms deal with the government, rule and authority of God in the earth and the universe.

Practically speaking it is His rule or His government in our life.

Week 7

1 CHRIST IN YOU

This term is linked with the principle of the Kingdom being within us as taught by Jesus.

The word "christ" means "the anointed one." Thus the Kingdom is in you. Christ, the Anointed One, is in you.

There are three kinds of persons anointed in the Bible: the prophet, the priest and the king. The anointed one in you will produce a Kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy. The prophetic anointing will speak and declare God unto men, producing righteousness. Then the priestly anointing will speak and bring men unto God, producing peace. And the kingly anointing will speak and rule with authority, producing joy. Christ in you will bring forth and produce the Kingdom.

The "mystery Christ" of Col. 1:26-29.

Colossians 1:26 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: ²⁷To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in **you, (you = plural - speaking of the many membered Body of Christ. In all of you, literally in and among all of you)** the hope of glory: ²⁸Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: ²⁹Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

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

Prophets, Priests and Kings were anointed and of course the prophetic priestly and kingly anointing and this 3 fold office meet and focus on the Lord Jesus Christ. And it's extremely important for us to recognize as 1John 4:17

declares that **"AS HE IS, SO ARE WE IN THIS WORLD"** and so within every spirit filled believers vessel there is a prophetic, a priestly and a kingly anointing.

1John 4:17 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.

- 1 *This is not making everyone of you a prophet in the New Testament ministry gift sense of the word, as in Ephesians 4:11. But in every spirit filled believer's life whether you are aware of it or not, whether it is being released or not, there is a prophetic anointing. A prophet is one who declares God unto men and that prophetic anointing within you, can enable you to declare God unto men. It's not by might or by power but it's by His Spirit. There is a prophetic element to that Spirit who indwells you.*
- 2 *A Priest brings men unto God through the principle of mercy, love, compassion so to is when you are filled with the Holy Ghost there is a Priestly anointing.*
- 3 *A Kingly anointing. A King rules by the power of God's name. And through the power of the Name of Jesus you and I can take dominion and we can speak with authority, with a Kingly anointing.*

Luke 17:20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: ²¹Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

The purpose of that anointing is to bring forth and produce the rule of the Kingdom of God.

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

The Prophetic anointing produces righteousness, the Priestly anointing produces peace, and the Kingly anointing produces joy. Christ in you, the hope of Glory.

We need to function in the Body of Christ with the understanding of the tremendous treasure that's in our life.

Paul said in 2Corinthians 4: 6 that this treasure was in earthen vessels. He was talking about Christ in you the hope of Glory.

2Corinthians 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

We must pray for a Spirit of understanding, a Spirit of wisdom and knowledge and a real awareness and perception of who Christ is in us. We need focus on the glorious Christ that indwells us and to recognize that indwelling Christ is a threefold anointing.

2 DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The government of the Kingdom of God is administered by a principle of delegated authority.

Webster defines a "delegate" as "a person acting for another." He adds that to delegate is "to entrust to another one's authority."

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All **power** is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Power: 1849 exousia {ex-oo-see'-ah} from 1832 (**in the sense of ability**); AV - power 69, authority 29, right 2, liberty 1, jurisdiction 1, strength 1; 103 **Power of choice, liberty of doing as one pleases, leave or permission. Physical and mental power; the ability or strength with which one is endued, which he either possesses or exercises. The power of authority (influence) and of right (privilege). The power of rule or government (the power of him whose will and commands must be submitted to by others and obeyed); universally; authority over mankind. Specifically; the power of judicial decisions; of authority to manage domestic affairs; the sign of regal authority, a crown.**

Jesus acted in the Name of His Father, and then He said in John 20: 21 As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

John 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

We can speak in the Name of Jesus Christ. The government of the Kingdom is administered by the principle of delegated authority. We need to remember that all authority centers in Jesus Christ. If we can keep that straight we will be kept in balance.

Ephesians 4:8-13 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. ⁹(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He that

descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; ¹²For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: ¹³Till 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:

Jesus the Apostle, Jesus the Prophet, Jesus the Evangelist, Jesus the Pastor, Jesus the teacher delegated His own authority to those five ministries. Those five ministries known as the ascension gift ministries or the five fold ministry are ministries which are governmental in the body of Christ today. And they all work on this principle of delegated authority.

3 DOMINION

**The Greek word "KRATOS" means "force, might, strength, power."
It denotes a supreme authority of sovereignty within a domain.**

Dominion: 2904 kratos {krat'-os} perhaps a primary word; n AV - power 6, dominion 4, strength 1, mighty + 2596 1; **12 Force, mighty with great power; a mighty deed, a work of power.**

Genesis 1:26 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.

That dominion of the first Adam, was as high as a bird could fly and as deep as a fish could swim. But the dominion of the Last Adam, Jesus Christ is dominion over all things in heaven and in earth and under the earth.

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

Within that word dominion, we see the word domain, and within that domain, you can see that the King has dominion. KINGDOM is an abbreviation for King's domain, of King's dominion.

How much force, might, strength and power of God is He allowed to exercise in your life today? Is Jesus Christ the supreme authority or sovereignty within your life? If so, then you are under His dominion. You are within His domain, His Kingdom.

There are two Kingdoms in the universe; the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of darkness. And in the words of Jesus if you are a slave to sin, it has dominion over you.

4 GATES OF HELL

The gates of a city throughout the Bible pointed to the power and the strength of that city.

If one possessed the gates of his enemies, he would conquer the whole city. The importance and strength of gates made them to be viewed as synonymous with power and the strength and the might of those who held governmental positions and those who administered justice in the gates of the city. The gates of hell will fall before the onslaught of the Church.

Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and **upon this rock** I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

That rock wasn't Peter, that rock was the confession of the revelation of the Christ. Upon this rock, the rock of revelation, "I will build my Church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it."

Gen.22:17 ... the seed of Abraham would possess the gates of their enemies:

Genesis 22:17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy **seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;**

The gates of the city, throughout the Bible, pointed to the power and the strength of that city. If one possessed the gates of his enemies he would conquer the whole city and the importance and the strength of gates made them to be viewed as synonymous with power and the strength and the might of those who held governmental positions or those who administered justice in the gates of the city. The gates of hell will fall before the onslaught of the Church.

Many times there were judicial proceedings that went on in the gates of the city. Many times the elders would sit in judgement in the gates of the city. So the government, the throne, the rule, took place in the gates of the city. The picture that Jesus paints here in Matthew 16:18 is not a weak defeated Church, that has to escape the battle any minute but it is a Church that is on the offensive.

So we see that the gates of hell cannot prevail. The gates, the councils, the strategies, the governments, the powers of hell cannot prevail against His Church. Jesus has delegated His authority to us. Jesus has dominion over us, and He has given us His dominion, and He has given us His authority and with that, we do not need to be afraid of the gates, the councils, the strategies, the governments of hell, principalities and powers and darkness. We can be a people who are on the offensive like David who slew Goliath and won the victory in the Name of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For 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. ¹³Wherefore 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.

5 GLORY

This is the manifestation of the presence and splendor of God to the spiritual and physical faculties of man. Note also that the glory of the Kingdom of God is the life-style of its subjects (those under the rule of God).

Glory: 1391 doxa {dox'-ah} from the base of 1380; AV - glory 145, glorious 10, honour 6, praise 4, dignity 2, worship 1; Opinion, judgment, view, estimate, whether good or bad concerning someone in the NT always a good opinion concerning one, resulting in praise, honour, and glory. Splendour, brightness of the moon, sun, stars; magnificence, excellence, preeminence, dignity, grace; majesty; a thing belonging to God; the kingly majesty which belongs to Him as supreme ruler, majesty in the sense of the absolute perfection of the deity; a thing belonging to Christ; the kingly majesty of the Messiah; the absolutely perfect inward or personal excellency of Christ; the majesty. Of the angels as apparent in their exterior brightness. A most glorious condition, most exalted state of that condition with God the Father in heaven to which Christ was raised after He had achieved his work on earth.

The Glory of God could well be defined as the Nature of God. His Glory is what He is. It is also interesting that the Greek word DOKEO, which is a verb form related to DOXA, means to think:

1380 dokeo {dok-eh'-o} a prolonged form of a primary verb, doko {dok'-o} (used only in an alternate in certain tenses; cf the base of 1166) of the same meaning; v. AV - think 33, seem 13, suppose 7, seem good 3, please 2, **To be of opinion, think, suppose. To seem, to be accounted, reputed. It seems to me; I think, judge: thus in question; it seems good to, pleased me, I determined.**

Therefore to be glorified or to have the glory of God, in a very practical way would be to have the mind of Christ, or to think like God.

The Hebrew word is very similar in principle to the word for the Holy Ghost in the New Testament, the Comforter. Both words mean; He who comes along side, the one who is beside or near.

Numbers 14: 21 But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.

*This was in the midst of a chapter where God's people completely disobeyed Him except for two. And they provoked Him in the wilderness as it says in Heb.3:4. The Lord just made a sovereign declaration here in Numbers 14:21. The earth will be filled with a people who are **filled with His mind, with His nature, with His purpose.***

Hebrews 3:4 For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God. ⁵And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after; ⁶But Christ as a son over his own house; **whose house are we**, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end. ⁷Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, ⁸Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: ⁹When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. ¹⁰Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. ¹¹So I sware in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.) ¹²Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

2 Chronicles 5:14 So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.

This is like the Old Testament upper room, because in the dedication of Temples, the Temple of Solomon, there were 120 priests (2Chron.5). It says that they were sounding with their trumpets. This reminds us of the 120 in the upper room (Acts 2), all magnifying the Word of the Lord. They were sounding their trumpets, the voice of the Lord.

2 Chronicles 5:11 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place: (for all the priests that were present were sanctified, and did not then wait by course: ¹²Also the Levites which were the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets;) ¹³It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD; ¹⁴So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.

We are relating the Glory of God in terms of the Kingdom in a very practical way, because every Kingdom has a King, it has territory, it has laws, it has subjects and it has a glory. Every Kingdom has a glory to it. Well, the King of the Kingdom of God, is Jesus.

In a practical way the territory in question is our heart . The laws of the Kingdom are laid out for you in the Constitution of the Kingdom of God which is the Sermon on the Mount, Mathew 5-7 and Luke 6. And the Preamble to that Constitution, is those blessed attitudes or the Beatitudes. And then the subjects of the Kingdom, of course are those under His rule. But the Glory of the Kingdom of God is the life style of its subjects.

Luke 2:9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

John 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

John 17:22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

2 Peter 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

As seen in the pattern of Tabernacle of Moses, the outer court of God's purposes would be justification. In the Holy place His purpose is sanctification. And in the Most Holy Place His purpose is Glorification. The Glory of God is His nature, His mind and purpose made manifest in a people.

6 GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE

God's purpose centers in Jesus Christ. Through Jesus, a company of overcomers will come into the image of Jesus Christ and be given dominion with Christ. In short, the heavenly Father God will have a whole family of sons in the image of Jesus Christ. The Head of this corporate son is Jesus.

Romans 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be **conformed to the image of his Son**, that he might be the **firstborn among many brethren**.

And we see that there is a fellowship here of sonship.

Ephesians 3:9 And to make all men see what is the **fellowship of the mystery**, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: ¹⁰To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places **might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God**, ¹¹According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

Jesus Christ is the wisdom of God according to 1Cor.1:30. We are going to see that that wisdom is a person and that person is being multiplied into a manifold wisdom or a many membered wisdom, again, the body of Christ, according to the eternal purpose of God.

1Corinthians 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is **made unto us wisdom**, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

John 1:12 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 2:6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? ⁷Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; (***Psalms 8:4-6, a little lower than Elohim, that is the Creator name for God that is given in the first five chapters of Genesis. In other words He made men a little lower than Himself.***) thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: ⁸**Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet.** For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. 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. ¹⁰For it became him (***That is the Father***), for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing **many sons unto glory**, to make the captain of their salvation (***That is Jesus***) perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one (***Or are all out of one source, like that beautiful Golden Candlestick in the Tabernacle that was beaten out of one piece of pure gold***): for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, ¹²Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee (***This is out of Psalms 22:22***). ¹³And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.

Psalm 8:4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? ⁵For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. ⁶Thou madest him to have dominion over the **works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:**

Psalm 22:22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

Psalm 18:2 The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

Isaiah 8:18 Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath **given me are for signs and for wonders** in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

The Eternal purpose in Christ Jesus is to multiply Him into a vast family of sons. Till that Son within us, that Christ within us can come to maturity and come forth in all of His glory and splendor. Paul knew this and He prayed here in Galatians concerning us as individual believers:

Galatians 4:19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again **until Christ be formed in you**,

Paul knew that the Eternal purpose of God in Christ Jesus was that there would be a full grown family of sons. A family of full-grown sons bearing the image and nature of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*In 1 John 3 we find what the real hope is that when he shall appear, **we shall be like him**;*

1 John 3:1-3 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

John 12:20-25 And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast: ²¹The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus. ²²Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. ²⁴Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: **but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.** ²⁵He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

Jesus Chris is the one who is being multiplied into a nation, into a many membered body, because God's Eternal purpose in Christ Jesus is declared in:

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

Jesus was that corn of wheat that fell into the ground and died and is coming forth in resurrection and multiplication and increase. He is bringing forth much fruit. He is that seed and in Him is life, and He is multiplying Himself into a vast army, a nation, a family of sons. God's Eternal purpose is very simple, for you as an individual,

it is to conform you to the image of Jesus. Corporately speaking, collectively speaking, ultimately speaking, it is produced a family of sons, just like Jesus, that they might fill the earth with His knowledge and His glory.

Week 8

7 GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM

This was the Gospel preached by Jesus and His disciples. It is a supernatural Gospel ministered by supernatural ministry. By precept and demonstration, the Gospel of the Kingdom which we preach declares Jesus Christ to be Saviour and Lord. The early Church was commissioned to preach the Gospel. In obedience they preached the Gospel of the Kingdom.

Matthew 3:1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, ²And saying, Repent ye: **for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (Or within your reach)**

John the Baptist came preaching the Kingdom and so did the Lord Jesus, because the Bible says in Matthew 4:17:

Matthew 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, **Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**

So we do know that Jesus came preaching the Gospel and the Gospel that He preached was the Gospel of the Kingdom.

Mark 1:14-15 Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, **preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,** ¹⁵And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

So Jesus came preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of heaven, the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, there is no difference. The Kingdom of heaven tells me where it is from and the term the Kingdom of God shows me who runs it.

Matthew 10:1-8 And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. ²Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him. ⁵These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: ⁶But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. ⁸Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Luke 10:1-9 After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come. ²Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth labourers into his harvest. ³Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves. ⁴Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way. ⁵And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house. ⁶And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again. ⁷And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. ⁸And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you: ⁹And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

In these two passages Jesus sent out the 12, and the 70. When He sent them, He commissioned them to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom.

The Great Commission is based upon the authority of the Kingdom, His dominion. They were commissioned to preach the Gospel.

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.** ¹⁹Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

This is the passage that, some people say that it wasn't in the early manuscripts, even though it is so plain.

Mark 16:15-20 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. ¹⁷And these signs shall follow them that believe;

This is the power of the Kingdom:

In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; ¹⁸They 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. ¹⁹So then after **the Lord** had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. ²⁰And they went forth, and preached every where, **the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.** Amen.

So, the Gospel we preach is the Gospel of the Kingdom, it is the Gospel of the Lordship of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 1:1-3 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that **Jesus began** both to do and teach, ²Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: ³To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

These were the marching orders to the Church. The most paramount or important thing on His mind that He told them about was the Kingdom of God. The early Church was commissioned to preach the Gospel, in obedience they preached the Gospel of the Kingdom. The way we know this is:

Acts 8:5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

Phillip preached with power, Phillip preached with authority, with kingdom authority. Miracles took place. The people that were demon possessed were delivered and the sick were healed.

Acts 8:12 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.

Acts 20:24-25 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.

In the same breath Paul talked about the Gospel of the Grace of God and he talked about the Kingdom of God.

The most precious passage of scripture found in the Book of Acts defining the Kingdom of God, the Gospel of the Kingdom is found in:

Acts 28:23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.

From the beginning to the end of the Book of Acts, the early Church was commissioned to preach the Gospel, in obedience they preached the Gospel of the Kingdom; persuading them concerning Jesus.

7 KINGDOM

This is the realm of the authority of a king. The territory or people over whom a king bears rule.

The realm in which God's decreed rule and will is performed. The Greek word "BASILEIA" means:

"Sovereignty, royal power, dominion." (Vine's Dictionary) "Royalty, rule, a realm; from a root which is rendered as walk or foot (we rule that which is under our feet)." Strong's Concordance) "Royal power, kingship, dominion, rule; the territory subject to the rule of a king; God's royal domain." (Thayer)

KINGDOM: 932 basileia {bas-il-i'-ah} from 935; n f. AV - kingdom (of God) 71, kingdom (of heaven)

Royal power, kingship, dominion, rule; not to be confused with an actual kingdom but rather the right or authority to rule over a kingdom; of the royal power of Jesus as the triumphant Messiah; of the royal power and dignity conferred on Christians in the Messiah's kingdom. A kingdom, the territory subject to the rule of a king. Used in the N.T. to refer to the reign of the Messiah.

935 basileus {bas-il-yooce} probably from 939 (through the notion of a foundation of power); n m. AV - king 82, King (of Jews) 21, King (God or Christ) 11, King (of Israel) 4; 118 **Leader of the people, prince, commander, lord of the land, king.**

939 basis {bas'-ece} from baino (**to walk**); n f. AV - foot (sole of) 1; 1 **A stepping, walking. That with which one steps, the foot.**

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

The Kingdom of God is a present reality. And we know that the Kingdom of God is the purpose of God, and it is the will of God because Luke says:

Luke 11:2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. **Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.**

The Kingdom of God is the extension of God's rule or dominion in the earth and the universe. The Kingdom of God is present reality. It is not for another time, the future. It is not for another people, the natural Jew. The Kingdom of God is the purpose and will of God and it is His rule and His dominion in the earth. The Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. The Kingdom of God is the territory or area over which a King rules and reigns. It is the King's domain. A territory over which dominion is exercised. Simply stated, where ever Jesus is Lord and King there is the Kingdom.

8 KINGDOM AGE

This is the age now dawning upon the earth in which the Kingdom of God will come in its fullness.

Jesus Christ and His subjects will rule the earth for 1000 years with a rod of iron. (The word "rule" (POIMEINO) means "pastor or shepherd.") Although we speak of a Kingdom Age which is coming, we are moving NOW in the principles, benefits, and responsibilities of the life of the Kingdom. It is training time for reigning time. We are now in the transition of two ages.

Revelation 20:4-6 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. ⁵ But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. 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.

Hebrews 6:4 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, ⁵And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, ⁶If 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.

We are living in a transition of two ages. One age is ending and a new age or a new day is beginning. We are passing over into a new age, a new order, a new kind of ministry.

It is kind of like the old prophet Simeon, in the opening chapters of Luke's Gospel. He stood in one age and he held another age in his arm. He held the baby Jesus, who was called there the consolation of Israel. We don't want to identify, or we don't want to be content, to identify, with a prophetic voice that is just content to see this new thing and then die. We want to be part of the consolation of Israel. We want to be part of this new thing that God is doing in the earth.

On Palm Sunday, if you read Matthew's account closely in Matthew 21:1-6, which says that Jesus called for the mother and the colt. He rode both into Jerusalem, because it says they spread their garments on them and sat thereon and that is a plural word and there is only one way that could have happened and that is for Him to sit on the mother and have His feet on the colt.

Matthew 21:1 And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, ²Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find **an ass** tied, and **a colt** with her: loose **them**, and bring **them** unto me. ³And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of **them**; and straightway he will send **them**. ⁴All this was done, that it might be

fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon **an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass**. ⁶And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, ⁷And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on **them** their clothes, and they set him thereon.

It's interesting, that the word colt, the foal of an ass, is HUIOS pertaining to a full grown son, even that company of overcomers whom shall come out of the woman, of Revelation 12.

FOAL: 5207 huios {hwee-os'} apparently a primary word; n m AV - son(s) 85, Son of Man + 444 87, Son of God + 2316 49, child(ren) 49, Son 42, his Son + 848 21, Son of David + 1138 15 {TDNT 8:478, 1210}, my beloved Son + 27 + 3350 7, thy Son + 4575 5, only begotten Son + 3339 3, his (David's) son + 846 3, firstborn son + 4316 2, misc 14; 382

A son; rarely used for the young of animals; generally used of the offspring of men; in a restricted sense, the male offspring (one born by a father and of a mother); in a wider sense, a descendant, one of the posterity of any one, the children of Israel; sons of Abraham; used to describe one who depends on another or is his follower; a pupil.

Jesus sat on the mother, His feet were on the colt, He was riding out the old, but His walk was in the new. We indeed are living in the transition of two ages, and the night is far spent and the day is at hand. What Isaiah said is true, arise and shine for thy light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee.

Isaiah 60:1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. ²For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. ³And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. ⁴Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side.

A New Day is dawning in the earth and we want to be part of what God is saying and what God is doing.

10 KINGDOM VOCABULARY

This is the language, vocabulary, or speech that Kingdom ministry and Kingdom people speak concerning the things of God. The King is Jesus and the Gospel of the Kingdom, simply stated, is the lordship of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul did tell us the following:

1 Corinthians 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that **ye all speak the same thing**, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

1 Corinthians 2:9-13 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. ¹⁰But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: **for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God**. ¹¹For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. ¹³**Which things also we speak**, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

11 KINGDOM OF GOD

**This is the extension of God's rule or dominion in the earth and the universe.
The government of God.**

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

Wherever Jesus is Lord, the Kingdom of God is the King's domain.

1 Corinthians 4:20 For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.

Revelation 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

The Kingdom of Heaven shows where it is from, and the term Kingdom of God shows who runs it.

12 KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

This is the government of God in the heavenlies of the realm of the spirit.

There is no difference between the "Kingdom of God" and the "Kingdom of Heaven," for the "Kingdom of Heaven" shows us where it is from and the term "Kingdom of God" shows us who runs it! What is said about the Kingdom of God is also said about the Kingdom of Heaven.

What is said in Matthew of the Kingdom of Heaven is repeated in Mark and in Luke about the Kingdom of God. There is no difference between these two scriptural terms. A comparison of the following Bible passages reveals, that what is said about the Kingdom of God, is also said about the Kingdom of Heaven. The following are 6 examples:

Matthew 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Mark 1:14-15 Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, ¹⁵And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Matthew 5:3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Luke 6:20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God.

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

Luke 9:2 And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

What you find consistently, is that, what is said about the Kingdom of Heaven in Matthew's Gospel is also said about the Kingdom of God in Mark and in Luke.

Matthew 13:31 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:

Mark 4:30-31 And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it? ³¹It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth:

Matthew 19:14 But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

Mark 10:14 But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

Matthew 19:23-24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

Luke 18: 24 And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! ²⁵For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

Matthew 19:14-24 But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. ¹⁵And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence. ¹⁶And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? ¹⁷And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. ¹⁸He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, ¹⁹Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. ²⁰The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? ²¹Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. ²²But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions. ²³Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly

enter into the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

Matthew's Gospel was written with a view toward Jewish converts and thus he uses the term Kingdom of Heaven in most cases.

The Gospels of Mark, Luke, and John substituted the term Kingdom of God, and it was customary among the Jews to use the word heaven when referring to God. You can compare:

Matthew 5:34 But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:

Matthew 23:22 And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon.

We enter the heavenlies by birth and not by death.

In John 3:1-8 the classic passage of being born from above.

John 3:1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: ²The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. ³Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. ⁴Nicodemus 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? ⁵Jesus 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. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. ⁸The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Ephesians 2:1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; ²Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: ³Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, ⁵Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) ⁶And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

The heavenlies, the realm of Spirit, is a realm that you enter when you are born from above, and you pass from death unto life.

Colossians 3:1-3 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. ²Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. ³For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Galatians 2:20 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.

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

Thank the Lord for the Kingdom. Thank the Lord for Kingdom vocabulary, the Kingdom of God, and the Kingdom of Heaven. What is said of the Kingdom of God, the same is said of the Kingdom of Heaven, there is no difference. Remember the term Kingdom of Heaven shows us where it is from, the term the Kingdom of God, shows us who runs it.

Week 9

12 KING-PRIEST MINISTRY - A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD

God has always wanted in His people a Kingdom of Priests. The term "king" denotes authority and the "priest" denote ministry. Thus a ministry backed by authority. The New Testament priesthood of Melchisedec is such a ministry: Jesus the High Priest and a company of priests in His image. We are kings and priests now, but we are also being "made" kings and priests. (There is a Greek word, GINOMAI, which means to become, this is what is meant by "we are being made, kings and priests"). This formation of the new creation man will continue until the fullness of a king-priest ministry will be seen in the overcomers as they press beyond the veil into the Holy of Holies (the realm of no limitations), and then roar out of this Zion of God to deliver the creation.

1096 ginomai {ghin'-om-ah-ee} a prolongation and middle voice form of a primary verb; v. AV - be 255, come to pass 82, be made 69, be done 63, come 52, become 47, God forbid + 3361 15, arise 13, have 5, be fulfilled 3, be married to 3, be preferred 3, done 2; **To become, i.e. to come into existence, begin to be, receive being. To become, i.e. to come to pass, happen; of events. To arise, appear in history, come upon the stage; of men appearing in public. To be made, finished; of miracles, to be performed, wrought. To become, be made.**

The king-priest ministry is the ministry of our Lord Jesus. He is the High Priest after the order of Melchisedec.

Hebrews 7:1-28 For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; ²To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; ³Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually. ⁴Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. ⁵And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham: ⁶But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises. ⁷And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better. ⁸And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth. ⁹And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham. ¹⁰For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him. ¹¹If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? ¹²For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. ¹³For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar. ¹⁴For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood. ¹⁵And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, ¹⁶Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after **the power of an endless life.** ¹⁷For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. ¹⁸For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof. ¹⁹For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God. ²⁰And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest: ²¹(For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:) ²²By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament. ²³And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: ²⁴But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. ²⁵Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. ²⁶For such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; ²⁷Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself. ²⁸For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore.

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

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

Revelation 20:6 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.

Isaiah 61:6 But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.

1 Peter 2:1-10 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, ²As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: ³If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. ⁴To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, ⁵Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. ⁶Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. ⁷Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, ⁸And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. ⁹But 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: ¹⁰Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

The priest has such a ministry of compassion, and love and mercy; he feels the need, but the king has the authority to do something about it. And more often than not in the Church world, we have seen either the ministry of the King or the ministry of the Priest. Either a man or woman so heavily anointed of the Lord but without the accompanying character of Christ, and the mercy of God to temper that authority. Or we see ministry after ministry who indeed feels the need of the broken creation but is woefully lacking in the power to do anything about it. Thank God that the Lord Jesus Christ is raising up a people in the earth in His image and in His likeness.

Melchisedec was King of Salem, King of peace, King of righteousness and when you talk about the Kingdom of God, which is righteousness, and peace, and joy, in the Holy Ghost, of necessity you would get into a study of the Melchisedec Priesthood and Jesus Christ our great high priest after the order of Melchisedec. This more excellent ministry is coming forth in this hour. The writer of Hebrews says in Chapter 8:

Hebrews 8:1 Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; ²A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man..... ⁶But now hath he obtained **a more excellent ministry**, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

Hebrews 8:1 Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum:

This is the bottom line, this is what it adds up to is a man in the throne with a ministry. And those three terms: man, throne and ministry emphasize what the Holy Spirit is emphasizing right now in the body of Christ. The term man emphasizes the principle of coming to maturity and also the corporate man, the one new creation man.

Ephesians 4:13 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: ²⁴And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

The term throne, THRONOS from Hebrews 8:1 is the Greek word which means a place or seat of authority. That man coming into all of his rights as a new creation man, and a covenant man. It is a ministry that pertains to the Most Holy Place.

In the Tabernacle of Moses there was an Outer Court, a Holy Place and a Most Holy Place. God lives in a three room house and the third room is the living room, because Jesus said in John 14:6 that He was the way, the truth and the life.

There is one piece of furniture in God's living room and that is the love seat, the Ark of the Covenant with its Golden Lid, the Mercy seat. Showing the singleness and simplicity of Christ and showing also that the king-priest ministry is a mercy seat ministry. The throne of judgment has become the throne of GRACE. Now through the creative spoken word, especially through the two channels of forgiveness and blessing, the Lord will roar out of Zion to deliver His creation. He has always wanted a Kingdom of Priests. We know that from:

Exodus 19:1-6 In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai. ²For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount. ³And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and

tell the children of Israel; ⁴Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. ⁵Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: ⁶And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

And there is a people who will be raised up with a word and a ministry of reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. ¹⁸And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹To 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. ²⁰Now 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. ²¹For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

And we shall stand before a broken, bleeding and dying world, not to condemn it but to save it, just like our Lord. And we will say prophetically and creatively, be reconciled to God, neither do I condemn thee, go and sin no more. For such a king-priest ministry is a ministry without condemnation, without prejudice, without profanity, without, revenge, without idolatry. The 144,000 of Rev. 14 were men and women who stand before the throne of God without fault, literally without stain. And in their mouth is found no guile or deceit, because it is that creative spoken word that shall be the catalyst that shall deliver the creation.

*Thank God the more excellent ministry is the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. And as 1 John 4:17 says, **AS HE IS SO ARE WE IN THIS WORLD.***

13 LORDSHIP OF JESUS

The Father has delegated all authority in the Kingdom to the Son Jesus, and Jesus is the Head and Lord of all. True ministry will always emphasize the preeminence, lordship, and centrality of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 2:1-11 If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, ²Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. ³Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. ⁴Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. ⁵Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: ⁷But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: ⁸And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. ⁹Wherefore 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; ¹¹And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

1 Corinthians 12:3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

He is the Head of the Church.

Ephesians 1:18-23 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, ²⁰Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: ²²And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the **head over all things to the church**, ²³Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

He is the Head of the Temple.

Ephesians 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the **chief corner stone**;

He is the Head of the Family.

Ephesians 3:14-15 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

He is the Head of the Body.

Ephesians 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the **head, even Christ**:

He is the Head of the Woman.

Ephesians 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the **head of the church**: and he is the saviour of the body.

He is the Head of the Army.

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

The companion epistle of Ephesians is Colossians and it also deals with the Lordship of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Colossians 1:12-20 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: ¹³Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: ¹⁴In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: ¹⁵Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: ¹⁶For 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: ¹⁷And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. ¹⁸And 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**. ¹⁹For it pleased the Father that **in him should all fulness dwell**; ²⁰And, 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.

Colossians 2:6-10 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: ⁷Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. ⁸Beware 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**. ¹⁰And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

Colossians 2:18-19 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, ¹⁹And 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.

14 MOUNTAIN OF THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

This is the high place of God or the Zion of God which refers to God's end-time people who pursue and obtain this high calling. Mountains in the Bible speak of kingdoms.

Isaiah 2:2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the **mountain of the LORD'S house** shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

Micah 4:1-2 But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the **mountain of the house of the LORD** shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. ²And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

The mountain of the House of the Lord is speaking of the Kingdom people, a people who come up to Zion.

Hebrews 12:22-24 says there that we have come to Zion, to the city of the living God. We are not marching to Zion, but Zion is marching.

Hebrews 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, ²³To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, ²⁴And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

So the mountain of the House of the Lord is referring to a people who have arisen in the power of the Spirit coming into the Lordship of Jesus Christ in His kingdom and are coming into the Zion of God, a high-calling, and living out from that place in Him.

15 MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM

The Greek word "MUSTERION" denotes those truths, secrets, and hidden things of God which can only be discovered by revelation.

Some have defined musterion, as sacred secrets.

These secrets are "outside the range of unassisted natural apprehension, and can be made known only by Divine revelation, and are made known in a manner and at a time appointed by God, and to those only who are illumined by His Spirit." (Vine)

This term speaks of hidden things concerning God's Kingdom which are now being made manifest by His Holy Spirit.

Matthew 13:11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

Mark 4:11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:

He that hath an ear, let him ear what the Spirit says unto the Church.

3466 musterion {moos-tay'-ree-on} from a derivative of muo (**to shut the mouth**); AV - mystery 27; 27 **Hidden thing, secret, mystery; generally mysteries, religious secrets, confided only to the initiated and not to ordinary mortals; a hidden or secret thing, not obvious to the understanding; a hidden purpose or counsel; secret will, of men, of God: the secret counsels which govern God in dealing with the righteous, which are hidden from ungodly and wicked men but are plain to the godly. In rabbinic writings, it denotes the mystic or hidden sense: of an OT saying, of an image or form seen in a vision, of a dream.**

Week 10

16 PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM

Webster defines a "parable" as being a "comparison" or an allegory. A short story that illustrates a moral attitude or a religious principle. The parables were distinctive to Jesus' style of teaching. He designed the parables of the Kingdom to obscure the truth in figurative terms and language from non-disciples who had refused to heed plain talk, as well as to illustrate the truth for disciples who had ears to hear. The main thought is that all truth is veiled. *It takes the power of the Spirit to reveal these things.*

Note the parables.

aThe Sower and the Seed (Matt. 13:1-30, 36-43)

bThe Grain of Mustard Seed (Matt. 13:31-32)

cThe Leaven (Matt. 13:33-35)

dThe Treasure Hid in a Field (Matt. 13:44)

eThe Pearl of Great Price (Matt. 13:45-46)

f The Net Cast into the Sea (Matt. 13:47-50)

g The Householder (Matt. 13:51-52)

h The King's Servants (Matt. 18:23-35)

i The Labourers (Matt. 20:1-16)

j The Marriage Feast (Matt. 22:1-14)

k The Ten Virgins (Matt. 25:1-13)

l The Talents (Matt. 25:14-30)

a The Sower and the Seed

Matt. 13:1 The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side. ²And 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; ⁴And 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. ¹⁰ And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? ¹¹ He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. ¹² For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. ¹³ Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. ¹⁴ And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: ¹⁵ For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. ¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. ¹⁷ For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them. 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. ²⁴ Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: ²⁵ But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. ²⁶ But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. ²⁷ So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? ²⁸ He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? ²⁹ But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

Matthew 13:36 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.

b The Grain of Mustard Seed

Matthew 13:31 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.

c The Leaven

Matthew 13:33 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. ³⁴All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them: ³⁵That 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.

d The Treasure Hid in a Field

Matthew 13:44 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.

e The Pearl of Great Price

Matthew 13:45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: ⁴⁶Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

f The Net Cast into the Sea

Matthew 13:47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: ⁴⁸Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. ⁴⁹So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, ⁵⁰And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

g The Householder

Matthew 13:51 Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord. ⁵²Then 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.

h The King's Servants

Matthew 18:23-35 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. ²⁴And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. ²⁷Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. ²⁹And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. ³⁰And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. ³¹So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. ³²Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: ³³Shouldst not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? ³⁴And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. ³⁵So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

i The Labourers

Matthew 20:1-16 For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard. ²And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way. ⁵Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? ⁷ They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive. ⁸ So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first. ⁹ And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. ¹⁰ But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny. ¹¹ And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house,¹² Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast

made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day. ¹³ But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny? ¹⁴ Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee. ¹⁵ Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good? ¹⁶ So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.

j The Marriage Feast

Matthew 22:1-14 And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said, ² The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, ³ And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. ⁴ Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. ⁵ But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: ⁶ And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. ⁷ But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. ⁸ Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. ⁹ Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. ¹⁰ So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. ¹¹ And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: ¹² And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. ¹³ Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.

k The Ten Virgins

Matthew 25:1-13 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. ² And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. ³ They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: ⁴ But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. ⁵ While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. ⁶ And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. ⁷ Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. ⁹ But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. ¹⁰ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. ¹¹ Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. ¹² But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. ¹³ Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

l The Talents

Matthew 25:14-30 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.

The point is made concerning the last two terms: the mysteries of the Kingdom and the parables of the Kingdom. Scripture says in:

Proverbs 25:2 It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.

On purpose the Lord has veiled truth and it takes the illuminating, energizing power of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth to guide us into all truth. Men do not like to hear that because it bypasses the intellect and enters the realm of spirit and the realm of faith. But God is opening His word in a marvelous way. And He is speaking in a way that is unprecedented. And the greatest blessing in your spiritual life is that you can still hear. We need our ears to be opened to hear the mysteries of the Kingdom, and the great truths of the parables that Jesus taught and all that He has to say to us in this hour.

17 POWERS OF THE WORLD TO COME

One of the Greek words for world ("AION") means "age." The age to come is the Kingdom Age. We now by faith can move into those powers and experiences of that age which is ahead.

Heb. 6:5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the **world** to come,

Hebrews 11:14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

Hebrews 11:3 Through faith we understand that the **worlds** were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

165 aion {ahee-ohn'} from the same as 104; n m. AV - ever 71, world 38, never + 3364 + 1519 + 3588 6, evermore 4, age 2, eternal 2, misc 5; 128

For ever, an unbroken age, perpetuity of time, eternity. The worlds, universe. Period of time, age.

The powers of the world to come are the powers of the age to come. The coming age of course is an age of miracles. The age to come and now is, is the Kingdom age and, it is dawning now. And we now, by faith, can move into those powers and experiences of that age which is ahead of us.

18 REIGNING WITH CHRIST

This refers to our living a victorious Christian life in the NOW with Christ by rising above problems, circumstances and situations in His enabling and our aggressive faith. An overcoming life-style. This shall qualify us to reign with Jesus in the ages to come.

The Kingdom of God is a present reality, so is reigning with Christ.

Romans 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

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

1 Peter 2:24 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.

1 John 4:4 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.

Keep in mind that reigning with Christ is not just future, it is present. And through His word, by the power of His blood, and His Spirit, we can take authority and dominion. We can rise above our circumstances, and in the Name of Jesus we can be an overcomers and reign with Jesus Christ, NOW!!

Week 11

20 SHAKING

Hebrews 12:26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. ²⁷ And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: ²⁹For our God is a consuming fire.

1Thes. 4:15 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.

Remain: 4035 perileipo {per-ee-li'-po} from 4012 and 3007; v. AV - remain 2; **To leave over. To remain over, to survive**

*Left over after what? After the **shaking**. God is shaking everything that has to be shaken. He is shaking individuals, He is shaking families, He is shaking Churches, denominations, movements, doctrines. He is shaking in the realms of politics, economics, religion and whatever men has produced, it's going to be shaken. If it stands and remains it is part of the Kingdom.*

God has determined to shake (Greek means "to agitate, move, stir") heaven and earth in the end of this age. Every thing that can be shaken or moved will be removed. God is not going to remove the righteous. He is already removing the wicked and will continue to do so until there is a Kingdom in the earth expressed through a glorious Church which cannot be moved. As in the days of Noah, the wicked will be taken in judgment and the righteous will be left to inherit the earth. Every thing that is a product of man's wisdom and strength is going to be exposed and removed. The shaking of the heavenly realm of spirit will produce a shaking in the earthly realm. God will have a people who cannot be moved!

The word shaking that is used here is a related term to the Greek word SEISMOS, where we get our English word SEISMOGRAPH. Back to the root SEIO, it is translated in your English Bible as the word earthquake.

In Mathew 24 Jesus talked about earthquakes in diverse places. Certainly that is true in the natural, but it is also true in the Spirit and the Greek word means a commotion of the air and we know from Ephesians 6:12 that there are principalities and powers. And there is a stirring in the heavenlies right now that is going to produce a shaking in the earth.

Hebrews 12:26 Whose voice then **shook** the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I **shake** not the earth only, but also heaven. ²⁷And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: ²⁹For our God is a consuming fire.

Shook: 4531 saleuo {sal-yoo'-o} from 4535; v. AV - shake 10, move 1, shake together 1, that are shaken 1, which cannot be shaken + 3361 1, stir up 1; 15 **A motion produced by winds, storms, waves, etc; to agitate or shake; to cause to totter; to shake thoroughly, of a measure filled by shaking its contents together. To shake down, over-throw; to cast down from one's (secure and happy) state; to move, agitate the mind, to disturb one.**

Shake: 4579 seio {si'-o} apparently a primary verb; v AV - shake 3, move 1, quake 1; 5 **To shake, agitate, cause to tremble; of men, to be thrown into a tremor, to quake for fear; metaph. to agitate the mind.**

When you go back to the O.T. and to the passage from which that passage is taken, Hebrews 12:26-29, you end up in the O.T. book of Haggai. Zechariah and Haggai where Post-exilic prophets that were raised up to encourage the people of the Lord to build the Temple, the House of the Lord. And certainly God, in these days of restoration is building His Church, He is restoring the Temple, the House of the Lord.

Haggai 2:6-9 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; ⁷And I will shake all nations, and the **desire** of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts. ⁸The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts. ⁹The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

At first glance that would appear to refer to the Lord Jesus Christ in His second coming, but the word "desire" is plural. The desires of all nations shall come. Which could be either:

- 1. The manifestation of the sons of God and the desire of the nations groaning and travailing for that, according to Rom. 8.*
- 2. The wealth of the nations or the forces of the gentiles that Isaiah 60 speaks about.*

Acts 20:24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

Paul is saying I'm not shaken up by these things, I'm not moved.

This scripture is very important. As Jesus is finishing up the Sermon on the Mount, He says:

Matthew 7:24-27 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: ²⁵And 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. ²⁶And 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: ²⁷And 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.

One man heard the sayings of the Lord and did them, another man heard the sayings of the Lord and did not do them. One house, whether that is a life, or a family, or a ministry, or a Church, or a nation, one house stood in the shaking, and the other house fell.

Listen to the words of Jesus Himself.

Matthew 24:37-41 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. ³⁸For 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, ³⁹And knew not until the flood came, and **took them** all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. ⁴⁰Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. ⁴¹Two 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.

The parallel passage in Luke's gospel is even more vivid and graphic in Luke:

Luke 17:26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. ²⁷They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and **destroyed them all**.

The bottom line is that everything that can be shaken is being shaken and something is going to be left remaining after the shaking. Like Noah and his family we want to be left over after the shaking to inherit the earth.

So the wicked were taken and the righteous were left. So that does agree with the Pauline doctrine of the coming of the Lord? Let's go to the classic passage of:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 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. ¹⁴For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

In all of this passage it doesn't say anything about us going, just Him coming. Not about us disappearing, but His appearing. He is coming as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. The main difference is that it is not any minute, it is until. The main difference is that there is going to be some shaking. And it is going to be the voice of the Lord, the word of the Lord that is going to do that shaking. Listen to what Paul says:

1 Thessalonians 4:15For 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. ¹⁶For 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: ¹⁷Then **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. ¹⁸Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Twice it says, "we which are alive and remain" just like Noah's day. We will remain after the shaking.

Remain: 4035 perileipo {per-ee-li'-po} from 4012 and 3007; AV - remain 2; 2 **To leave over. To remain over, to survive**

Again we have to look at our own life. We are a walking miniature of this planet. In the Lord's prayer He said, Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. That is this earth, my life, this clay, this earthen vessel. And again look at the way the Lord is dealing with your own life, Is he removing the righteousness or the wickedness off of your life. You know what He is doing. He is not removing the righteousness from you, He is removing the wickedness so that the righteousness can remain. It will help if we look at the words of Jesus Himself:

Matthew 13: 36-43 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. ³⁷He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; ³⁸The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; ³⁹The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. ⁴⁰As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. ⁴¹The 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; ⁴²And 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.

Jesus Himself said, look I'm going to gather out the wicked and the righteous are going to shine like the sun. There is the principle, the wicked are gathered first, and in this shaking, anything that can be shaken will be shaken. There is a tremendous agitation, moving, stirring and shaking going on in our lives.

Isaiah 4:1-6 And in that day seven women (**the whole Church**) shall take hold of one man, (**the Lord Jesus**) saying, We will eat our own bread, (we **are going to interpret the bread, the word of God the way we want**) and wear our own apparel: (**we are going to establish our own standards of righteousness**) only let us be called by thy name, (**but just let us be called Christians to take away our reproach**) to take away our reproach. ²In that day (**in the same day that that is going on**) shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, (**there is a glorious Church, the real Church**) and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. ³And it shall come to pass, that **he that is left** in Zion, and he that **remaineth** in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem: ⁴When the Lord shall have **washed away the filth** of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the **spirit of judgment**, and by the **spirit of burning**. ⁵And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming

fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence. ⁶And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

There is a shaking going on now, and if you hear all that the Lord is saying and doing, it will shake you. But there will be a people that will stand through this time of testing and trial and will stand in the earth as part of a Kingdom which cannot be moved. I don't want to be taken, I don't want to be taken in judgment, I want to be left to inherit the earth. I want to be part of those that Isaiah and Paul said would be alive and remaining in Zion.

We can talk about the mark of the beast being a present reality, not as a tattoo on somebody's forehead, after the church has been evacuated from the planet, but a present reality. It was in the right hand and in the forehead, showing a beastly way of thinking, resulting in a beastly way of behavior, and showing that the old man is the beast and showing that the carnal mind is a beastly mind.

The path of the just is as the shining light that shines more and more unto the perfect day (Prov. 4:18) but God is shaking, His voice is shaking and He showed Ezekiel in Chapter 8, He took Ezekiel by the Spirit into the Temple and showed him the sins of the people and the ministry. And then in Chapter 9, God began to bring judgment upon what He had shown the prophet in Ch.8, and Ezekiel said something in Chapter 9 that is most relevant to this term shaking and being left. He said, to the Lord, I am left after this thing, after the judgment. Because in Ch.9 God set a mark. He put a mark on the heads of those who were sealed. That is in contrast to the mark of the beast, and goes into the mark of the Lord in Revelation 14:1 and Revelation 7:2-3 where we are sealed in the forehead with the Fathers name or nature or character, or authority, talking about the full mind of Christ.

Ezekiel 9:1 He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand. ²And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brasen altar. ³And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side; ⁴And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and **set a mark** upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. ⁵And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: ⁶Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house. ⁷And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go ye forth. And they went forth, and slew in the city. ⁸And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord GOD! wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem?

Then Jesus Himself said in Mathew 13:36-43; He talked about gathering out of His Kingdom, first of all, the wicked and then the righteous would remain, and shine like the sun. He says in that passage that the day of the Lord would come like a thief; but if you read and study carefully 1 Thes. 5:1-9; you will discover that the day of the Lord only comes as a thief to those who are the sons of darkness, to the unsaved, to those that do not know the Lord, to those who are still captive in the Kingdom of darkness and the Lord Himself is not a thief. He is not coming to steal away His Church. No! To the contrary, you study all the passages on the 2nd coming and everything is out in the open and the eyes of the whole earth beholding it. He is coming as a thief, but it is to surprise the wicked. It says they will say, peace and safety and then comes sudden destruction. But He says that day is not going to overtake you as a thief, you are sons of light, you that are walking in the light.

And also the scripture in:

John 17:15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

Who said that? The Lord Himself. In Noah's day it was the wicked that were taken and the righteous who were left after the shaking.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-9 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. ²For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. ³For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. ⁴But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. ⁵Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. ⁶Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. ⁷For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. ⁸But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for

an helmet, the hope of salvation. ⁹For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For 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. ¹³Therefore 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. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; ¹⁵And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. ¹⁷And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: ¹⁸Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

In this passage there is no armour for the back, because we are not running we are not escaping. It also says that we will stand in the evil day. Why would we be told to do that, if we were not going to be here for it.

1 John 4:17-18 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. ¹⁸There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

Let's wake up. See, to be born again is not enough. To be born again and to be baptized in water in the Name of the Lord, is not enough. To be born again, baptized and filled with the Holy Ghost is not enough. That is just the beginning of your walk in the Lord. And there is a whole lot more that God is doing. He will shake my world, and He will shake your world, until there is a Kingdom, a Kingdom people which cannot be shaken, which cannot be moved. Reading the definition one more time:

God has determined to shake (Greek means "to agitate, move, stir") heaven and earth in the end of this age. Every thing that can be shaken or moved will be removed. God is not going to remove the righteous. He is already removing the wicked and will continue to do so until there is a Kingdom in the earth expressed through a glorious Church which cannot be moved. As in the days of Noah, the wicked will be taken in judgment and the righteous will be left to inherit the earth. Every thing that is a product of man's wisdom and strength is going to be exposed and removed. The shaking of the heavenly realm of spirit will produce a shaking in the earthly realm. God will have a people who cannot be moved!

19 SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

Webster defines "sovereignty" as "supreme power; dominion; a freedom from external control."

God has supreme authority in His universe and as such has everything under His dominion of control. The Lord reigneth and He who sits in the heavens has done whatsoever He has pleased.

The book of Psalms is full of this concept of the sovereignty of God, especially Psalms 93-100.

David was speaking here.

1 Chronicles 29:11 Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.

The tremendous passage in Eph.1. Paul also has something to say concerning the sovereignty of God. God is sovereign, He is in control. God is God.

Ephesians 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

20 THEOCRACY

Webster defines a "theocracy" as "the government of a state by immediate divine guidance or by officials regarded as divinely guided." A government that is God-ruled; A divine government.

This word is from the Greek word "theos" which means "God" and from the word "krate", a word rendered by Thayer as "to have power; to be chief, be master of, to rule; to get possession of; to take hold of; to hold in the hand or to keep faithfully and carefully."

One has said that the Kingdom will come when we stop voting. God's government is theocratic.

1 Chronicles 15:13 For because ye did it not at the first, the LORD our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not after the due order.

There is a due order. There is a way that God does it and there is a way that men tries to do it.

1 Corinthians 14:40 Let all things be done decently and in order.

21 THIS KINGDOM MINISTRY

This term refers to those who are involved in the ministry of the Gospel of the Kingdom or this end-time or new-day message and ministry.

It is those who are proclaiming the present reality of the Lord Jesus Christ and His Kingdom. It is those who are proclaiming the rulership- the government of God. This Kingdom Ministry is made of those who are proclaiming the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 16:15 I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have **addicted themselves** to the **ministry** of the saints,)

2 Corinthians 4:1 Therefore seeing we have this **ministry**, as we have received mercy, we faint not;

Acts 20:24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the **ministry**, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

22 THIS KINGDOM WALK

This refers to the distinctive life-style of those who are under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and who are reigning in life with Him now. This life-style is marked by righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Romans 4:12 And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also **walk in the steps of that faith** of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised.

Romans 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should **walk in newness of life**.

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

Is He in control? Are you under His theocracy? Does He rule your life? Are you participating in this Kingdom ministry? In this Kingdom walk? Following and obeying the Lord Jesus is a way of life, a life-style.

So many people think that worship is something you do on Sunday morning, or singing a few choruses on Sunday evening. But worship is a life-style. It is the totality of the expression of your life as an offering unto God.

This is a Kingdom walk. It's a life-style. There is so much more in God. There is so much more in the Lord. We need to get involved in this Kingdom walk.

Week 12

23 THRONE OF GOD

The Greek word "THRONOS" means "a throne or a seat of authority," The Bible also says that heaven is His throne. The throne is the place and sphere of God's authority and power. This is the place that Jesus has gone to prepare for those who will overcome as He did.

Psalm 45:6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the scepter of thy kingdom is a right scepter.

The scepter of thy kingdom is a right scepter or a righteous or true scepter. His authority is mentioned in conjunction with His Kingdom.

This is Stephens message:

Acts 7:49 Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest?

This is a Bible definition. So where is God's authority? It is in the heavenlies; or in the words of our definition, the throne is the place and sphere of God's authority and power. Heaven is the realm of God.

Some people say that in John 14 Jesus is talking about heaven. Well, heaven is not mentioned at all in John 14. The subject of John 14 is not heaven, it is the Father. The Father is mentioned 23 times in John 14. And Jesus said:

John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

Who is Father's house? What is a mansion?

Hebrews 3:5-6 tells you who the house of the Father is.

Hebrews 3:5 And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after; ⁶But Christ as a son over his own house; **whose house are we**, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

Of course Jesus Christ Himself was the House of the Father.

Now, it says there are many mansions:

Mansions: 3438 mone {mon-ay'} from 3306; TDNT - 4:579,581; n f AV - mansion 1, abode 1; 2

1) a staying, abiding, dwelling, abode

2) to make an (one's) abode

3) metaph. of the God the Holy Spirit indwelling believers

John 14:2.....If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. *(the preposition there is readily rendered "in you")* ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

John 17:22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: ²³I 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.²⁴ Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, **be with me where I am**; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

Revelation 3:21 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.

How big is the throne of Jesus? You could also ask the same question this way. How vast is His authority. And He answered that for you in:

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All **power (Exousia= all delegated or executive authority)** is given unto me in heaven and in earth. ¹⁹Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

The basis of the Great Commission is the truth that Jesus Christ has been given all authority. That is how big His throne is. The throne of God is His authority.

Hebrews 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. ¹⁵For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

In Moses' Tabernacle, seen in Exodus 25-40, there was an Outer Court, a Holy Place and a Most Holy Place. The Outer Court was for all Israel, the Holy Place for the Priest, but the Most Holy Place for the High Priest.

And in the Most Holy Place there was one piece of furniture, the Ark of the Covenant with its Golden Lid, the Mercy Seat, showing the simplicity that is in Christ. And the Mercy seat is where God sat, if you will, the Ark of the Covenant speaks of the Throne of God. The Lord has moved from Mount Sinai over to Mount Zion. The Throne of Judgment has become the Throne of Grace.

God lives in a three room house. Outer Court, Holy Place, Most Holy Place. And the third room, the Most Holy Place is His living room? Where Jesus said in John 14:6; I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. There is one piece of furniture in God's living room, it is the Mercy Seat, it is the Love-Seat, it is the Throne of Grace. And there is a people, that shall become like Him, that will move into the realm of the Most Holy Place which is His Kingdom and Lordship, a governmental people, an overcoming people, for him that overcometh I will grant him to sit with me in my throne. A Mercy seat people who will not impute unto men their trespasses, but with a word and ministry of reconciliation, as Joel prophesied that would roar out of Zion, and declare as Paul said in 2 Corinthians 5:17-20.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. ¹⁸And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹To 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. ²⁰Now 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.

You cannot only come before the throne of Grace but there is a people who are becoming the Mercy Seat, in the Most Holy Place. The throne is the place and sphere of God's authority and power, this is the place that Jesus has gone to prepare for those who will overcome as He did.

26 ZION

We, the Church are Abraham's seed, we are the true Spiritual Israel of God, we are the Holy nation, we are the circumcision, we are the heavenly Jerusalem, we are the Zion of God. If you be Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. (Gal 3:29) We the Church are the program and purpose of God.

Zion was the hill in Jerusalem from where the kings ruled.

It was also the place of the tombs of the kings.

If we pursue that thought to its extremities, we would end up talking about and in-depth study of ruling and reigning with Jesus Christ and paralleling that with dying to self and the deeper principles of the cross.

It was upon Mt. Zion that David brought back the Ark of the Covenant, which represented God's government, glory and presence. (2Samuel 6, 1Chr 15)

This term is used in two ways:

In a general sense, to represent the whole Church. Some use this term in the same principle of the term "Jerusalem." The Church is the new Jerusalem, and a city which is set upon a hill. That hill is Zion. There are several scriptures for this.

Hebrews 12:22-24 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, ²³To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, ²⁴And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

It tells us that we are come to Zion. We are not on our way to Zion, we are in Zion, if we are in Christ. You have also come to the city of the living God, the city that Abraham searched for:

Hebrews 11:10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

It is the same city that Jesus said was set on a hill.

Matthew 5:14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

The same thing that Jesus meant when He said:

Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

The City is the Church, the Church is Jerusalem, so in a general sense Zion is the Church. And the first thing Jesus called the Church was the City in Matthew 5:14.

Here He says to John, I'm going to show you the Bride, the Lamb's wife and He went out and He showed him the City, and the City that was set on a hill and that hill is Zion.

Revelation 21:9-10 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. ¹⁰And 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,

More specifically, Zion represents the highest order in the Church, an overcoming order. The Jerusalem which is above is free and is the mother of us all, the heavenly Jerusalem, the City of the living God. Zion is the place where God dwells and that is in His Church. It is the place from which God rules and speaks and administers His Kingdom. What God has purposed in this hour is a governmental people arising in the power and the dominion of the Name of Jesus who are conformed to His Image, ruling and reigning with Him, from Mount Zion, not just in the future but beginning right now.

Note the three levels of Jerusalem, the Church:

Jerusalem was on 3 levels. The three mounts, Ophel, Moriah, Zion.

(1) OPHEL

The word means "hill" and speaks of the 30-fold dimension. It is not as prominent or high as Moriah or Zion, but it speaks of that which is lifted above the low lands.

Psalm 40: 2 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

2 Chronicles 27:3 He built the high gate of the house of the LORD, and on the wall of Ophel he built much.

This scripture tells us that King Jotham built much on that level of Mount Ophel. So there is the beginnings of our walk in God.

At the foot of Mount Ophel lay the pool Siloam where we begin to receive our sight.

John 9:7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

But that is not enough, we must go on up to Mount Moriah, into the Pentecostal, Spirit-filled realm.

(2) MORIAH

The word means "Jehovah provides" and speaks of the 60-fold realm. Abraham sacrificed Isaac there.

Genesis 22:2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

King Solomon built his temple there.

2 Chronicles 3:1 Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where the LORD appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

Here we see an identification with the Body of Christ as we lay down our lives and we see with the Temple principle those who begin to move in real Spirit-filled praise and worship.

1 Peter 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 13:15 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.

(3) ZION

The word means "the mountain of light" and speaks of the 100-fold. It speaks of a full grown son. It speaks of those who will come to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

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

Psalms 48:1-3 A Song and Psalm for the sons of Korah. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness. ²Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. ³God is known in her palaces for a refuge.

Psalms 50:2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.

Revelation 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. ²And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: ³And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. ⁴These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. ⁵And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

Obadiah 21 And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD'S.

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

Micah 4:1-2 But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. ²And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Psalms 102:16 When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.

Zion: 06726 Tsiyown {tsee-yone'} the same (regularly) as 06725; n pr loc. AV - Zion 153, Sion 1; 154

Zion = "parched place." Another name for Jerusalem especially in the prophetic books. A mountain of Jerusalem; conspicuousness; a monumental or guiding pillar; sign, title, waymark; sunny, clear, unobstructed; set up, placed or established, constituted; fortress, column, landmark."

"ZION" is mentioned 46 times in Isaiah - 1:8, 27; 2:3; 3:16-17; 4:3-5; 8:18; 10:12, 24, 32; 12:6; 14: 32; 16:1; 18:7; 24:23; 28:16; 29:8; 30:19; 31:4, 9; 33:5, 14, 20; 34:8; 35:10; 37:22, 32; 40:9; 41:27; 46:13; 49:14; 51:3, 11, 16; 52:1-2, 7-8; 59:20; 60:14; 61:3; 62:11; 64:10; 66:8.

"ZION" is also mentioned 37 times in the book of PSALMS.

1. ZION is where the THRONE of God is eternally established and sure against all the attacks of the enemy.

Psalm 2:6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of **Zion**.

Psalm 87:5 And of **Zion** it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her.

2. ZION is the DWELLING-PLACE of God, where He is gloriously praised, where His doings are known.

Psalm 9:11 Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in **Zion**: declare among the people his doings.

Psalm 74:2 Remember thy congregation, [which] thou hast purchased of old; the rod of thine inheritance, [which] thou hast redeemed; this mount **Zion**, wherein thou hast dwelt.

Psalm 76:2 In Salem also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling place in **Zion**.

3. ZION is the place where God's most glorious PRAISE is known, because there the fulness of salvation is known in the lives of the redeemed.

Psalm 9:14 That I may shew forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of **Zion**: I will rejoice in thy salvation.

4. ZION is the source of CONTINUAL SALVATION. Those who discover ZION know the fulness of salvation, and yet learn day by day more of an increasing fulness.

Psalm 14:7 Oh that the salvation of Israel [were come] out of **Zion**! when the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, [and] Israel shall be glad.

Psalm 53:6 Oh that the salvation of Israel [were come] out of **Zion**! When God bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, [and] Israel shall be glad.

Isaiah 46:13 I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: and I will place salvation in **Zion** for Israel my glory.

Isaiah 59:20 And the Redeemer shall come to **Zion**, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.

Joel 2:32 And it shall come to pass, [that] whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount **Zion** and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

Romans 11:26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

5. ZION is the JOY of the whole earth, experienced already by man, anticipated by others, travailed after by all. This joy of the Lord is our strength.

Psalm 48:2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount **Zion**, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

Nehemiah 8:10 Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

6. ZION is the source of STRENGTH and support for the people of God, especially in day of trouble.

Psalm 20:2 Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of **Zion**;

Psalm 48:12 Walk about **Zion**, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.

6. ZION is the place of rejoicing in the JUDGMENTS of God, for in ZION men come to know a true perspective of God's judgment and righteousness.

Psalm 48:11 Let mount **Zion** rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.

¹² Walk about **Zion**, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.

Psalm 97:8 **Zion** heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O LORD.

Isaiah 33:5 The LORD is exalted; for he dwelleth on high: he hath filled **Zion** with judgment and righteousness.

8. ZION is the perfection of BEAUTY, out from which the LIGHT of God shines.

Psalm 50:2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.

9. ZION is the place where PRAISE to the Lord is PERFECTED: a praise which arises out of a perfect rest in the Lord, so much so that silent expectation becomes praise in ZION. In ZION is the realm of PERFECTION.

Psalm 65:1 To the chief Musician, A Psalm [and] Song of David. Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

10. ZION is loved much by the Lord and therefore GLORIFIED much by Him.

Psalm 87:2 The LORD loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. ³Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Selah.

11. ZION is where the Lord is known in His GREATNESS.

Psalm 99:2 The LORD [is] great in Zion; and he [is] high above all the people.

Isaiah 12:4-6 And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. ⁵Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth. ⁶Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great [is] the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

12. ZION is the HOPE of all the AFFLICTED.

Psalm 102:16 When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory. ¹⁷He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer. ¹⁸This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD. ¹⁹For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth; ²⁰To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death; ²¹To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem; ²²When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.

Isaiah 14:32 What shall [one] then answer the messengers of the nation? That the LORD hath founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust in it.

Isaiah 51:11 Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy [shall be] upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; [and] sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

Romans 8:14-23 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. ¹⁵For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. ¹⁶The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: ¹⁷And 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. ¹⁸For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. ¹⁹For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, ²¹Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. ²³And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

13. ZION is where God REIGNS in the NOW. It is the realm from which the SCEPTRE (ROD) of His strength is stretched forth. The MERCY-SEAT in the MOST HOLY PLACE is the THRONE OF GRACE from which this NEW LIFE issues.

Psalm 110:2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

Isaiah 14:32 What shall [one] then answer the messengers of the nation? That the LORD hath founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust in it.

14. ZION is the most ESTABLISHED and SURE place in the world. No government, nation, refuge, or stronghold of this age can compete with it.

Isaiah 29:8 It shall even be as when an hungry [man] dreameth, and, behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, behold, [he is] faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.

Daniel 2:32 This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, ³³His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. ³⁴Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. ³⁵Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. ³⁶This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation

thereof before the king. ³⁷Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. ³⁸And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold. ³⁹And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. ⁴⁰And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. ⁴¹And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. ⁴²And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. ⁴³And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. ⁴⁴And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

15. ZION has a KING who reigns forever in a KINGDOM which extends to all generations. He is alive in God's sons.

Romans 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Hebrews 2:6-13 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? ⁷Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: ⁸Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. ⁹But 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. ¹⁰For 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. ¹¹For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, ¹²Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. ¹³And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.

16. ZION is known, not traced out with a boundary. ZION is experienced. ZION is a place of being in God. ZION is the MOST HOLY PLACE of the Tabernacle of Moses with all its truths. ZION is becoming a present reality. ZION is spreading without observation throughout the earth, yet is being readied to rule over all. ZION is the GOVERNMENT of God in the earth! ZION is a KINGDOM PEOPLE!

Hebrews 12:22-24 But ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, ²³To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, ²⁴ And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

17. ZION, generally speaking, is the CHURCH. Specifically, ZION is the OVERCOMER in the Church. The ZION COMPANY is the MANCHILD out of the Woman (Rev. 12:1-6) and is also seen in the 144,000 (of Rev. 14:1-8). ZION is the JUDAH and the JOSEPH COMPANY (Gen. 37-50), the ARMY of Joel 2, and the PRIESTHOOD after the order of MELCHIZEDECK (which parallels the ZADOK PRIESTHOOD of Ezek. 44). (Heb. 7) ZION is a governmental company of FULL-GROWN SONS who have been apprehended unto the measure of the stature of the FULLNESS of Christ. (Heb. 2; Eph. 4; I Cor. 13; Rom. 8) Those in ZION are under the FULL and COMPLETE LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ!

Revelation 12:1-6 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: ²And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. ³And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. ⁴And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. ⁵And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. ⁶And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

Revelation 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty [and] four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. ²And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: ³And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could

learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. ⁴These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. ⁵And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God. ⁶And 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, ⁷Saying 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. ⁸And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.