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DISCUSS PRACTICAL WAYS TO BREAK THE “CURSE” USING THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES.

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AMPLIFICATION

COVENANT OF FATHER AND SONS

Mal 2:7-9

*7" For the lips of a priest should keep knowledge, and people should seek the law from his mouth; for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.
8 But you have departed from the way; you have caused many to stumble at the law. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi," says the LORD of hosts.
9 "Therefore I also have made you contemptible and base before all the people, because you have not kept My ways but have shown partiality in the law." (NKJ)*

Because the priests were poor representatives, God promised to make them contemptible before all the people. The end result would be a chasm between the people and leadership – an animosity between fathers and sons. But God promises to heal this situation.

Mal 4:5-6

*5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.
6 And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse." (NKJ)*

The purpose of the Elijah anointing is to turn the hearts of the fathers to the sons and the hearts of the sons to the fathers. The Hebrew word for children is ben which is son. Heart refers to the soul – the mind. 3 factors are inherent in this turning:

- Transgenerational connection – this opens the communication lines.
- Transgenerational equalisation -
The mind of the father must be turned to the sons etc. the father and the son must have the same mind. Paul and Timothy had the same mind. This transgenerational equalization. The father and son must think alike. For this to happen it is first required that the father and son connect with each other. If there is no father son connection the end result is that the curse is active.
- Transgenerational co-operation.

Father and son must work together.

EVIDENCE OF CURSE

1. REVIEW "CURSED"
2. FAMINE
3. INACCURATE LOCATIONS – SONS IN THE PIG STYE.
4. WIDOW'S HOUSES
5. ILLEGAL CHURCH GOVERNMENTS
6. GOVERNED BY THE LAME AND THE BLIND.

Curse is broken by father son covenant – joining of donor and recipient.

EXAMPLES:

1. RUTH NAOMI

The adversity was dismantled by covenant – not by prayer or fasting.

3 PHASES OF COVENANT

- INITIATION OF COVENANT
- DWELLING IN THE COVENANT
- INSTRUCTIONS THAT FOLLOW FROM COVENANT.

Ruth 1:1-6

1Now it came to pass, in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem, Judah, went to dwell in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons.

2The name of the man was Elimelech, the name of his wife was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion-- Ephrathites of Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to the country of Moab and remained there.

3Then Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left, and her two sons.

4Now they took wives of the women of Moab: the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth. And they dwelt there about ten years.

5Then both Mahlon and Chilion also died; so the woman survived her two sons and her husband.

6Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had visited His people by giving them bread.(NKJ)

Judges were ruling. There were no fathers.

In the absence of fathers the following consequences ensue:

- Famine
- Inaccurate migration
- Widows houses

The dwelling in Moab of 10 years culminated in judgement. Ten is the number of the law-the number of judgement.

RUTH IS NOW A WIDOW.

SHE COVENANTS WITH NAOMI AND MAKES HER MIGRATION TO BETHLEHEM.

Ruth 1:16-17

16But Ruth said: "Entreat me not to leave you, or to turn back from following after you; for wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God, my God.

17Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. The LORD do so to me, and more also, if anything but death parts you and me."(NKJ)

- RUTH INITIATES THE COVENANT.

FEATURES OF THE COVENANT:

1. PURSUING RELATIONSHIP

Entreat me not to leave you, or to turn back from following after you; for wherever you go, I will go

Ruth pledges to follow. She does not demand that Naomi run after her.

2. ABIDING RELATIONSHIP

wherever you lodge, I will lodge

Regular attendance meetings called by the resource.

3. RELATIONAL OWNERSHIP

your people shall be my people

Joining with others committed to the resource.

4. DIVINE OWNERSHIP

your God, my God

5. LIFELONG RELATIONSHIP

17Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried

Lifelong relationship(marriage)

Ruth 1:16 PP3

The Targum adds several things to this conversation between Naomi and Ruth. I shall subjoin them: "And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee," for I desire to become a proselyte. And Naomi said We are commanded to keep the Sabbath and other holy days; and on it not to travel more than two thousand cubits. And Ruth said, "Whither thou goest, I will go." And Naomi said, We are commanded not to lodge with the Gentiles. Ruth answered, "Where thou lodgest," I will lodge." And Naomi said, We are commanded to observe the one hundred and thirteen precepts. Ruth answered, What thy people observe, that will I observe; as if they had been my people of old. And Naomi said, We are commanded not to worship with any strange worship. Ruth answered, "Thy God shall be my God." Naomi said, We have four kinds of capital punishment for criminals; stoning, burning, beheading, and hanging. Ruth answered, "In whatsoever manner thou diest, I will die." Naomi said, We have a house of burial. Ruth answered, "And there will I be buried."

It is very likely that some such conversation as this took place between the elders and those who were becoming proselytes. This verse is famous among those who strive to divine by the Bible. I should relate the particulars, but am afraid they might lead to a continuance of the practice. In my youth I have seen it done, and was then terrified.

(from Adam Clarke Commentary)

Ruth 2:2-3

2So Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, "Please let me go to the field, and glean heads of grain after him in whose sight I may find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."

3Then she left, and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers. And she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.

(NKJ)

THOSE WHO ENTER INTO COVENANT ARE NOTICED. RUTH IS FAVOURED BY BOAZ.

Ruth 2:11-12

11And Boaz answered and said to her, "It has been fully reported to me, all that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband, and how you have left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and have come to a people whom you did not know before.

12"The LORD repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge."(NKJ)

She came under the wings of Naomi. Boaz declared that she came under the wings of the Lord.

From gleaning behind the reapers she is promoted to glean among the sheaves.

Ruth 2:3

Then she left, and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers. And she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.(NKJ)

Ruth 2:15

And when she rose up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her.(NKJ)

When you enter into covenant – the blessings will fall purposely.

Ruth 2:16-17

16"Also let grain from the bundles fall purposely for her; leave it that she may glean, and do not rebuke her."

17So she gleaned in the field until evening, and beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley.(NKJ)

• **DWELLING IN THE COVENANT**

Ruth 2:23

So she stayed close by the young women of Boaz, to glean until the end of barley harvest and wheat harvest; and she dwelt with her mother-in-law.(NKJ)

NAOMI SEEKS THE SECURITY OF RUTH. THE FATHER SEEKS THE WELFARE OF THE SON. SECURITY IS SOUGHT FOR THOSE WHO DWELL IN THE COVENANT.

Ruth 3:1-5

1Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, shall I not seek security for you, that it may be well with you?"

2"Now Boaz, whose young women you were with, is he not our relative? In fact, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor.

• **INSTRUCTIONS OF THE COVENANT**

3"Therefore wash yourself and anoint yourself, put on your best garment and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.

4 "*Then it shall be, when he lies down, that you shall notice the place where he lies; and you shall go in, uncover his feet, and lie down; and he will tell you what you should do.*"

5 *And she said to her, "All that you say to me I will do."* (NKJ)

Ruth obeys.

SHE IS GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS THAT HAVE AN APPEARANCE OF EVIL.
LIE DOWN AT HIS FEET WHILST HE IS ASLEEP. THIS APPEARS AS AN ACT OF SEDUCTION.

Ruth says

"All that you say to me I will do."

THE DEMANDS FOR THE NEXT LEVEL:
Listening to the servant of God.

1. WASH YOURSELF

3 "*Therefore wash yourself and anoint yourself, put on your best garment and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.*'

2. ANOINT YOURSELF

3 "*Therefore wash yourself and anoint yourself, put on your best garment and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.*

ANOINTING YOURSELF – OIL INSIDE AND OUT. THE EXTERNAL AND THE INTERNAL. LAMP AND THE VESSEL.

The wise and the foolish virgins.

Dominion through preparation.

Five entered dominion. Five left out.

There is prep. For midnight – the time of transition. It could mean breakthrough or breakdown.

PREPARING FOR MIDNIGHT.

3. DRESS YOURSELF

3 "*Therefore wash yourself and anoint yourself, put on your best garment and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.*

- Armour of God.

Personal responsibility to put on the armour of god.

- Fine linen are the righteous acts

4. GO YOURSELF TO THE THRESHING FLOOR

3"Therefore wash yourself and anoint yourself, put on your best garment and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.

Certain locations you can only go yourself. Don't take Lot with you. Don't take Aaron with you. Find your bride or bridegroom yourself.

Barak could not go himself.

David went himself.

Nehemiah went himself.

Samson killed the philistines by himself like Shamgar.

Work out your own salvation.

MEET THE BRIDEGROOM AT THE THRESHING FLOOR. She is like the wise virgin – breakthrough at midnight.

5. PROSTRATE YOURSELF

Ruth 3:7-8

7And after Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was cheerful, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain; and she came softly, uncovered his feet, and lay down.

8Now it happened at midnight that the man was startled, and turned himself; and there, a woman was lying at his feet.(NKJ)

AT MIDNIGHT FIND YOURSELF AT THE FEET OF JESUS.

STARTLE JESUS LIKE THE WOMAN WITH THE ISSUE OF BLOOD.

THE FOOLISH VIRGINS WERE STARTLED AND LEFT BEHIND.

9 LEPERS WENT AWAY – ONE PROSTRATED HIMSELF.

Ps 37:4

4Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.

(NKJ)

Spend time at the feet. THIS HAS AN APPEARANCE OF EVIL. YOUR INTIMACY WITH GOD MAY BE PERCEIVED AS EVIL BY THE WORLD. SHE OBEYED THAT WHICH APPEARED TO BE EVIL. HE WOULD GIVE HER FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

THE EFFECTS OF COVENANT WITH GRACE CARRIER:

FROM THAT TIME ONWARDS HER LIFE BEGANS TO CHANGE.

Ruth 3:9-14

9And he said, "Who are you?" So she answered, "I am Ruth, your maid-servant. Take your maid-servant under your wing, for you are a close relative."

10Then he said, "Blessed are you of the LORD, my daughter! For you have shown more kindness at the end than at the beginning, in that you did not go after young men, whether poor or rich.

11"And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you request, for all the people of my town know that you are a virtuous woman.

12"Now it is true that I am a close relative; however, there is a relative closer than I.

13"Stay this night, and in the morning it shall be that if he will perform the duty of a close relative for you-- good; let him do it. But if he does not want to

perform the duty for you, then I will perform the duty for you, as the LORD lives! Lie down until morning."

14So she lay at his feet until morning, and she arose before one could recognize another. Then he said, "Do not let it be known that the woman came to the threshing floor." (NKJ)

Ruth 3:15

15Also he said, "Bring the shawl that is on you and hold it." And when she held it, he measured six ephahs of barley, and laid it on her. Then she went into the city. (NKJ)

THE WAY SHE DRESSED DETERMINED THE BLESSING. HER MANTLE WAS ABLE TO HOLD 6 EPHAHS.

HE WILL NOT REST UNTIL THE MATTER IS CONCLUDED. Boaz means "quickness" (International Standard Encyclopaedia)

Ruth 3:18

18Then she said, "Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will turn out; for the man will not rest until he has concluded the matter this day." (NKJ)

Ruth 4:6-8

6And the close relative said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I ruin my own inheritance. You redeem my right of redemption for yourself, for I cannot redeem it."

7Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging, to confirm anything: one man took off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was a confirmation in Israel.

8Therefore the close relative said to Boaz, "Buy it for yourself." So he took off his sandal. (NKJ)

THE OTHER RELATIVE IS THE OLD COVENANT THAT CANNOT TAKE YOU TO THE NEXT LEVEL.

Ruth 4:9-11

9And Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses this day that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, from the hand of Naomi.

10"Moreover, Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of Mahlon, I have acquired as my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead through his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brethren and from his position at the gate. You are witnesses this day."

11And all the people who were at the gate, and the elders, said, "We are witnesses. The LORD make the woman who is coming to your house like Rachel and Leah, the two who built the house of Israel; and may you prosper in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem. (NKJ)

Ruth 4:13-17

13So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife; and when he went in to her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son.

14Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without a close relative; and may his name be famous in Israel!"

15" And may he be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law, who loves you, who is better to you than seven sons, has borne him."

16Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her bosom, and became a nurse to him.

17Also the neighbor women gave him a name, saying, "There is a son born to Naomi." And they called his name Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David.(NKJ)

THE EFFECTS OF COVENANT:

1. DESTINY IDENTIFIED – NAOMI POINTED TO BOAZ.
2. TRAINED FOR DESTINY – WASH YOURSELF, ANOINT YOURSELF.
3. SENT TO HER DESTINY – NAOMI SENDS HER TO THE THRESHING FLOOR.
4. POSITIONED IN DESTINY
 - FROM WIDOW TO WIFE

From the feet of Boaz to the bosom of Boaz.

- FROM FAMINE TO ABUNDANCE-FROM NOTHING TO OWNERSHIP

From gleaning she migrates to owning the field. From one measure to 6 measures to owning the field.

- FROM OBSCURITY TO RENOWN

From the Moabite to one who is listed in the genealogy of Jesus.

2. DAVID AND HIS MEN

2 Sam 5:1-4

1Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and spoke, saying, "Indeed we are your bone and your flesh.

2"Also, in time past, when Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel out and brought them in; and the LORD said to you, 'You shall shepherd My people Israel, and be ruler over Israel.'"

3Therefore all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD. And they anointed David king over Israel.

4David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.
(NKJ)

The lame and the blind held Zion captive for many years. Joshua failed to evict them. As soon as Israel came into covenant with David, the strategy to evict the lame and the blind unfolded. Covenant broke the curse over Zion. The covenant between David and Israel is the covenant between the carrier of grace and the recipient- the same as covenant between the father and sons.

3. FATHER SON RELATIONSHIP BREAKS THE CURSE OF THE PIGSTY.

The prodigal wanted an inheritance without the father. The moment he restored his covenantal relationship the curse of the pigsty was broken.

CURSES ARE BROKEN BY POSITION NOT ONLY BY PRAYER.

THIS IS LIKE COMING TO THE AUTOMATIC GATES OF THE MALL. YOU DON'T HAVE TO PRAY FOR THE GATES TO OPEN.

COVENANT IS AN ACCURATE POSITION.

LONG ROUTE IS YOUR HARVEST.

SHORT ROUTE – INHERITANCE WHICH IS OBTAINED FROM YOUR FATHER.

4. DAVID AND MEPHIBOSHETH

The curse of Lodebar was broken when Mephibosheth entered the covenant and sat at David's table continually. Infact future disasters were also avoided

because of covenant. Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan is spared but the other is hanged because he was not in covenant with David.

2 Sam 21:11-14

11*And David was told what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done.*

12*Then David went and took the bones of Saul, and the bones of Jonathan his son, from the men of Jabesh Gilead who had stolen them from the street of Beth Shan, where the Philistines had hung them up, after the Philistines had struck down Saul in Gilboa.*

13*So he brought up the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from there; and they gathered the bones of those who had been hanged.*

14*They buried the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son in the country of Benjamin in Zelah, in the tomb of Kish his father. So they performed all that the king commanded. And after that God heeded the prayer for the land.(NKJ)*

When the bones of Saul the father was connected with the bones of his sons in the same grave the curse of drought was broken.

5. JEHOIADA

2 Chr 23:3

Then all the assembly made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said to them, "Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the LORD has said of the sons of David.(NKJ)

2 Chr 23:11-15

11*And they brought out the king's son, put the crown on him, gave him the Testimony, and made him king. Then Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, "Long live the king!"*

12*Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people in the temple of the LORD.*

13*When she looked, there was the king standing by his pillar at the entrance; and the leaders and the trumpeters were by the king. All the people of the land were rejoicing and blowing trumpets, also the singers with musical instruments, and those who led in praise. So Athaliah tore her clothes and said, "Treason! Treason!"*

14*And Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds who were set over the army, and said to them, "Take her outside under guard, and slay with the sword whoever follows her." For the priest had said, "Do not kill her in the house of the LORD."*

15*So they seized her; and she went by way of the entrance of the Horse Gate into the king's house, and they killed her there.(NKJ)*

The covenant of the people with Joash exposed and dismantled the evil principality of Athaliah.

6. GIBEONITES

The Gibeonites recognized the protective value of covenant.

7. THE WIDOW OF ZAREPATH

Her connection with Elijah delivered her from famine.

8. THE WIDOW'S CONNECTION WITH ELISHA DELIVERED HER FROM LACK AND HER SONS FROM SLAVERY.

9. THE SHUNNEMITE'S CONNECTION WITH ELISHA DELIVERED HER FROM BARRENNESS.

10. REUBEN AND HIS BROTHERS CONNECTION WITH JOSEPH DELIVERS THEM FROM FAMINE.

Covenantal connection is essential for the migration into dominion. However this covenantal connection must be with a legitimate resource. The problem is that set men of local churches connect to resources that are not fathers. Connection with inaccurate or corrupt resource results in a closed heaven – the curse prevails in a city.

1. See Ezekiel 8

The resource of the city was corrupted by an image of jealousy, unity in error, Babylonian traditions, and humanism. In this context God said he would not hear their prayers even if they prayed with a loud voice.

2. See Haggai 1

The neglected corporate temple resulted in an heaven that was shut.

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING SYMBOLS:

1. THE ONE WHO LED YOU TO THE LORD IS A MIDWIFE – NOT YOUR FATHER.
2. THE INSTRUCTOR BRINGS YOU TO THE SCHOOL GATE. HE IS THE PEDAGOGUE. HE IS NOT YOUR FATHER – HE JUST GAVE YOU A RIDE TO SCHOOL.
3. YOUR COUSIN AND BROTHER ARE THE ONES THAT ACCOMPANY YOU TO SCHOOL.
4. THE STEPFATHER PAYS YOUR FEES.
5. YOUR UNCLE PHONES TO CHECK IF YOU HAVE BEEN TO SCHOOL.
6. THE WIDOW DOES NOT WANT YOU TO GO TO SCHOOL. SHE WANTS YOU TO STAY AT HOME AND TAKE CARE OF HER.
7. THE FATHER IS THE ONE WHO TEACHES YOU IN SCHOOL.

INACCURATE RESOURCE CENTRES – HAVE IMAGES OF JEALOUSY

1. FRATERNAL – THE BROTHER

IMAGE OF JEALOUSY – FELLOWSHIP ABOVE DOCTRINE, DEMOCRACY, ROTATIONAL PREACHING SYSTEM.

THIS IS CONNECTING WITH “BROTHER” RATHER THAN FATHER.

Reuben and his brothers could not deliver Israel from famine. It is only when they connected with Joseph that the famine was broken.

2. NETWORK – THE STEPFATHER

THE IMAGE OF JEALOUSY HERE IS A MAN WHO ENFORCES EXCLUSIVITY AND AN HIERARCHY SYSTEM THAT DOES NOT ALLOW FOR INTIMACY WITH THE LEADER. NETWORKS KEEP YOU IN PERPETUAL SONSHIP – THIS IS

ACTUALLY SLAVERY TO ENSURE THAT THE LEADER IS ALWAYS EMPOWERED. THE SON MUST EVENTUALLY BECOME A FATHER.

3. DENOMINATION – UNCLE

IMAGE OF JEALOUSY – HEADQUARTERS. SYSTEM OF HIERARCHY THAT HAS NO INTIMACY. THIS IS AN EMPLOYER EMPLOYEE RELATIONSHIP.

4. PARACHURCH – COUSIN

IMAGE OF JEALOUSY IS ITS PROJECT WHICH EXCLUDES ALL OTHER FACETS OF MINISTRY. IT IS UNABLE TO COME UNDER THE COVERING OF A LOCAL CHURCH.

5. INDEPENDENT – WIDOW

THIS IS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO OPERATES ISOLATEDLY. He is the leader of a local church who does not seek fellowship with others in the city. HE IS ACCOUNTABLE TO NO ONE. HE HAS NO CLUSTER OF ACCOUNTABILITY. REVIEW “SLUMP HAND”

When a set man relates to above he is under the delusion of a father son relationship. This is relationship with an inaccurate resource – thus the curse prevails in the land just like in the case of Ezekiel’s temple.

ACCURATE RESOURCE – DAVID AND HIS MEN

REVIEW THE CHARACTERISTICS OF FATHERS AND SONS.

THE BENEFITS CONFERRED BY A FATHER ARE THE SAME CONFERRED BY A TEAM.

REVIEW THE QUALIFICATIONS OF A DAVID.(DIORTHOSIS,SAFERPVD)

Ezek 34:23

"I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them-- My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd.(NKJ)

Ezek 37:23-28

23"They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be My people, and I will be their God.

24"David My servant shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd; they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them.

25"Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children's children, forever; and My servant David shall be their prince forever.

26"Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore.

27"My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

28"The nations also will know that I, the LORD, sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forevermore.""(NKJ)

The resource is after the order of David. This is a reference to Christ.
The resource must be like David in pattern.

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS:

1. David did not tout for followers. The men came to him on the basis of grace recognition.
2. They came to help David – not to be helped.
3. The Spirit of Amasai.
4. review 1 Chron. 12

BENEFITS OF THE CONNECTION:

1. THE LAME AND THE BLIND WERE EXPELLED
2. JOY IN ISRAEL

1 Chr 12:40

Moreover those who were near to them, from as far away as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, were bringing food on donkeys and camels, on mules and oxen-- provisions of flour and cakes of figs and cakes of raisins, wine and oil and oxen and sheep abundantly, for there was joy in Israel.(NKJ)

3. RELOCATION OF THE ARK

1 Chr 13:3

"and let us bring the ark of our God back to us, for we have not inquired at it since the days of Saul."(NKJ)

THE FATHER AS A COVERING

1. CHERUBIMS
2. COVERINGS OF THE SANCTUARY
3. THE BOWL OF THE CANDLESTICK

THE NEXT LEVEL:

APOSTOLIC RESOURCE CENTRES

There may be more than one David's with their men in a city. Each company is a wheel. David is the hub and men (local churches) the rim. These wheels must come together to form a single wheel in the city. The David's are then the hub of the city church. This is the direction that relationships must go to to see complete healing in the land.

The David's in the city with their men constitute the representative sample of the corporate body. This now resources the whole city church.

This is the corporate temple – that resources the city church.

This corporate temple fathers the church in the city.

THIS IS A MIGRATION FROM THE SINGULAR TO THE PLURAL.

EZEKIEL 1 APPLIES TO THE SINGULAR(MICROCOSM) AND THE PLURAL(MACROCOSM).

When this is neglected there are consequences for the whole city. The consequences are seen in Haggai 1:

CLOSED HEAVEN

1. poverty
2. dissatisfaction
3. drought
4. absence of dew, oil and wine
5. fruitlessness

Hag 1:6

"You have sown much, and bring in little; you eat, but do not have enough; you drink, but you are not filled with drink; you clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; and he who earns wages, Earns wages to put into a bag with holes." (NKJ)

Hag 1:10-11

10"Therefore the heavens above you withhold the dew, and the earth withholds its fruit.

11"For I called for a drought on the land and the mountains, on the grain and the new wine and the oil, on whatever the ground brings forth, on men and livestock, and on all the labor of your hands." (NKJ)

PRAYER IS NOT GOING TO HEAL THE ABOVE PROBLEMS. THE CORPORATE TEMPLE MUST BE ESTABLISHED FOR THE LAND TO BE HEALED. THIS CORPORATE TEMPLE IS THE CHERUBIMS THAT COVER THE CHURCH IN THE CITY.

REVIEW EZEKIEL 1

CHANGE (REPENTANCE)

2 Chr 7:14-15

14"if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

15"Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place. (NKJ)

Ezek 18:30-32

30"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways," says the Lord GOD. "Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin.

31"Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel?

32"For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies," says the Lord GOD. "Therefore turn and live!" (NKJ)

Rev 2:21-23

21"And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent.

22"Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.

23"I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works. (NKJ)

Prov 1:23

Turn at my rebuke; surely I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you. (NKJ)

UNVEILING OF SONS

Rom 8:19-23

19For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

20For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;

21because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

22For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

23Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.(NKJ)

Our sonship brings us to open heaven experiences.

This is exact representation. Man fell from the glory – we are returning to the glory in Christ.

SIGNS OF THE KINGDOM

PERSONAL AND CORPORATE DOMINION.

THE CHURCH MUST COME TO THE PLACE WHERE SHE EXECUTES JUSTICE, PEACE AND JUDGEMENT FOR SOCIAL AND CULTURAL REFORMATION.

CHARACTERISTICS OF DOMINION

Dominion = rulership

This is the matt 3 features of an open heaven.

EVIDENCE OF THE KINGDOM/SIGNS OF THE KINGDOM

1. THE PRESENCE OF THE SPIRIT

Rom 14:17

for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.(NKJ)

The kingdom is in the Holy Spirit.

THE PRESENCE OF THE SPIRIT IS EVIDENCE THAT THE KINGDOM HAS COME.

Review the characteristics of the "PRESENCE"

2. THE CLEAR VOICE OF GOD.

Heb 12:22-29

22But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels,

23to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect,

24to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

25See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven,

26whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven."

27Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.

28Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

29For our God is a consuming fire. (NKJ)

3. THE PREVAILING WORD INCREASES.

Acts 19:8

And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God. (NKJ)

Acts 19:10

10And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks. (NKJ)

Acts 19:20

20So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed. (NKJ)

4. THE DEPARTURE OF OPPRESSIVE ELEMENTS.

Matt 12:28

"But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. (NKJ)

Rev 12:10

Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. (NKJ)

5. ANGELIC ACTIVITY

Acts 5:9-20

9Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out."

10Then immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. And the young men came in and found her dead, and carrying her out, buried her by her husband.

11So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things.

12And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch.

13Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly.

14And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,

15so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them.

16Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

17Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation,

18and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison.

19But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said,

20"Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."(NKJ)

WHEN THE KINGDOM MANIFESTS – AS IN HEALIN, SIGNS AND WONDERS – ANGELS ARE ACTIVE. THE STAGE IS THE ACTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – PETER TESTIFIES THAT A AND S LIED TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. IT IS IN THE MIDST OF HOLY SPIRIT ACTIVITY THAT MIRACLES ANGELS ARE ACTIVATED.

6. MANIFESTATION OF LIGHT.

1 Pet 2:9

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;(NKJ)

Col 1:13

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,(NKJ)

7. REPENTANCE

Acts 19:8-12

8And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God.

9But when some were hardened and did not believe, but spoke evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.

10And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

11Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul,

12so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.(NKJ)

Acts 19:18-19

18And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds.

19Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver.(NKJ)

THIS AIMS TO BRING PRACTICAL RIGHTEOUSNESS.

8. CRUSHES EVERY OTHER KINGDOM

Acts 19:25

He called them together with the workers of similar occupation, and said: "Men, you know that we have our prosperity by this trade.(NKJ)

Acts 19:26-28

26"Moreover you see and hear that not only at Ephesus, but throughout almost all Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away many people, saying that they are not gods which are made with hands.

27"So not only is this trade of ours in danger of falling into disrepute, but also the temple of the great goddess Diana may be despised and her magnificence destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worship."

28And when they heard this, they were full of wrath and cried out, saying, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians!"(NKJ)

9. MESSAGE IS THE KINGDOM

Acts 19:8

And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God.(NKJ)

Acts 20:25

"And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more.(NKJ)

Acts 28:23

So when they had appointed him a day, many came to him at his lodging, to whom he explained and solemnly testified of the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning till evening.(NKJ)

Acts 28:31

31reaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.(NKJ)

10. HEALING, MIRACLES, SIGNS AND WONDERS

Acts 19:8-12

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12so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.(NKJ)

Acts 8:5-8

5Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them.

6And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

7For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed.

8And there was great joy in that city.(NKJ)

Acts 8:12-13

12But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.

13Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done. (NKJ)

11. ATTRACTS THE MULTITUDES

Acts 19:18-19

18And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds.

19Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver.(NKJ)

Matt 11:12

12From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.(NIV)

12. PRODUCES A CAPTIVE AUDIENCE.

The multitude can now be taught.

Acts 3:11-12

11Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon's, greatly amazed.

12So when Peter saw it, he responded to the people: "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?(NKJ)

Acts 4:1-2

1Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them,

2being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.(NKJ)

Acts 2:1-4

1Now when the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

3Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

4And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.(NKJ)

Acts 2:6

6And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language.(NKJ)

Acts 2:14

14But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.(NKJ)

THE SIGNS OF THE KINGDOM ARE ACTUALLY OPEN HEAVEN EXPERIENCES THAT SYNCHRONISES HEAVEN WITH EARTH.

These are the features of dominion.

1. THE PRESENCE

Matt 3:13-17

13Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.

14And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"

15But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him.

16When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

2. CLARITY OF THE VOICE

17And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."(NKJ)

3. THE PREVAILING WORD INCREASES.

Matt 4:3-10

3Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

4But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

5Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple,

6and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.'"

7Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'"

8Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

9And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

10Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"(NKJ)

4. THE DEPARTURE OF OPPRESSIVE ELEMENTS.

Matt 4:11

Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.(NKJ)

5. ANGELIC ACTIVITY

Matt 4:11

Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.(NKJ)

6. MANIFESTATION OF LIGHT.

Matt 4:13-16

13And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali,

14that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

15"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles:

16The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."(NKJ)

7. REPENTANCE

Matt 4:17

17From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."(NKJ)

8. CRUSHES EVERY OTHER KINGDOM

Crushed the social and occupational kingdoms of the disciples through their new level of commitment.

Matt 4:18-22

18And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

19Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

20They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

21Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. And He called them,

22and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. (NKJ)

9. MESSAGE IS THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM

Matt 4:23

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.(NKJ)

10. HEALING, MIRACLES, SIGNS AND WONDERS

Matt 4:23-24

23And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

24Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.(NKJ)

11. ATTRACTS THE MULTITUDES

Matt 4:25

Great multitudes followed Him-- from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan.(NKJ)

12. PRODUCES A CAPTIVE AUDIENCE.

Matt 5:1-3

1And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him.

2Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

3"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.(NKJ)

RULE OVER FLESH, WORLD, SATAN AND HIS SYSTEMS.

Kratos(greek)

UNLOCKING THE PROPHETIC

The prophetic is more than telling the future.

It is altering the future by decrees and utterances – Elijah stopped the rain.

The highest level of prophecy is scriptural exegesis.

Break the silence before you break the curse.

• ESTHER

Esth 3:5-10

5When Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow or pay him homage, Haman was filled with wrath.

6But he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai alone, for they had told him of the people of Mordecai. Instead, Haman sought to destroy all the Jews who were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus-- the people of Mordecai.

7In the first month, which is the month of Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus, they cast Pur (that is, the lot), before Haman to determine the day and the month, until it fell on the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar.

8Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, "There is a certain people scattered and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws are different from all other people's, and they do not keep the king's laws. Therefore it is not fitting for the king to let them remain.

9"If it pleases the king, let a decree be written that they be destroyed, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who do the work, to bring it into the king's treasuries."

10So the king took his signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of the Jews.(NKJ)

Esth 3:12-14

12Then the king's scribes were called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and a decree was written according to all that Haman commanded-- to the king's satraps, to the governors who were over each province, to the officials of all people, to every province according to its script, and to every people in

their language. In the name of King Ahasuerus it was written, and sealed with the king's signet ring.

13And the letters were sent by couriers into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all the Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, and to plunder their possessions.

14A copy of the document was to be issued as law in every province, being published for all people, that they should be ready for that day.(NKJ)

Esth 4:13-17

13Then Mordecai told them to answer Esther: "Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews.

14"For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

15Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai:

16"Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!"

17So Mordecai went his way and did according to all that Esther commanded him.

(NKJ)

Esth 5:1-3

1Now it happened on the third day that Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king's palace, across from the king's house, while the king sat on his royal throne in the royal house, facing the entrance of the house.

2So it was, when the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, that she found favor in his sight, and the king held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. Then Esther went near and touched the top of the scepter.

3And the king said to her, "What do you wish, Queen Esther? What is your request? It shall be given to you-- up to half the kingdom!"(NKJ)

5 SIGNS OF PROPHETIC ACTIVATION:

- DRESS UP
- SHOW UP
- STAND UP
- SPEAK UP
- SHUT UP

1. DRESS UP

A new season demands a change of clothes.

- JACOB

Gen 35:2

2And Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "Put away the foreign gods that are among you, purify yourselves, and change your garments. (NKJ)

- JOSEPH

Gen 41:14-16

14Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him quickly out of the dungeon; and he shaved, changed his clothing, and came to Pharaoh.

15And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have dreamed a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that you can understand a dream, to interpret it."

16So Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, "It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace."(NKJ)

Gen 41:33-35

33"Now therefore, let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt.

34"Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, to collect one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt in the seven plentiful years.

35"And let them gather all the food of those good years that are coming, and store up grain under the authority of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities.(NKJ)

Gen 41:37-44

37So the advice was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of all his servants.

38And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?"

39Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you.

40"You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you."

41And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt."

42Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph's hand; and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck.

43And he had him ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried out before him, "Bow the knee!" So he set him over all the land of Egypt.

44Pharaoh also said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no man may lift his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt."(NKJ)

• JOSHUA

Zech 3:3-5

3Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel.

4Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes."

5And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the LORD stood by. (NKJ)

Zech 3:6-10

6Then the Angel of the LORD admonished Joshua, saying,

7"Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'If you will walk in My ways, and if you will keep My command, then you shall also judge My house, and likewise have charge of My courts; I will give you places to walk among these who stand here.'

8'Hear, O Joshua, the high priest, you and your companions who sit before you, for they are a wondrous sign; for behold, I am bringing forth My Servant the BRANCH.

9For behold, the stone that I have laid before Joshua: upon the stone are seven eyes. Behold, I will engrave its inscription,' says the LORD of hosts, 'And I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

10In that day,' says the LORD of hosts, 'Everyone will invite his neighbor under his vine and under his fig tree.' "(NKJ)

THE ANNIHILATION OF THE JEWS WAS PREVENTED BY ESTHER'S WEARING OF THE ROYAL ROBES. THE CURSE WAS ABORTED BY A CHANGE OF GARMENTS. She was a queen without influence. Only when she wore the royal garments did she gain access to favour. Her actions persuaded many to become Jews. This is your first priority – get your robe. This is the robe of authority.

It is time for us to put on the armour of God – Christlikeness.

You cannot move to the next level with inappropriate dress.

- Doctors have a dress code.
- Lawyers have a dress code.
- Pilots, police etc.

I was arrested in hospital once – I did not have my doctor's coat – the guard thought I was an intruder.

Your dress reflects your authority. When I have my coat on, the patients on the bench would sit up and get ready.

The curse is broken when we put on Christ – coming to exact representation.

Review the armour of God.

2. SHOW UP

Overcome fear and intimidation. Let the lion in you roar. Believe in yourself. Stop grovelling.

Overcome inferiority.

Saul was in hiding when he was chosen as king.

1 Sam 10:21-24

21When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was chosen. And Saul the son of Kish was chosen. But when they sought him, he could not be found.

22Therefore they inquired of the LORD further, "Has the man come here yet?" And the LORD answered, "There he is, hidden among the equipment."

23So they ran and brought him from there; and when he stood among the people, he was taller than any of the people from his shoulders upward.

24And Samuel said to all the people, "Do you see him whom the LORD has chosen, that there is no one like him among all the people?" So all the people shouted and said, "Long live the king!"(NKJ)

When Deborah went to battle there were tribes that did not show up.

3. STAND UP

Erect posture means you have the armour of God.

This means to arise-to change your position.

Isa 60:1-2

1Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.

2For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you.(NKJ)

Migrate from religious inactivity. The bed is too small.

The Pharisees and scribes sit –

By the rivers of Babylon where we sat ---

This is not the time to recline at the banquet table...

Amos 6:1

1Woe to you who are at ease in Zion, and trust in Mount Samaria, notable persons in the chief nation, to whom the house of Israel comes!(NKJ)

Amos 6:3-7

3Woe to you who put far off the day of doom, who cause the seat of violence to come near;

4Who lie on beds of ivory, stretch out on your couches, eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall;

5Who sing idly to the sound of stringed instruments, and invent for yourselves musical instruments like David;

6Who drink wine from bowls, and anoint yourselves with the best ointments, but are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.

7Therefore they shall now go captive as the first of the captives, and those who recline at banquets shall be removed.(NKJ)

WHEN YOU STAND UP YOU WILL BE SEEN.

4. SPEAK UP

YOU CAN ONLY SPEAK IF YOU ARE ACCURATELY DRESSED.

Deborah spoke up – she broke the silence of complacency. She activated others by her speaking. THE WORD IN YOUR HEART IS LIKE FIRE IN YOUR BONES.

- NATHAN SPOKE UP.
- THE 3 HEBREW BOYS SPOKE UP.
- THE APOSTLES SPOKE UP THOUGH FORBIDDEN TO PREACH IN THE NAME OF JESUS.
- DEBORAH SPOKE UP.
- HAGGAI AND ZECHARIAH SPOKE UP.

5. SHUT UP

Certain places don't speak – at customs, at police station.

- JEPHTHAH DID NOT KNOW HOW TO SHUT UP. HE MADE AN IRRESPONSIBLE VOW.
- At road block shut up. One word answers – not stories.
- REVIEW FOOLISHNESS.

LOQUACIOUS

Eccl 10:14

A fool also multiplies words. No man knows what is to be; who can tell him what will be after him? (NKJ)

Prov 18:7

A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul.(NKJ)

Prov 10:19

In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, but he who restrains his lips is wise.(NKJ)

Eccl 5:3

For a dream comes through much activity, and a fool's voice is known by his many words.(NKJ)

Prov 29:11

A fool vents all his feelings, but a wise man holds them back.(NKJ)

RESULTS OF PROPHETIC ACTION:

1. RULER COULD NOT SLEEP.

Esth 6:1-3

1That night the king could not sleep. So one was commanded to bring the book of the records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king.

2And it was found written that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs, the doorkeepers who had sought to lay hands on King Ahasuerus.

3Then the king said, "What honor or dignity has been bestowed on Mordecai for this?" And the king's servants who attended him said, "Nothing has been done for him."(NKJ)

2. RIGHTEOUS ARE HONOURED

Esth 6:10-11

10Then the king said to Haman, "Hurry, take the robe and the horse, as you have suggested, and do so for Mordecai the Jew who sits within the king's gate! Leave nothing undone of all that you have spoken."

11So Haman took the robe and the horse, arrayed Mordecai and led him on horseback through the city square, and proclaimed before him, "Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor!"(NKJ)

3. THE WICKED ARE REMOVED

Esth 7:1-6

1So the king and Haman went to dine with Queen Esther.

2And on the second day, at the banquet of wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request, up to half the kingdom? It shall be done!"

3Then Queen Esther answered and said, "If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request.

4"For we have been sold, my people and I, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. Had we been sold as male and female slaves, I would have held my tongue, although the enemy could never compensate for the king's loss."

5So King Ahasuerus answered and said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who would dare presume in his heart to do such a thing?"
6And Esther said, "The adversary and enemy is this wicked Haman!" So Haman was terrified before the king and queen.(NKJ)

Esth 7:10

So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the king's wrath subsided.(NKJ)

4. EVIL DECREES ARE REVOKED.

5. AUTOMATIC CONVERSIONS – MANY BECAME JEWS. There were no tent crusades.

Esth 8:1-6

1On that day King Ahasuerus gave Queen Esther the house of Haman, the enemy of the Jews. And Mordecai came before the king, for Esther had told how he was related to her.

2So the king took off his signet ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai; and Esther appointed Mordecai over the house of Haman.

3Now Esther spoke again to the king, fell down at his feet, and implored him with tears to counteract the evil of Haman the Agagite, and the scheme which he had devised against the Jews.

4And the king held out the golden scepter toward Esther. So Esther arose and stood before the king,

5and said, "If it pleases the king, and if I have found favor in his sight and the thing seems right to the king and I am pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to revoke the letters devised by Haman, the son of Hamedatha the Agagite, which he wrote to annihilate the Jews who are in all the king's provinces.

6"For how can I endure to see the evil that will come to my people? Or how can I endure to see the destruction of my countrymen?"(NKJ)

Esth 8:9-17

9So the king's scribes were called at that time, in the third month, which is the month of Sivan, on the twenty-third day; and it was written, according to all that Mordecai commanded, to the Jews, the satraps, the governors, and the princes of the provinces from India to Ethiopia, one hundred and twenty-seven provinces in all, to every province in its own script, to every people in their own language, and to the Jews in their own script and language.

10And he wrote in the name of King Ahasuerus, sealed it with the king's signet ring, and sent letters by couriers on horseback, riding on royal horses bred from swift steeds.

11By these letters the king permitted the Jews who were in every city to gather together and protect their lives-- to destroy, kill, and annihilate all the forces of any people or province that would assault them, both little children and women, and to plunder their possessions.

12On one day in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar.

13A copy of the document was to be issued as a decree in every province and published for all people, so that the Jews would be ready on that day to avenge themselves on their enemies.

14The couriers who rode on royal horses went out, hastened and pressed on by the king's command. And the decree was issued in Shushan the citadel.

15*So Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, with a great crown of gold and a garment of fine linen and purple; and the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad.*

16*The Jews had light and gladness, joy and honor.*

17*And in every province and city, wherever the king's command and decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a holiday. Then many of the people of the land became Jews, because fear of the Jews fell upon them.(NKJ)*

6. MOURNING TO DANCING

Esth 9:20-26

20*And Mordecai wrote these things and sent letters to all the Jews, near and far, who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus,*

21*to establish among them that they should celebrate yearly the fourteenth and fifteenth days of the month of Adar,*

22*as the days on which the Jews had rest from their enemies, as the month which was turned from sorrow to joy for them, and from mourning to a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and joy, of sending presents to one another and gifts to the poor.*

23*So the Jews accepted the custom which they had begun, as Mordecai had written to them,*

24*because Haman, the son of Hamedatha the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had plotted against the Jews to annihilate them, and had cast Pur (that is, the lot), to consume them and destroy them;*

25*but when Esther came before the king, he commanded by letter that this wicked plot which Haman had devised against the Jews should return on his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows.*

26*So they called these days Purim, after the name Pur. Therefore, because of all the words of this letter, what they had seen concerning this matter, and what had happened to them,(NKJ)*

Aaron was silent when Moses sinned.

Num 20:10-13

10*And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock; and he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels! Must we bring water for you out of this rock?"*

11*Then Moses lifted his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came out abundantly, and the congregation and their animals drank.*

12*Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them."*

13*This was the water of Meribah, because the children of Israel contended with the LORD, and He was hallowed among them.(NKJ)*

Aaron did not enter.

Num 20:23-29

23*And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in Mount Hor by the border of the land of Edom, saying:*

24 "Aaron shall be gathered to his people, for he shall not enter the land which I have given to the children of Israel, because you rebelled against My word at the water of Meribah.

25 "Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up to Mount Hor;

26 "and strip Aaron of his garments and put them on Eleazar his son; for Aaron shall be gathered to his people and die there."

27 So Moses did just as the LORD commanded, and they went up to Mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation.

28 Moses stripped Aaron of his garments and put them on Eleazar his son; and Aaron died there on the top of the mountain. Then Moses and Eleazar came down from the mountain.

29 Now when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, all the house of Israel mourned for Aaron thirty days. (NKJ)

Deut 32:49-52

49 "Go up this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, across from Jericho; view the land of Canaan, which I give to the children of Israel as a possession;

50 "and die on the mountain which you ascend, and be gathered to your people, just as Aaron your brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people;

51 "because you trespassed against Me among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah Kadesh, in the Wilderness of Zin, because you did not hallow Me in the midst of the children of Israel.

52 "Yet you shall see the land before you, though you shall not go there, into the land which I am giving to the children of Israel." (NKJ)

- **HAGGAI AND ZECHARIAH, DEBORAH**

Ezekiel 37 – demonstrates the need for the human vessel to speak.

Ezek 37:1-14

1 The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones.

2 Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry.

3 And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" So I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know."

4 Again He said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!'

5 Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live.

6 I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD."

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone.

8 Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them.

9 Then He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live. "'"

10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.

11 Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!'

12 "Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.

13 "Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves.

14 "I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and performed it," says the LORD. "(NKJ)

5012 **naba'** (naw-baw');

a primitive root; to prophesy, i.e. speak (or sing) by inspiration (in prediction or simple discourse):

KJV-- prophesy (-ing), makeself a prophet.

Apostles doctrine – noise and rattling

Fellowship – bone to bone

Breaking of bread – sinews and flesh

Prayer - breath

Don't change the order. In response to preaching, this order is established and God adds to the army.

REFORMATION

- RECONFIGURE THE TEMPLE OF EZEKIEL 8.
- ESTABLISH APOSTOLIC CULTURE ACTS 2:42 FOR GREAT GRACE.
- BENT WOMAN MUST BE REFORMED.

RESTITUTION

David made restitution for Saul's violation.

2 Sam 21:1-14

1 Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year; and David inquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, "It is because of Saul and his bloodthirsty house, because he killed the Gibeonites."

2 So the king called the Gibeonites and spoke to them. Now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; the children of Israel had sworn protection to them, but Saul had sought to kill them in his zeal for the children of Israel and Judah.

3 Therefore David said to the Gibeonites, "What shall I do for you? And with what shall I make atonement, that you may bless the inheritance of the LORD?"

4 And the Gibeonites said to him, "We will have no silver or gold from Saul or from his house, nor shall you kill any man in Israel for us." So he said, "Whatever you say, I will do for you."

5 Then they answered the king, "As for the man who consumed us and plotted against us, that we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the territories of Israel,

6 "let seven men of his descendants be delivered to us, and we will hang them before the LORD in Gibeon of Saul, whom the LORD chose." And the king said, "I will give them."

7But the king spared Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, because of the LORD'S oath that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul.

8So the king took Armoni and Mephibosheth, the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bore to Saul; and the five sons of Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she brought up for Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite;

9and he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them on the hill before the LORD. So they fell, all seven together, and were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first days, in the beginning of barley harvest.

10Now Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth and spread it for herself on the rock, from the beginning of harvest until the late rains poured on them from heaven. And she did not allow the birds of the air to rest on them by day nor the beasts of the field by night.

11And David was told what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done.

12Then David went and took the bones of Saul, and the bones of Jonathan his son, from the men of Jabesh Gilead who had stolen them from the street of Beth Shan, where the Philistines had hung them up, after the Philistines had struck down Saul in Gilboa.

13So he brought up the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from there; and they gathered the bones of those who had been hanged.

14They buried the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son in the country of Benjamin in Zelah, in the tomb of Kish his father. So they performed all that the king commanded. And after that God heeded the prayer for the land.(NKJ)

SACRIFICE

Voluntary injury or disadvantage suffered for the sake of something else.

Selfless good deeds for others.

A short term loss in return for a greater gain.

Sacrifice is a signature characteristic of the servants of God.

Jesus' sacrifice breaks the curse.

Jehoshaphat's sacrifice of praise.

THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS:

JESUS

Phil 2:6-11

6who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

7but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

8And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

9Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

10that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

11and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (NKJ)

JESUS IS HIGHLY EXALTED BECAUSE OF HIS SACRIFICE.

Rom 15:3

For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me."(NKJ)

Obedience is better than sacrifice, but sacrifice always demands obedience.

1 Sam 15:22

Then Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams.(NKJ)

THE EXAMPLE OF ABRAHAM

1. SACRIFICING YOUR OLD GODS

Gen 12:1-4

1Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you.

2I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing.

3I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

4So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.(NKJ)

- ABRAHAM SACRIFICED FAMILIAR LOCATION TO OBEY GOD.
- HE ALSO SACRIFICED HIS MOON GOD.

Review the attributes of true God.

MANY FOLK MAKE THIS SACRIFICE AT THE TIME OF CONVERSION.

- THIS SACRIFICE DEMONSTRATES HIS DISCONNECTION FROM THE OLD AND EMBRACING THE NEW.

REVIEW: "JOINT" AND "ELISHA"

2. SACRIFICING THE WORLD

Gen 12:10

Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to dwell there, for the famine was severe in the land. (NKJ)

ABRAHAM EXPERIENCE FAMINE WHEN HE OBEYED GOD. WHEN YOU OBEY GOD DOES NOT MEAN EVERYTHING IS GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT.

MISTAKE: In the time of famine never run to the world.

Gen 13:1-2

1Then Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, to the South.

2Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold.(NKJ)

ABRAHAM SACRIFICED EGYPT - PICTURE OF THE WORLD

I Jn 2:15-17

15Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16For all that is in the world-- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the

pride of life-- is not of the Father but is of the world.

17And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.(NKJ)

REVIEW “WORLD”

SAMSON JOINED HIMSELF TO A HARLOT.

TRUE CONVERSION: no longer enjoy the tunes of Babylon, no longer enjoy dance or revel like Babylon, no longer feed on that which feeds Babylon. This separation is a sacrifice – a personal responsibility.

3. SACRIFICING YOUR RELATIVES (sentimental ties)

ABRAHAM GAVE LOT THE FIRST CHOICE OF LAND.

Gen 13:5-9

5Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks and herds and tents.

6Now the land was not able to support them, that they might dwell together, for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together.

7And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. The Canaanites and the Perizzites then dwelt in the land.

8So Abram said to Lot, "Please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brethren.

9"Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me. If you take the left, then I will go to the right; or, if you go to the right, then I will go to the left."(NKJ)

Gen 13:14-18

14And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: "Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are-- northward, southward, eastward, and westward;

15"for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever.

16"And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered.

17"Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you."

18Then Abram moved his tent, and went and dwelt by the terebinth trees of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and built an altar there to the LORD.(NKJ)

Lot was Abraham's nephew. Abraham separated from Lot.

THIS IS THE NEXT SACRIFICE IN YOUR MIGRATION WITH GOD - YOUR RELATIVES.

Matt 12:46-50

46While He was still talking to the multitudes, behold, His mother and brothers stood outside, seeking to speak with Him.

47Then one said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You."

48But He answered and said to the one who told Him, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?"

49And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, "Here are My

mother and My brothers!

50"For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother."(NKJ)

Don't partake of the idolatrous festivities of your relatives.

4. SACRIFICING YOUR LOVE FOR MONEY

Gen 14:18-24

18Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High.

19And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth;

20And blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all.

21Now the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the persons, and take the goods for yourself."

22But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth,

23"that I will take nothing, from a thread to a sandal strap, and that I will not take anything that is yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich'--

24"except only what the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men who went with me: Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion."(NKJ)

ABRAHAM GAVE MELCHIZEDEK 10% AND THE KING OF SALEM 90%.

HE GAVE ALL OF HIS INCREASE.

HE SACRIFICED HIS LOVE FOR MONEY.

CONSIDER GEHAZI, ACHAN AND SAUL.

5. SACRIFICING INACCURATE RELATIONSHIPS

Gen 21:9-14

9And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, scoffing.

10Therefore she said to Abraham, "Cast out this bondwoman and her son; for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, namely with Isaac."

11And the matter was very displeasing in Abraham's sight because of his son.

12But God said to Abraham, "Do not let it be displeasing in your sight because of the lad or because of your bondwoman. Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice; for in Isaac your seed shall be called.

13"Yet I will also make a nation of the son of the bondwoman, because he is your seed."

14So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water; and putting it on her shoulder, he gave it and the boy to Hagar, and sent her away. Then she departed and wandered in the Wilderness of Beersheba.(NKJ)

ABRAHAM SACRIFICED HAGAR AND ISHMAEL.

HAGAR FULFILLED HIS PAST NEED BUT WAS NOT RELEVANT TO THE PURPOSES OF GOD IN HIS LIFE.

HAGAR MEANS "ENSNARING"

DAVID KILLED THE MOABITES WHO EARLY IN HIS LIFE TOOK CARE OF HIS PARENTS.

CONSIDER SOLOMON AND HIS WIVES.

ALSO CONSIDER EZRA AND HIS PAGAN WIVES.

REVIEW "COMPANY".

6. SACRIFICING YOUR ISAAC

Gen 22:1-3

1Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

2And He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

3So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. (NKJ)

ABRAHAM HEARS GOD CALLING HIM BY NAME. EVERYTIME ABRAHAM HEARS GOD HE HAS TO GIVE SOMETHING AWAY.

THIS TIME GOD ASKS HIM TO SACRIFICE HIS ISAAC(LAUGHTER)

ABRAHAM DOES NOT DISCUSS THIS WITH HIS WIFE OR MOTHER IN LAW.

There is something greater than your purpose – it is His purpose. ISAAC REPRESENTED ABRAHAM'S PURPOSE. HERE GOD WAS ASKING HIM TO SACRIFICE HIS PURPOSE.

My meat is to do His will. His will is greater than my purpose.

THE BENEFITS OF SACRIFICE:

ABRAHAM RECEIVES THE REVELATION OF JEHOVAH JIREH ONLY WHEN HE ATTEMPTS TO SACRIFICE ISAAC.

1. REVELATION - ABRAHAM – HIDDEKEL

- ABRAHAM

Gen 22:10-13

10And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

11But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

12And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

13Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.(NKJ)

AFTER THIS EVENT ABRAHAM HEARS FROM GOD.

Acts 19:18-20

18And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds.

19Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver.

20So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.(NKJ)

WHEN ABRAHAM RELEASED FINANCES:

Gen 15:1

1After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward."(NKJ)

- SOLOMON

IKing 3:3-14

3And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David, except that he sacrificed and burned incense at the high places.

4Now the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place: Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

5At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?"

6And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

7"Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.

8"And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted.

9"Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"

10The speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing.

11Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice,

12"behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you.

13"And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days.

14"So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."(NKJ)

Solomon accesses God from an inaccurate location through sacrifice.

2. INCREASE (PISHON)

- ABRAHAM

JEHOVAH JIREH (PROVISION)

Gen 22:13-14

13Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

14And Abraham called the name of the place, THE-LORD-WILL-PROVIDE; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of The LORD it shall be provided."(NKJ)

ABRAHAM ONLY GETS A REVELATION OF JEHOVAH JIREH WHEN HE SACRIFICED ISAAC. THE OTHER SACRIFICES DID NOT ACTIVATE THIS PRINCIPLE.

Phil 4:19

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.(NKJ)

- THE WIDOW OF ZAREPATH.

1King 17:10-16

10So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink."

11And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."

12So she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

13And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son.

14"For thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.'"

15So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days.

16The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah.(NKJ)

Prov 3:9-10

9Honor the LORD with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase;

10So your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.(NKJ)

Mal 3:10-12

10Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.

11"And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," says the LORD of hosts;

12"And all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land," says the LORD of hosts.(NKJ)

2 Cor 9:6-11

6But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

7So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

8And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

9As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

10Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, 11while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.(NKJ)

3. RELEASE OF POWER - GIHON – BREAKTHROUGH

3.1 ABRAHAM AND POSSESSING THE GATE

Gen 22:17

"blessing I will bless you, and in multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.(NKJ)

JESUS AND RESURRECTION POWER

Matt 27:50-54

50And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

51Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,

52and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised;

53and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

54So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God!"(NKJ)

4. FRUITFULNESS - EUPHRATES (CORN OF WHEAT)

- ABRAHAM

Gen 22:14-18

14And Abraham called the name of the place, THE-LORD-WILL-PROVIDE; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of The LORD it shall be provided."

15Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, 16and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son--

17"blessing I will bless you, and in multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.

18"In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."(NKJ)

- THE PRINCIPLE OF DEATH

John 12:24

24"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.(NKJ)

- THE JESUS PROMISE

Matt 19:27-30

27Then Peter answered and said to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?"

28So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

29"And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.

30"But many who are first will be last, and the last first.(NKJ)

Luke 18:29-30

29So He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God,

30"who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come everlasting life."(NKJ)

DAVID

- DAVID GOES ALONE AGAINST GOLIATH.

1 Samuel 17

- DAVID DENIES HIMSELF A PREMATURE ASCENT TO THE THRONE BY NOT KILLING SAUL.

1 Sam 24:3-22

3So he came to the sheepfolds by the road, where there was a cave; and Saul went in to attend to his needs. (David and his men were staying in the recesses of the cave.)

4Then the men of David said to him, "This is the day of which the LORD said to you, 'Behold, I will deliver your enemy into your hand, that you may do to him as it seems good to you.'" And David arose and secretly cut off a corner of Saul's robe.

5Now it happened afterward that David's heart troubled him because he had cut Saul's robe.

6And he said to his men, "The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my master, the LORD'S anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the LORD."

7So David restrained his servants with these words, and did not allow them to rise against Saul. And Saul got up from the cave and went on his way.

8David also arose afterward, went out of the cave, and called out to Saul, saying, "My lord the king!" And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth, and bowed down.

9And David said to Saul: "Why do you listen to the words of men who say, 'Indeed David seeks your harm'?"

10"Look, this day your eyes have seen that the LORD delivered you today into my hand in the cave, and someone urged me to kill you. But my eye spared you, and I said, 'I will not stretch out my hand against my lord, for he is the LORD'S anointed.'

11"Moreover, my father, see! Yes, see the corner of your robe in my hand! For in that I cut off the corner of your robe, and did not kill you, know and see that there is neither evil nor rebellion in my hand, and I have not sinned against you. Yet you hunt my life to take it.

12"Let the LORD judge between you and me, and let the LORD avenge me on you. But my hand shall not be against you.

13"As the proverb of the ancients says, 'Wickedness proceeds from the wicked.' But my hand shall not be against you.

14"After whom has the king of Israel come out? Whom do you pursue? A dead dog? A flea?

15"Therefore let the LORD be judge, and judge between you and me, and see and plead my case, and deliver me out of your hand."

16So it was, when David had finished speaking these words to Saul, that Saul said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" And Saul lifted up his voice and wept.

17Then he said to David: "You are more righteous than I; for you have rewarded me with good, whereas I have rewarded you with evil.

18"And you have shown this day how you have dealt well with me; for when the LORD delivered me into your hand, you did not kill me.

19"For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him get away safely? Therefore may the LORD reward you with good for what you have done to me this day.

20"And now I know indeed that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand.

21"Therefore swear now to me by the LORD that you will not cut off my descendants after me, and that you will not destroy my name from my father's house."

22So David swore to Saul. And Saul went home, but David and his men went up to the stronghold. (NKJ)

- DAVID DENIES HIMSELF HIS ROYAL ROBES IN DANCING IN AN UNDIGNIFIED MANNER.

2 Sam 6:12-23

12Now it was told King David, saying, "The LORD has blessed the house of Obed-Edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with gladness.

13And so it was, when those bearing the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, that he sacrificed oxen and fatted sheep.

14Then David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was wearing a linen ephod.

15So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.

16Now as the ark of the LORD came into the City of David, Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window and saw King David leaping and whirling before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

17So they brought the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place in the midst of the tabernacle that David had erected for it. Then David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

18And when David had finished offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts.

19Then he distributed among all the people, among the whole multitude of Israel, both the women and the men, to everyone a loaf of bread, a piece of meat, and a cake of raisins. So all the people departed, everyone to his house.
20Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, "How glorious was the king of Israel today, uncovering himself today in the eyes of the maids of his servants, as one of the base fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!"

21So David said to Michal, "It was before the LORD, who chose me instead of your father and all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel. Therefore I will play music before the LORD.

22"And I will be even more undignified than this, and will be humble in my own sight. But as for the maidservants of whom you have spoken, by them I will be held in honor."

23Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death.(NKJ)

- DAVID TAKES CARE OF THE EGYPTIAN WHO LEADS HIM TO DOMINION.

1 Sam 30:9-16

9So David went, he and the six hundred men who were with him, and came to the Brook Besor, where those stayed who were left behind.

10But David pursued, he and four hundred men; for two hundred stayed behind, who were so weary that they could not cross the Brook Besor.

11Then they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David; and they gave him bread and he ate, and they let him drink water.

12And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs and two clusters of raisins. So when he had eaten, his strength came back to him; for he had eaten no bread nor drunk water for three days and three nights.

13Then David said to him, "To whom do you belong, and where are you from?" And he said, "I am a young man from Egypt, servant of an Amalekite; and my master left me behind, because three days ago I fell sick.

14"We made an invasion of the southern area of the Cherethites, in the territory which belongs to Judah, and of the southern area of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire."

15And David said to him, "Can you take me down to this troop?" And he said, "Swear to me by God that you will neither kill me nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will take you down to this troop."

16And when he had brought him down, there they were, spread out over all the land, eating and drinking and dancing, because of all the great spoil which they had taken from the land of the Philistines and from the land of Judah.(NKJ)

1 Sam 30:17-20

17Then David attacked them from twilight until the evening of the next day. Not a man of them escaped, except four hundred young men who rode on camels and fled.

18So David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away, and David rescued his two wives.

19And nothing of theirs was lacking, either small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything which they had taken from them; David recovered all.

20Then David took all the flocks and herds they had driven before those other livestock, and said, "This is David's spoil."(NKJ)

- DAVID BUYS THE THRESHING FLOOR OF ARAUNAH.

2 Sam 24:16-25

16And when the angel stretched out His hand over Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD relented from the destruction, and said to the angel who was destroying the people, "It is enough; now restrain your hand." And the angel of the LORD was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

17Then David spoke to the LORD when he saw the angel who was striking the people, and said, "Surely I have sinned, and I have done wickedly; but these sheep, what have they done? Let Your hand, I pray, be against me and against my father's house."

18And Gad came that day to David and said to him, "Go up, erect an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite."

19So David, according to the word of Gad, went up as the LORD commanded.

20Now Araunah looked, and saw the king and his servants coming toward him. So Araunah went out and bowed before the king with his face to the ground.

21Then Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?" And David said, "To buy the threshing floor from you, to build an altar to the LORD, that the plague may be withdrawn from the people."

22Now Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the king take and offer up whatever seems good to him. Look, here are oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing implements and the yokes of the oxen for wood."

23"All these, O king, Araunah has given to the king." And Araunah said to the king, "May the LORD your God accept you."

24Then the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God with that which costs me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

25And David built there an altar to the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD heeded the prayers for the land, and the plague was withdrawn from Israel.(NKJ)

MOAB

II Ki 3:26-27

26And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too fierce for him, he took with him seven hundred men who drew swords, to break through to the king of Edom, but they could not.

27Then he took his eldest son who would have reigned in his place, and offered him as a burnt offering upon the wall; and there was great indignation against Israel. So they departed from him and returned to their own land.(NKJ)

THE ENEMY UNDERSTANDS THE POWER OF SACRIFICE.

ELISHA – THE TRENCH IS FILLED WITH WATER AFTER THE SACRIFICE OF DIGGING.

II Ki 3:14-22

14 And Elisha said, "As the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I stand, surely were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, I would not look at you, nor see you."

15 "But now bring me a musician." Then it happened, when the musician played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him.

16 And he said, "Thus says the LORD: 'Make this valley full of ditches.'

17 "For thus says the LORD: 'You shall not see wind, nor shall you see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, so that you, your cattle, and your animals may drink.'

18 "And this is a simple matter in the sight of the LORD; He will also deliver the Moabites into your hand.

19 "Also you shall attack every fortified city and every choice city, and shall cut down every good tree, and stop up every spring of water, and ruin every good piece of land with stones."

20 Now it happened in the morning, when the grain offering was offered, that suddenly water came by way of Edom, and the land was filled with water.

21 And when all the Moabites heard that the kings had come up to fight against them, all who were able to bear arms and older were gathered; and they stood at the border.

22 Then they rose up early in the morning, and the sun was shining on the water; and the Moabites saw the water on the other side as red as blood.(NKJ)

ELIJAH – THE FIRE FALLS AFTER THE EVENING SACRIFICE

IKing 18:36-38

36And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, "LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word.

37" Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that You are the LORD God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again."

38Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench.(NKJ)

SOLOMON – THE GLORY FALLS AFTER THE SACRIFICE.

IKing 3:3-14

3And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David, except that he sacrificed and burned incense at the high places.

4Now the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place: Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

5At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?"

6And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

7"Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.

8" And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted.

9"Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"

10The speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing.

11Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice,

12"behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you.

13 "And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days.

14 "So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." (NKJ)

Solomon accesses God from an inaccurate location through sacrifice.

1King 8:1-12

1 Now Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the chief fathers of the children of Israel, to King Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD from the City of David, which is Zion.

2 Therefore all the men of Israel assembled with King Solomon at the feast in the month of Ethanim, which is the seventh month.

3 So all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark.

4 Then they brought up the ark of the LORD, the tabernacle of meeting, and all the holy furnishings that were in the tabernacle. The priests and the Levites brought them up.

5 Also King Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel who were assembled with him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen that could not be counted or numbered for multitude.

6 Then the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, into the inner sanctuary of the temple, to the Most Holy Place, under the wings of the cherubim.

7 For the cherubim spread their two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim overshadowed the ark and its poles.

8 The poles extended so that the ends of the poles could be seen from the holy place, in front of the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside. And they are there to this day.

9 Nothing was in the ark except the two tablets of stone which Moses put there at Horeb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

10 And it came to pass, when the priests came out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD,

11 so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

12 Then Solomon spoke: "The LORD said He would dwell in the dark cloud. (NKJ)

JONAH'S BREAKTHROUGH AFTER SACRIFICE OF THANKSGIVING

3.8 THE WOMAN WITH THE ISSUE OF BLOOD

3.9 BLIND BARTIMAEUS

3.10 THE MACEDONIAN CHURCH

2 Cor 8:1-5

1 Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia:

2 that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality.

3 For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing,

4 imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.

5And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God.(NKJ)

Phil 4:15-19

15Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only.

16For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities.

17Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account.

18Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God.

19And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (NKJ)

3.11. JACOB IN UNCLE LABAN'S HOUSE

Gen 30:33

"So my righteousness will answer for me in time to come, when the subject of my wages comes before you: every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the lambs, will be considered stolen, if it is with me." (NKJ)

Jacob's righteousness was the sacrifices he made.

Gen 31:38-42

38"These twenty years I have been with you; your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried their young, and I have not eaten the rams of your flock.

39"That which was torn by beasts I did not bring to you; I bore the loss of it. You required it from my hand, whether stolen by day or stolen by night.

40"There I was! In the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night, and my sleep departed from my eyes.

41"Thus I have been in your house twenty years; I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock, and you have changed my wages ten times.

42"Unless the God of my father, the God of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely now you would have sent me away empty-handed. God has seen my affliction and the labor of my hands, and rebuked you last night."(NKJ)

3.12. EPAPHRODITUS

Phil 2:25-30

25Yet I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, but your messenger and the one who ministered to my need;

26since he was longing for you all, and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick.

27For indeed he was sick almost unto death; but God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

28Therefore I sent him the more eagerly, that when you see him again you may rejoice, and I may be less sorrowful.

29Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness, and hold such men in esteem;

30because for the work of Christ he came close to death, not regarding his life, to supply what was lacking in your service toward me.(NKJ)

3.13. PAUL

Phil 3:7-8

7But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.
8Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ (NKJ)

Col 1:24-26

24I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church,
25of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God,
26the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.(NKJ)

2 Cor 4:9-12

9persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed--
10always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.
11For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.
12So then death is working in us, but life in you.(NKJ)

1 Cor 4:9-16

9For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.
10We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored!
11To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless.
12And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure;
13being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now.
14I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you.
15For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.
16Therefore I urge you, imitate me.(NKJ)

Phil 2:17

17Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.(NKJ)

SEED

THE POWER OF SEED IN BREAKING THE CURSE

Your gift, present, money is seed.

Prov 17:8

A present is a precious stone in the eyes of its possessor; wherever he turns, he prospers. (NKJ)

Abigail's seed was not just food but a reconciliatory attitude. Seed is not only money. There are other things in seed. The carnal only see the money. Mary's seed was not perfume but the love in the seed. Barnabas' seed had encouragement in it. **SEED IS NOT JUST MONEY. YOUR SEED IS MONEY AND THE INGREDIENTS THAT GO WITH IT.** Simon the sorcerer had contaminated seed.

HOW DOES YOUR OFFERING SPEAK BEYOND THE GRAVE?

GREEK FOR SEED – “SPERMA”

**SECURES YOUR FUTURE
PREDICTS YOUR HARVEST
EXPOSES YOUR DESTINY
REVEALS YOUR IDENTITY
MAKES ROOM FOR YOU
ABOLISHES ANIMOSITY**

AMPLIFICATION

SECURES YOUR FUTURE

Eccl 11:1-2

***1Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days.
2Give a serving to seven, and also to eight, for you do not know what evil will be on the earth.(NKJ)***

Eccl 11:1-2

***1Give generously, for your gifts will return to you later.
2Divide your gifts among many, for in the days ahead you yourself may need much help.(TLB)***

Eccl 11:1-2

***1Cast your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will find it again.
2Give portions to seven, yes to eight, for you do not know what disaster may come upon the land.(NIV)***

Eccl 11:5-6

***5As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the body is formed in a mother's womb, so you cannot understand the work of God, the Maker of all things.
6Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let not your hands be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well. (NIV)***

Ps 41:1-3

1Blessed is he who considers the poor; the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.

2The LORD will preserve him and keep him alive, and he will be blessed on the earth; you will not deliver him to the will of his enemies.

3The LORD will strengthen him on his bed of illness; you will sustain him on his sickbed.(NKJ)

One day a man saw a old lady, stranded on the side of the road, but even in the dim light of day, he could see she needed help. So he pulled up in front of her Mercedes and got out. His Pontiac was still sputtering when he approached her.

Even with the smile on his face, she was worried. No one had stopped to help for the last hour or so. Was he going to hurt her? He didn't look safe; he looked poor and hungry.

He could see that she was frightened, standing out there in the cold. He knew how she felt. It was that chill which only fear can put in you.

He said, 'I'm here to help you, ma'am. Why don't you wait in the car where it's warm? By the way, my name is Bryan Anderson.'

Well, all she had was a flat tire, but for an old lady, that was bad enough. Bryan crawled under the car looking for a place to put the jack, skinning his knuckles a time or two. Soon he was able to change the tire. But he had to get dirty and his hands hurt.

As he was tightening up the lug nuts, she rolled down the window and began to talk to him. She told him that she was from St. Louis and was only just passing through. She couldn't thank him enough for coming to her aid.

Bryan just smiled as he closed her trunk. The lady asked how much she owed him. Any amount would have been all right with her. She already imagined all the awful things that could have happened had he not stopped. Bryan never thought twice about being paid. This was not a job to him. This was helping someone in need, and God knows there were plenty, who had given him a hand in the past. He had lived his whole life that way, and it never occurred to him to act any other way.

He told her that if she really wanted to pay him back, the next time she saw someone who needed help, she could give that person the assistance they needed, and Bryan added, 'And think of me.'

He waited until she started her car and drove off. It had been a cold and depressing day, but he felt good as he headed for home, disappearing into the twilight.

A few miles down the road the lady saw a small cafe. She went in to grab a bite to eat, and take the chill off before she made the last leg of her trip home. It was a dingy looking restaurant. Outside were two old gas pumps. The whole scene was unfamiliar to her. The waitress came over and brought a clean towel to wipe her wet hair. She had a sweet smile, one that even being on her feet for the whole day couldn't erase. The lady noticed the waitress was nearly eight months pregnant, but she never let the strain and aches change her attitude. The old lady wondered how someone who had so little could be so giving to a stranger. Then she remembered Bryan ..

After the lady finished her meal, she paid with a hundred dollar bill. The waitress quickly went to get change for her hundred dollar bill, but the old lady had slipped right out the door. She was gone by the time the waitress came back. The waitress wondered where the lady could be. Then she noticed something written on the napkin.

There were tears in her eyes when she read what the lady wrote: 'You don't owe me anything. I have
Been there too. Somebody once helped me out, the way I'm helping you. If you
really want to pay me back, here is what you do: Do not let this chain of love
end with you.'

Under the napkin were four more \$100 bills.

Well, there were tables to clear, sugar bowls to fill, and people to serve, but the waitress made it through another day. That night when she got home from work and climbed into bed, she was thinking about the
Money and what the lady had written. How could the lady have known how
much she and her husband needed it? With the baby due next month, it was
going to be hard....

She knew how worried her husband was, and as he lay sleeping next to her, she gave him a soft kiss and whispered soft and low, 'Everything's going to be all right. I love you, Bryan Anderson.'

There is an old saying 'What goes around comes around.' Today I sent you this story, and I'm asking you to pass it on. Let this light shine. God works in mysteries ways and sometimes puts people in our lives for a reason.

EXAMPLES:

- THE SHUNAMMITE'S GIFT BROKE THE CURSE OF BARRENNESS

2 Kings 4:8-17

8 Now it happened one day that Elisha went to Shunem, where there was a notable woman, and she persuaded him to eat some food. So it was, as often as he passed by, he would turn in there to eat some food. 9 And she said to her husband, "Look now, I know that this is a holy man of God, who passes by us regularly. 10 Please, let us make a small upper room on the wall; and let us put a bed for him there, and a table and a chair and a lampstand; so it will be, whenever he comes to us, he can turn in there." 11 And it happened one day that he came there, and he turned in to the upper room and lay down there. 12 Then he said to Gehazi his servant, "Call this Shunammite woman." When he had called her, she stood before him. 13 And he said to him, "Say now to her, 'Look, you have been concerned for us with all this care. What can I do for you? Do you want me to speak on your behalf to the king or to the commander of the army?'" She answered, "I dwell among my own people." 14 So he said, "What then is to be done for her?" And Gehazi answered, "Actually, she has no son, and her husband is old." 15 So he said, "Call her." When he had called her, she stood in the doorway. 16 Then he said, "About this time next year you shall embrace a son." And she said, "No, my lord. Man of God, do not lie to your maidservant!" 17 But the woman conceived, and bore a son when the appointed time had come, of which Elisha had told her. NKJV

- THE WIDOW'S GIFT BROKE THE CURSE OF DEATH AND PRESERVED HER IN HER TIME OF FAMINE

1 Kings 17:10-16

10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink." 11 And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." 12 So she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." 13 And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son. 14 For thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.' " 15 So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days. 16 The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah. NKJV

- THE LAND WAS HEALED FROM THE CURSE

Gen 8:20-21

20 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. 21 And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done. NKJV

- DAVID'S SACRIFICE ENDED THE PLAGUE

1 Chr 21:13-14

13 And David said to Gad, "I am in great distress. Please let me fall into the hand of the LORD, for His mercies are very great; but do not let me fall into the hand of man."

14 So the LORD sent a plague upon Israel, and seventy thousand men of Israel fell. (NKJ)

1 Chron 21:18-27

18 Therefore, the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David that David should go and erect an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. 19 So David went up at the word of Gad, which he had spoken in the name of the LORD. 20 Now Ornan turned and saw the angel; and his four sons who were with him hid themselves, but Ornan continued threshing wheat. 21 Then David came to Ornan, and Ornan looked and saw David. And he went out from the threshing floor, and bowed before David with his face to the ground. 22 Then David said to Ornan, "Grant me the place of this threshing floor, that I may build an altar on it to the LORD. You shall grant it to me at the full price, that the plague may be withdrawn from the people." 23 And Ornan said to David, "Take it to yourself, and let my lord the king do what is good in his eyes. Look, I also give you the oxen for burnt offerings, the threshing implements for wood, and the wheat for the grain offering; I give it all." 24 Then King David said to Ornan, "No, but I will surely buy it for the full price, for I will

not take what is yours for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings with that which costs me nothing." 25 So David gave Ornan six hundred shekels of gold by weight for the place. 26 And David built there an altar to the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called on the LORD; and He answered him from heaven by fire on the altar of burnt offering. 27 Then the LORD commanded the angel, and he returned his sword to its sheath.NKJV

PREDICTS YOUR HARVEST

Your seed determines your harvest.

2 Cor 9:6

But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.(NKJ)

EXPOSES YOUR DESTINY

Your seed unlocks your destiny.

- BARNABAS

Acts 4:36-37

36And Joses, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus, 37having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet. (NKJ)

Acts 13:1-3

1Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

2As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

3Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.(NKJ)

- ABIGAIL

ABIGAIL'S GIFT REMOVED THE DEATH SENTENCE OVER THE MALES LIVES.

She became the wife of David.

1 Sam 25:18-22

18 Then Abigail made haste and took two hundred loaves of bread, two skins of wine, five sheep already dressed, five seahs of roasted grain, one hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and loaded them on donkeys. 19 And she said to her servants, "Go on before me; see, I am coming after you." But she did not tell her husband Nabal. 20 So it was, as she rode on the donkey, that she went down under cover of the hill; and there were David

and his men, coming down toward her, and she met them. 21 Now David had said, "Surely in vain I have protected all that this fellow has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that belongs to him. And he has repaid me evil for good. 22 May God do so, and more also, to the enemies of David, if I leave one male of all who belong to him by morning light." NKJV

1 Sam 25:27,28

27 And now this present which your maidservant has brought to my lord, let it be given to the young men who follow my lord. 28 Please forgive the trespass of your maidservant. For the LORD will certainly make for my lord an enduring house, because my lord fights the battles of the LORD, and evil is not found in you throughout your days.

1 Sam 25:40-42

David had come to Abigail at Carmel, they spoke to her saying, "David sent us to you, to ask you to become his wife."

41 Then she arose, bowed her face to the earth, and said, "Here is your maidservant, a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord."

42 So Abigail rose in haste and rode on a donkey, attended by five of her maidens; and she followed the messengers of David, and became his wife. (NKJ)

REVEALS YOUR IDENTITY

John 11:1-2

1 Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.

2 It was that Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. (NKJ)

Matt 26:6-9

6 And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper,

7 a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured it on His head as He sat at the table.

8 But when His disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste?

9 For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to the poor." (NKJ)

John 12:3-6

3 Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

4 Then one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said,

5 "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?"

6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. (NKJ)

MAKES ROOM FOR YOU

Your seed makes room for you. It enlarges or broadens the way.

Prov 18:16

A man's gift makes room for him, and brings him before great men. (NKJ)

HOW THE GIFT BROADENS THE WAY:

- IT UNLOCKS GRACE

2 Cor 9:7-8

7So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

8And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. (NKJ)

- IT UNLOCKS REVELATION

Gen 14:20

And blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all.(NKJ)

Gen 15:1

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward."(NKJ)

EHUD GAINED ENTRANCE THROUGH SEED.

Judg 3:15

15But when the children of Israel cried out to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer for them: Ehud the son of Gera, the Benjamite, a left-handed man. By him the children of Israel sent tribute to Eglon king of Moab.(NKJ)

ABOLISHES ANIMOSITY

Your seed breaks the curse of animosity in relationships.

Prov 21:14

A gift in secret pacifies anger, and a bribe behind the back, strong wrath.(NKJ)

Prov 19:6

Many entreat the favor of the nobility, and every man is a friend to one who gives gifts. (NKJ)

- JACOB'S SEED BROKE THE SPIRIT OF ANGER IN ESAU'S LIFE

Gen 32:13-18

13 So he lodged there that same night, and took what came to his hand as a present for Esau his brother: 14 two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, 15 thirty milk camels with their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten foals. 16 Then he delivered them to the hand of his servants, every drove by itself, and said to his servants, "Pass over before me, and put some distance between successive droves." 17 And he commanded the first one, saying, "When Esau my brother meets you and asks you, saying, 'To whom do you belong, and where are you going? Whose are these in front of you?' 18 "then you shall say,

'They are your servant Jacob's. It is a present sent to my lord Esau; and behold, he also is behind us.' "NKJV

Gen 32:19-21

19So he commanded the second, the third, and all who followed the droves, saying, "In this manner you shall speak to Esau when you find him; 20"and also say, 'Behold, your servant Jacob is behind us.' " For he said, "I will appease him with the present that goes before me, and afterward I will see his face; perhaps he will accept me."

21So the present went on over before him, but he himself lodged that night in the camp.(NKJ)

Gen 33:3,4

3 Then he crossed over before them and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

4 But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.NKJV

Gen 43:11-14

11And their father Israel said to them, "If it must be so, then do this: Take some of the best fruits of the land in your vessels and carry down a present for the man-- a little balm and a little honey, spices and myrrh, pistachio nuts and almonds.

12"Take double money in your hand, and take back in your hand the money that was returned in the mouth of your sacks; perhaps it was an oversight.

13"Take your brother also, and arise, go back to the man.

14"And may God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may release your other brother and Benjamin. If I am bereaved, I am bereaved!"(NKJ)

JACOB'S SEED BROKE THE SPIRIT OF FEAR IN HIS LIFE

Prayer could not break this!

Gen 32:11-12

Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, lest he come and attack me and the mother with the children. NKJV

- ABIMELECH AND ABRAHAM

Gen 21:25-27

25Then Abraham rebuked Abimelech because of a well of water which Abimelech's servants had seized.

26And Abimelech said, "I do not know who has done this thing; you did not tell me, nor had I heard of it until today."

27So Abraham took sheep and oxen and gave them to Abimelech, and the two of them made a covenant.(NKJ)

- DAVID AND THE ELDERS OF JUDAH

1 Sam 30:26-31

26Now when David came to Ziklag, he sent some of the spoil to the elders of Judah, to his friends, saying, "Here is a present for you from the spoil of the enemies of the LORD"--

27to those who were in Bethel, those who were in Ramoth of the South, those who were in Jattir,
28those who were in Aroer, those who were in Siphmoth, those who were in Eshtemoa,
29those who were in Rachal, those who were in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, those who were in the cities of the Kenites,
30those who were in Hormah, those who were in Chorashan, those who were in Athach,
31those who were in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men were accustomed to rove.(NKJ)

1 Sam 31:1-3

1Now the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell slain on Mount Gilboa.
2Then the Philistines followed hard after Saul and his sons. And the Philistines killed Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchishua, Saul's sons.
3The battle became fierce against Saul. The archers hit him, and he was severely wounded by the archers.(NKJ)

It is after this event that Saul is removed.

- **THE ASSYRIAN AND THE PEOPLE OF JUDAH.**

II Ki 18:31

"Do not listen to Hezekiah; for thus says the king of Assyria: 'Make peace with me by a present and come out to me; and every one of you eat from his own vine and every one from his own fig tree, and every one of you drink the waters of his own cistern; (NKJ)

Your seed will speak for you.

Your seed will prosper you.

ENDEARMENT TO THE WORD

II Ki 2:19-22

19Then the men of the city said to Elisha, "Please notice, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees; but the water is bad, and the ground barren."
20And he said, "Bring me a new bowl, and put salt in it." So they brought it to him.
21Then he went out to the source of the water, and cast in the salt there, and said, "Thus says the LORD: 'I have healed this water; from it there shall be no more death or barrenness.'"
22So the water remains healed to this day, according to the word of Elisha which he spoke. (NKJ)

The word cannot become flesh until we covenant with the word. With each mystery of the proceeding word being unveiled we shift to a new glory. Polluted water in the city was responsible for frequent miscarriages.

Water is a symbol of the word of God.

Women symbolize churches.

The truth conveyed is that polluted word is responsible for vision failure.

Polluted (impure) word is a word that does not come from the Lord.

Jer 14:14

And the LORD said to me, "The prophets prophesy lies in My name. I have not sent them, commanded them, nor spoken to them; they prophesy to you a false vision, divination, a worthless thing, and the deceit of their heart.(NKJ)

Jer 23:16-17

16Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; they speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the LORD.

17They continually say to those who despise Me, 'The LORD has said, "You shall have peace" ;and to everyone who walks according to the dictates of his own heart, they say, 'No evil shall come upon you.'"(NKJ)

Deut 18:20-22

20'But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'

21"And if you say in your heart, 'How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?'-

22"when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.(NKJ)

GOD'S WORD IS ALWAYS FRUITFUL. IF A WORD FAILS IT IS NOT THE WORD OF THE LORD.

Josh 21:45

Not a word failed of any good thing which the LORD had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass.(NKJ)

IKing 8:56

"Blessed be the LORD, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised. There has not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised through His servant Moses.(NKJ)

Isa 55:11

So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.(NKJ)

**A PRECEDING WORD COULD BECOME A POLLUTED WORD.
LOVE FOR THE WORD AND OBEDIENCE TO THE WORD ARE INEXTRICABLY LINKED. Obedience breaks the curse.**

ENGAGEMENT OF OTHER GRACES (PARTNERSHIPS)

Cornelius needed Peter.

Onesimus needed Paul.

Paul needed Barnabas.

Israel needed Rahab the harlot.

Appolos needed Priscilla and Acquilla.

Samaria needed Peter and John.

HEZEKIAH NEEDED ISAIAH to break the Assyrian attack.

THE PARTNERSHIP OF PETER AND JOHN – THE LAME MAN WAS HEALED.