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**"I, JESUS, HAVE SENT
MY ANGEL TO TESTIFY
TO YOU ABOUT
THESE THINGS FOR
THE CHURCHES. I AM
THE ROOT AND THE
DESCENDANT OF DAVID,
THE BRIGHT MORNING
STAR" REVELATION 22:16**

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AUTHOR'S NOTE

This book reminds us that it's all about **Jesus Christ** and our simple and complete devotion to Him.

This book is also a prophetic and practical study through the book of Samuel with focus on reigning by light & fire.

My prayer is for the eyes of your heart to be flooded with visions and revelations of the Lord Jesus.

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**OF THE INCREASE OF HIS GOVERNMENT
AND OF PEACE THERE WILL BE NO END,
ON THE THRONE OF DAVID AND OVER HIS
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ISAIAH 9:7

Jesus Christ is beyond David

The Jewish boy turned king, David, stands in God's redemptive history as the possessor of the spiritual kingdom of God. David is a great portrait of the apostolic faith to us, which possesses the divine graces of God. Jesus Christ is the fullness of God's grace, and David points us to Jesus Christ. This is why Jesus is often referred to as the son of David (*Matthew 1:1*), the root of David (*Revelation 5:5*), "*the root and the descendant of David*" *Revelation 22:16*. Essentially, David represents the man with God's kingdom dominion. The ideal man.

As wonderful as David was, Jesus is beyond David. Jesus is the very life that David was pointing us to and expressing. It's only when we see and know and encounter this that we can be humble like David was, not seeing ourselves too great in our own eyes, wait on God for grace and authority like David did, broken over our own sin the way David was, pursue the glory of God constantly the way David did, think of the next generation of God's kingdom advancement the way David did, and ultimately, stand in the election of God forever as David stands. It's when we stand in Jesus Christ alone that we can be assured of this. Zion, the city of David, is actually Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is the city of God. Jesus Christ is the eternal life of God.

My prayer is that when we think of success, reigning, our ambitions, foremost in our minds and hearts will be nothing other than Jesus Christ. May you continue to make room for Him in Jesus' name.

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INTRODUCTION TO JESUS

Jesus is the summation of all truth

One of the beauties of life is that through the revelation of God to us, in Christ and by the Holy Spirit, in the Bible, we have learnt that Jesus is life. This means that all light is an outflow of Him. He is the fullness of all light. All truths are expressions from Him. They cease to be truths when disconnected from Him, His person or His presence. Paul said, ***“as the truth is in Jesus”*** Ephesians 4:21.

Jesus is the fulfillment of all God’s promises

Not only are all truth in Him, also, the promises of God are accomplished in Him also. All the promises of God for mankind and the created order, have all realized their fulfillment in the person and presence of Jesus. In Paul’s words; ***“For all the promises of God find there Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory”*** 2 Corinthians 1:20. Because of this, all we have to do first, is devote ourselves to Him, and through Him, we can respond to God and His promises accurately.

Our faith is not only activated by truths, and promises, but also, by prophecies and presence.

Jesus is the Man of God, full of the Spirit

Jesus is fulfillment of all the prophecies of Scriptures. We know that no prophecy of Scripture ever came by one's own interpretation, meaning that all that's contained in the Bible is the mind of God, expressed through the experiences of men with God, such that when we rightly interpret, through the Holy Spirit, we would see the mind of God for man and creation. Jesus is the fulfillment of all the prophecies concerning man for perfection, intimacy, recovery and restoration. The reason for prophecy is to let us know that God will cause us to have victory in the future, where we failed in the past or present. The writer to the Hebrews said it this way: ***“Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.”*** Hebrews 1:1-2. The prophets spoke God's word perfectly but couldn't perfectly embody what they spoke, making it possible for people to misunderstand them, but Jesus Himself was the Word of God

embodied and personified. He was the Word become flesh, to enable us behold the glory of the Father, the glory of the Son, and the glory of sons (*John 1:14*). God anointed Jesus with the Spirit of prophecy, who is the Spirit of holiness, so that everything prophesied can be manifested to the people, so that the people can see their possibilities, believe God, and this holiness would be manifested in them.

Jesus is the presence of God to us

We read of the presence of God in different places in Scriptures, and we have different imageries of this, in theophanies, through God's history of encountering men. However, at the appointed time in history, God came to live amongst men. His very presence was on the earth, to stay. This is the miracle of the incarnation. This wonder was in the world for many years, and many didn't know it because He didn't come the way many would have thought. He was in the world, and the world knew Him not, though He made the world. He came in a manger, humble, and normal. *The Gospel* accounts and *Isaiah 53* tells us about this. **"For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should**

desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.” Isaiah 53:2-3. Because the presence of God didn’t come with worldly “packaging” as things of significance come in the world, He was despised and rejected by men. People even avoided Jesus and didn’t esteem Him. This was the first thirty years of Jesus’ life. May the Holy Spirit open our eyes into this, so that we truly see the private life of Jesus, before His public ministry, which was most of Jesus’ life. Even when Jesus got into public ministry, it was only a manifestation of His private life and living. Jesus was content with the glory of the Father. He lived without the recognition of men, and with the despising of men, and this was okay for Him. All that mattered most to Him was God. He was so intimate with God that, as a man, He became in soul, what He was already in spirit, He became one with the presence of God. He became one with God (*Luke 2:52*).

God sent Him to the earth as the Son of God, then, Jesus grew in His own humanity into the stature that He was in the spirit, becoming one with God, learning obedience through the things He suffered, although He was a Son (*Hebrews 5:8*). The

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things he suffered was living under God's eternal government with flesh and blood, this was the burden and consecration of priesthood. This is the life of the cross. The act of Calvary was only an expression of a life that Jesus lived. The cross was His living, not only His dying.

The HolySpirit reveals this to us: **“In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.”** Hebrews 5:7-10.

Here, the HolySpirit uncovers what was happening with Jesus to us, in the seasons of His preparation to be a witness of God through everlasting priesthood. It was a high calling of God for the man Jesus. This calling didn't begin in time, but in eternity when God said to the Word; **“You are my Son, today I have begotten you,”** meaning, You have become all that I am in all the realms, invisible, visible and all (*Colossians 1:19, 2:9*). The Spirit said, **“So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a**

high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you” Hebrews 5:5, showing us that the very person Jesus is to us, God ordained Him to be so. God appointed Him to be so. Jesus’ identity as our Savior and Lord is God’s appointment and God’s way. God ordains men as His purposes and plans. Jesus didn’t become a high priest by self-promotion or self-seeking, nor by the needs of men, or by the decision of human councils and organizations, but by the ordination of God.

“as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.” Hebrews 5:6. God confirms His ordination and calling for our lives. God reveals not only what we are called to but how we are called to that thing. God revealed Jesus’ calling in regard to the priesthood, by telling Him that He is already a priest. When God tells us our ordination, He calls us that ordination. Jesus’ priesthood was an everlasting and eternal priesthood, not a temporal priesthood like the Levitical priesthood. Jesus’ priesthood was something more like that of Melchizedek, who knew God personally, not that of levitical priesthood whose knowledge of God was mostly official. God tells us our ordination, and

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also, our consecration to that ordination. The consecration is the way of that unique priesthood.

Another thing of note is that this consecration is something we know apart from devotion to God. It's as we follow God and fellowship with God, that we come into these consecrations, and we go deeper in them. For Jesus, His eternal priesthood was simply about confronting death, in all its forms, eternal death, spiritual death, mortal death, and the persons who were under the influence of all these deaths, both demons and people.

For this, ***“In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.”*** Hebrews 5:7, Jesus knew that death only gained access to man through the soul. Adam sinned by thinking and acting in disobedience to God, and the corruption of death that came affected his spirit, soul and body. For this reason, for salvation and redemption to be righteous, man must also think and choose obedience, so that God can gain access to the spirit, soul and body, to redeem the man. Jesus knew this Word of righteousness. Jesus understood the workings of righteousness.

Because of this, Jesus knew that He had to give His soul entirely to God Himself, so that He can be one with God, in soul, which will dictate that actions of His body. He was already one in spirit with God by ordination, because what is true and real in the spirit is simply what God has ordained, not what we feel, yet, what God has ordained is what we must come under in our entire souls. We must come under this in our conscious and subconscious mind, emotion and will. The energies of our souls must be purged from sin, to righteousness. This is how we develop skill in righteousness. To be skillful in the Word of righteousness is not about being able to teach the letter of righteousness or the Gospel, but it means to be deeply constrained from within by righteousness. It means the energy at work in our souls is not unrighteousness but righteousness. It means the impulses within us is holiness, because the constitution within us is righteousness. Death is unrighteousness, and God's judgement on this death is the second death, the lake of fire. This means there's a death that's good and there's a death that's not good. One death is God's judgement and the other death is the result of man's sin. The consequence of man's disobedience. Praise God, He judges death with death, separating us from everything that

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separates us from Him.

This is why the work of transformation takes time and is deep. It takes time, not because God wants it to take time, but because God wants us to be well before He sends us in some assignments, so the assignments will not injure us by injuring our relationship with Him.

It's because Jesus was developing skill in the Word of righteousness that He knew that He needed help from God alone, to deal with all the selfish tendency of the soul (*John 6:38*). All the adamic tendency of the soul, no matter how good it is. This is what the throne of david represents, it means a selfless nature. Promises and prophecies had gone ahead that there will be a king over God's people, who will be accurate with God, being one with God, fully in heart, and daily in acts of will. This was the high calling that Jesus was called to, and He knew that He had to prepare. The only way to do this was to cry to God daily to be delivered from the self-life.

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Most of what He did all His life was sacrificing Himself to God, so that God would save Him from death. There was so much death everywhere because man had opened all the doors, to the Satan, the spirit of death. Satan lies in order to steal, kill and destroy. Jesus kept making sacrificial offerings to God, with a lot of loud cries, straining His body, with a lot of tears, straining His soul, in prayers and supplications. Jesus prayed all manners of prayers and supplications. The Holy Spirit does not keep us in doubt about what made Jesus’ prayers and lifestyle of prayers different from others. The main thing that differentiated Jesus’ radical devotion from others is His reverence for God. This is the fear of God, and the love of God. Jesus wasn’t only ‘repentant’, if I may say that, but had the fear of God. Wow. His only passion was God. His only aim was to please God. His only devotion was God Himself. Such was and is the consecration of Jesus. This is what gave sweetness and fragrance to His prayers, and what made God answer Jesus

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by the fires of His presence into Jesus' soul. Transformation is receiving power over death, in our inner man, and this only happens by the power of God, quieting the lusts and pangs of flesh. This only happens in answer to prayers, and the basis of the answer is when we put God above all else. We even put God above the answer to prayer and above transformation. We are to offer everything, for the fire of God. When we offer ourselves through these prayers and supplications, the Lord will be answering us by fires and powers, which will be transforming us, increasing us in obedience, getting us more ready to the point where we can begin to punish disobedience when our obedience is complete (*2 Corinthians 10:6*). And, yes, it's possible for obedience to be complete. It's possible for us to come to the end of our faith, the salvation of our souls.

Some may ask, why do we need to pray so desperately and so passionately, and so persistently, if we are already sons of God, it's simply this, we must be purged of self-life, self-seeking, self-glory, self-knowledge. We must be purged of every power, that's not holy power, because that's the source of the corruption. That's the enemy's seed. Satan is a prince spirit, and he thrives anywhere he has influence. When we

pray, without ceasing, we bring the soul under the influence of God's government, and subdue the body to yield to this. Even though Jesus was the son of God, He had to learn obedience, which is being transformed, through the things he suffered.

What were some of the things he suffered? He suffered the despising of men because He prioritized God over all. He suffered the insults of people. He suffered discomfort, misunderstanding, shame. Essentially, Jesus was always in fierce battle in the realms. Jesus was a watcher. This was His primary ministry. This was His life. This is what we must see in Jesus, behind all His public life and ministry.

Through constant prayer, Jesus was perfected, and **“he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek”**. Jesus was made a father in the soul, an apostle, a source. He became the source of eternal salvation. God is source, but man can also be a source of a dimension of God to certain people, only Jesus is the source of all the dimensions of God. None of us are Jesus. This process of Jesus being transformed was actually Jesus being designated by God. To be designated is to be commissioned. God ordains or appoints

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us (*Hebrews 5:5*) and God also designates or commissions us (*Hebrews 5:10*). There's a becoming that happens in-between, and this happens through personal consecration, in prayers and supplications, with everything done in the fear of God. It's for this same purpose that Peter calls us to be diligent to make our calling and election sure (*2 Peter 1:10-11*).

This election and calling, is simply to be an embassy of the presence of God, in a manifested way. When we carry the presence of God in purity, it means carrying it not morally but in the fullness of Him. The Holy Spirit kept telling us this over and over again. Holiness is fullness. He told us that **“For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell”** Colossians 1:19, to show us that Jesus was the bearer of the fullness of God as a man. Also, **“For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily”** Colossians 2:9, showing us that Jesus' body could demonstrate the fullness of God. This is manifesting of the presence of God. Peter also tells us “how” God anointed Jesus with the Spirit and power (*Acts 10:38*), meaning, Jesus was anointed without measure. Jesus was a carrier of the manifest presence of God. He did this, by faith, but not mental accent faith, it's by the apostolic faith, which is supplemented by discipline, patience, love, hope, and all. This faith is a life, not

simply an act, that's why they called it "the faith". Remember Jude telling us to contend for "the faith" that was once for all delivered to us (*Jude 1:3*). This faith was once for all delivered to tell us that it's available, we simply have to make sure we are not obscured from it by the lies of the enemy, and from the lies of ungodly people who deny in essence and in life, the mastery and Lordship of Jesus Christ.

The bedrock of the apostolic faith is the Lordship of Jesus. When we know this, in practice, and in life, we are skilled in the Word of righteousness, because the powers of our discernment have been trained through many prayers and supplications, and transformations, in consecrations. Then, the name of Jesus Christ will mean something weighty in our mouths, and in our appearance, because we are in apostolic faith (*Mark 11:23, Colossians 3:17, Philippians 2:10-11*).

The matter of the faith, is simply a matter of the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Do we consider Him worthy of all? The carriers of the manifest presence of Jesus, are those who live under the Lordship of Jesus. They do this, by skill in the Word of righteousness. They understand the soul of man, and its workings with God in receiving and releasing life, or power.

CONSECRATION TO JESUS

Knowing that Jesus Christ is God's truth, God's promises, God's man and God's presence to us, should make us give ourselves wholly to Him in consecration and follower-ship, but many in the world and in the professing church have not done this, because of darkness and rebellion based on ignorance of Jesus Christ by revelation. This revelations are the entrance and encounter with the many experiences that Jesus Christ is in the realm of the Spirit, and in the heart of God. Some of these experiences are the purposes of God for mankind. Some of these experiences perverted is what is prevalent in the world, many of which people are killing themselves to experience and sense and fill, but these cannot satisfy because they've been perverted, only the true reality of these things in Christ Jesus can satisfy. All things are reconciled in Him.

This same ignorance is what plagued the Pharisees and the Romans of Jesus' day. When we see, by the Spirit, the worth of Jesus Christ, we would see it as a great privilege to consecrate everything to Him. When we see Him, we would throw ourselves to Him as a gift, and to His kingdom in free service.

When Jesus was about to leave the earth, He said to the Father audibly so that we can hear; **“But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, *that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.* I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. *Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.* And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. *“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.* The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, *that they may become perfectly one,* so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.”** John 17:13-23,

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Jesus spoke words of reality to us, so that we can enter them, and possess the joys of the Father. These joys are the fullness of the experiences of Christ Jesus. Because of these words of Christ, the world hated Jesus and hates Jesus' followers, because these words testify of the truth that all that's in the world is unrighteousness leading only to unholiness and dissatisfaction. There's no eternal satisfaction, or eternal life, in the world. This is why Jesus prayed and prays for us, that the Father, by the Holy Spirit will sanctify us from the corruption that is in the world, through revealing the reality of the words of truth He has spoken to us. Jesus has called us holy, and we are being purified by His Word and Spirit. This is why Jesus gave Himself fully to the Father as a man when He lived on earth, so that by observing Him in the Spirit, we too may learn to give ourselves to the Father through the Spirit. Jesus is our leader and example, just as He has called us to be lights, examples, epistles in the world. He would continue His life through us. We are His body.

Jesus' desire, which is the Father's heart, is for the world to see the holiness of God, seeing the love and goodness of the Will of God. Seeing that all the experiences that God has

made us for are good, and what men are now experiencing in the world are lies. We must hear and see the goodness of God. This is the passion of the Father, He wants to be known by the lives of His Son and sons. This is because He loves His Son and sons so much.

When we see that God's holiness is better than the corruption of the worldliness, this is glory. When we live in the glory, it brings praise to the Lord, who has been so gracious to us to redeem us from the world and abide in and with us as His sons. This is the point of following Jesus.

Following Jesus is the life of moving from one degree of glory to another, by the Spirit of Christ, for the glory of Jesus Christ, the fullness of God to us, in us, through us and with us.

In following Jesus, there are many lessons to learn, for our souls to put away corruption and put on incorruption, these are the things we would now be seeing through the life of David, of whom God testified; **"I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.' Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised."** Acts 13:22-23. He is Holiness personified.

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INTRODUCTION TO DAVID

David was such a vast typology of Jesus, in the Old Testament Scriptures. In the New Testament, we read that God **“raised up David to be Israel’s king, of whom he testified and said, I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.’ Of this man’s offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised.”** Acts 13:22-23, David was a man after God’s heart, and he is just that kind of man who is a doer of God’s will, not just a hearer of God’s words. This was because David was a bearer of God’s heart.

David was a man of covenant and kingdom. God made a covenant with him through Nathan, saying **“Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, (a) I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, (b) that you should be prince over my people Israel. (c) And I have been with you wherever you went and (d) have cut off all your enemies from before you. (e) And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. (f) And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them**

no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. (g) And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, (h) I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be *made sure forever before me*. Your throne shall be established forever.” 2 Samuel 7:8-16,

God gave David a throne in the realm of the Spirit, this throne was the Centre of authority for an eternal kingdom. David became a human host of the reality of the kingdom of Christ. This was because of David's heart.

Because of David's intimacy with the Lord, in an entire dispensation, David stood out as the representative of the

kingdom of Christ. This kingdom is an outflow of a throne.

So then, when we read in Revelation, the description that Jesus gave of Himself to a church that was doing well, he said **“The words of the holy one, the true one, who has *the key of David*, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.”** Revelation 3:7. These ones, the church at Philadelphia had little power, but they had patient endurance, and God was making them into a kingdom, just like He made David into a great kingdom. In order for them to know power, they needed to see power from a correct point of view. They needed to see power as the power of love. God empowers us as an act of His love, so that we wouldn’t oppress people with it but help people with it. God gives His power sovereignly, that’s why He told Philadelphia that He is the one who has *“the key of David”*, meaning that He has the master key of the kingdom. This talks about the throne of God. Jesus is the One seated on the throne of God, the highest throne. He is Lord, it’s only when we see this, that we begin to learn of the power of God through the Lordship of Jesus, and His name.

Jesus is seating on the highest throne in all humanity, because it’s the throne of God, while also being the throne of David.

This “*key of David*” is the supreme authority in regard to doors. Both spiritual and earthly doors. As God, Jesus opens eternal doors, as the risen man in heaven, he opens heavenly doors, and as man, He opens earthly doors.

Jesus had said “***I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.***” Revelation 1:18, showing us that through His resurrection, He fulfilled the demands of righteousness in every realm, “**in heaven and on earth and under the earth**” Philippians 2:10, and obtained the authority of death were some people that have died are, and hades, where those who are corrupt are. Jesus has the right to raise people from the dead, and also, to deliver people from the kingdom of death, and the law of sin and death.

Jesus is the holy and righteous One. He earned that supreme authority by His merits of obedience to the Father through transformation. It’s through this transformation that He made His election of being the eternal high priest sure, so that He would be qualified as man, and a perfect man, with a perfect blood, and a perfect human and mortal body, to pay the sacrifice of death for all mankind.

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Again, of this, we read **“And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, *has conquered*, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”** Revelation 5:5,

Hallelujah. John was being granted revelation of redemption in a prophetic light. Jesus was described as a man, who wrestled Satan, and this He did through wrestling the world and the flesh, and conquered through His death, giving Himself fully to God by the principle of death and by actual death, on the cross, in obedience to God, so that, He would be properly positioned with a submitted “Lamb standing” will to approach the Father and take the scroll of the destiny of mankind and all creation. This shows us the implications of what Jesus did.

In order to possess a kingdom, there must be ordination, and there must be warfare, and there must be coronation. Jesus fulfilled all these layers of righteousness. Jesus was called the Lion of the tribe of Judah, to show us that He was the greatest field warrior that Judah ever produced, and Judah is the spiritual firstborn of Israel, though not the natural firstborn. Judah is the lineage of kings, and Jesus came, in order to

establish a kingdom on earth and amongst men. The reason for the throne He sat on in heaven, and that He will come to sit on, on earth, is to establish His kingdom and reign. It's to become Lord.

Accepting His Lordship is what true humility and true joy and true love and true obedience is. This is what true submission is. Everyone must accept His Lordship, else, they will still be frustrated. This resistance of His Lordship is what flesh is, and it's what sin is. This is the singular cause of all frustration.

"The tribe of Judah" is the tribe of the spiritual firstborn, which is a thing of revelation, and leadership in consecration of praise. When you read *Genesis 49*, Jacob said of Judah **"Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down before you. Judah is a lion's cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a lioness; who dares rouse him? The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples."** Genesis 49:8-10, from here, we see Judah as beloved of the Father, honored by the brothers, and feared

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by the enemies. This is precisely who Jesus was, is, and who a Jesus' company is. When we read of the elected 144, 000 in *Revelation 7:5*, Judah was the first to be mentioned.

This tells us that our spiritual warfares must be done by revelation, by consecration, by love, by praise and then, by prayer. This is why Peter tells us to obey for the sake of our prayers (*1 Peter 4:7-8*). Obedience, which is transformation prepares us for effective prayer. In Jesus' words; **"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you"** John 15:7.

At the end of the book of revelation, Jesus said **"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."** Revelation 22:16, showing us that David was an embodiment of something that Jesus was already. Jesus was the root of David. David was a branch that grew out of Christ. This is as God, the Word. Likewise, as the man, Jesus is the descendant of David (*Romans 1:3*).

In David, we find the expression of the eternal throne, and the earthly throne. Through David's relationship with God, he

received an eternal heritage in Jesus, and through Jesus, and for Jesus. This tells us how we can do the same. Let's observe the life of David, and learn some lessons about Jesus Christ, and our transformation in and by Him, into a leader, a father and a foundation.

THE LIFE OF DAVID

“The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, *the son of David*, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king.” Matthew 1:1-6,

This genealogy given to us by Matthew is a tracing of the lineage of Jesus as King. Jesus came as a fulfillment of God's covenant to Abraham, which is of being a great nation, with inheritances for its citizens, and blessings for other families

of the earth through them (*Genesis 12:2-3, Hebrews 6:13-20, Romans 4*). God gave a promise to Abraham in **Genesis 12:2-3**, but like many of us, initially, Abraham struggled to believe, especially because of his experiences. When we read **Genesis 15:1-20**, we would see that Abraham took his worries to the Lord in prayer when God appeared in a vision, and God reassured him of the promise by cutting a covenant with Abraham. God directed Abraham on a sacrifice to bring, and attend to, Abraham obeyed, and paid attention to the sacrifice until evening, and the Lord responded to the sacrifice by a revelation, prophetic light on how things will go with Abraham's offering. **"Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."**

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between

these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land” Genesis 15:13-18A. Whenever God makes a covenant with a man, we would see sacrifices, which is consecration, and we would see revelation. These are the tokens of a covenant. This revelation is the vision of the way God will accomplish His promise, and the consecration is the way we position ourselves to continue to receive more revelation. These are the dynamics of walking and reigning with God, into the destiny that He has for us. This is where Abraham learnt that “technology of faith” which is building an altar. This taught us the Abrahamic faith, which is a way of responding to God’s promise, so that this promise can become a covenant in us, experientially. As children of Abraham, we are called to learn the way of Abraham, because Jesus followed the way of Abraham.

Abraham was chosen by God to reveal this divine pattern of faith, its consecration and revelation, to man. The promise to Abraham was three-fold. (1) *God was going to make him a great nation, through transformation,* (2) *This would happen through his own son,* (3) *And they will live in a glorious land.* These are different realities we also appropriate by our faith in God’s promises to us. God has promised to bless us and make us

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a blessing, through transformation. This will happen through spiritual heritage that will come through our physical bodies. This will lead us to a place of spiritual and physical abundance and communion with the Lord. These are the promises of Abraham. These are the things Abraham appropriated by faith. This faith also has a system as we've seen earlier, which is consecration, a posture of offering sacrifice according to the pattern of God, and then, attending to that, until the Lord comes, and gives a prophetic word, and insight on the way forward. It's this prophetic word that becomes the vision for our lives, guiding our everyday activities.

There's another side to the Abrahamic covenant, it's circumcision. This represents the perfection of God's promise in our hearts, but also in our bodies. This is about being perfected in the God of all power, which is allowing the power of God to affect our bodies.

“When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, “Behold, my covenant

is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.” Genesis 17:1-7,

Notice, God put a spiritual covenant into a physical covenant through naming and circumcision. God changed Abraham’s name from Abram to Abraham. Abram means exalted father, while Abraham means father of a multitude of nations. God was making Abraham’s identity and Identification on earth be the same as what it is in God’s eternal purposes for him personally, and for the times. Abraham’s response to this covenant of circumcision was only to agree. To accept. I believe this is also what Paul meant when he spoke about “loving the appearing”.

What does this mean? Part of the covenant of faith is not only making an altar, and putting sacrifice on it, and receiving

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revelation, and direction, but also, being the sacrifice, being the revelation. This is what being perfect is. This is what happened with Jesus. He lived 30 years as a living sacrifice, the first 30 privately, and the next 3, publicly, and after that, He went through his own “spiritual bodily circumcision”, which is a separation of flesh, a separation of foreskin that limits intimacy and perfection, and now, Jesus is risen as the circumcision, which is complete in the power of God. In Paul’s words; **“For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh”** Philippians 3:3. Now, together as the body of Christ, we’ve been marked and separated by God on earth as those who’s earthy confidence in self has been done away with, and our full confidence is in God alone. We do all our worship and devotion by the Spirit, our glory is not in ourselves but in Christ. The essence of the resurrection of the body is no confidence in the creation at all, but only in the Creator. This is what happened with Jesus. The resurrection is not only about sin, but also about self. The power of self is what keeps us away from the power of God. The full transformation is when we have been filled with God bodily, having been completely emptied of self-life, and self-power.

All these is the way of the multiplication.

When we read *Romans 4:1-25* carefully, we would see Paul's understanding of the development of the Abrahamic covenant faith, through the Davidic covenant faith, as expressed accurately by Jesus Christ, and applied to us by the Holy Spirit as the church. Our faith is not only in the promises of God to make us great and a blessing, through personal transformation, personal allocation, and personal abandonment/emptiness, but it's also in God's covenant with David, which is based on the kingdom grace of God.

Abraham teaches us about the consecrations of faith. David teaches us about the consecrations of grace. **“That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—”** Romans 4:16A. The promise depends on faith. Meaning, we must learn the consecrations of faith. This will transform us from point A to point B. But this faith now, is to bring us to a place where we know that the promise rests on grace alone. This is what guarantees to all offering.

What makes everyone be able to practice the Gospel, and not

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only the leaders or those with much knowledge of faith, is that grace is the source of multiplication.

David's life shows us the consecrations of grace. Grace is God's gift, yet, there are ways to position ourselves for God's gift, and to keep positioning ourselves to keep receiving God's gift. This is what it means to have a heart for God. This is what God found in David. This is what guarantees the eternal covenant, to any man, and for everyone in a place, and for every aspect of the Spirit's working. When we are positioned for God's grace, we follow Him wherever, gaining all our security in Him alone.

In *Romans 4*, while speaking about Abraham's faith, Paul speaks of God's grace, **"just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."** Romans 4:6-8. Grace is the blessing of God on someone who is blessed, not because of works of the law, but because of faith in God's love for them in Christ. This tells us that faith, is not simply hoping on God's promise with all our being, but faith, is standing in

the grace of God, because we are in Christ. Not saying that the blessings of God come to us because of what we've done, even though we will have done the right thing, but knowing and accepting the blessing as being the unmerited favor of God to us. Grace is an outflow of God's mercy to us. God's blessings are such. This is what we are called to position ourselves for.

This is why Jesus went through all He went through in becoming such a high priest, so that He will be sympathetic with our weaknesses (*Hebrews 4:14-16*), because He has been tempted just as we are, and He overcame through the help and power of the Spirit, in His own soul, such that He can be our example of the pattern of transformation, but much more than that, our helper.

When we look at David's life, we see a man full of humility, which is the primary consecration of grace. That humility is in a way of being, a manner of thinking and a way of doing things. Can we sustain that posture? That's where greatness lies. Jesus said it to His disciples. **"At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn**

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and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.” Matthew 18:1-6. Humility is true greatness. This humility is an attitude that doesn’t seek glory from men, nor a place in this world, but simply wants the glory of God. This is the Davidic covenant. This is the Davidic faith. This kind of faith doesn’t limit the Holy One of Israel because God can do mighty things through a yielded vessel who follows the leadings of God.