

SPIRIT & PRINCIPLES OF *REIGNING*

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THIS WORLD

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YOU ARE WORTHY, JESUS



“SOLOMON
LOVED
THE LORD,
WALKING
IN THE
STATUTES OF
DAVID HIS
FATHER”

1 KINGS 3:3

BOOK OF KINGS

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HIS PRESENCE
OVER INFLUENCE

HE IS BEYOND THIS WORLD

Beloved, this present world was not the first world. There was a world before Adam sinned, before the corruption came in, after which the flood came in, transitioning that world into this present world. This world is not all that has been and all that will be. Sometimes, we need to be reminded of this, so that our hope is not in this world or life alone.

In this present world, there's a lot of corruption. And in these last days in this present world, the corruption is intensified, the scheming is heightened, the deceit is special. But all this is because a new world has come in already, and dark forces are raging at this. The hearts of many world leaders have been corrupted and the minds of many are being confused. This is the time we are in, and I hope you discern it. This would have been doom but thanks be to God that there's another way, there's another pure world that has been opened to the entirety of mankind, to live and breathe while in this present world. This is the new creation world. This is what is popularly called the kingdom of God. This is what is called the presence of God.

Anyone who is tired of the scheming, and insecurities of this world, seen in the media and on the streets daily

can simply turn to this new world in Christ, by the Holy Spirit, through faith, and receive a new reality in their souls. When we believe in Christ, and abide in Him, we would continue to realize that what matters most in this life, is not the opinions of men, or the accolades of men, but the presence, pleasure, and power of God. This is what we see demonstrated to us by the Holy Spirit in the book of kings.

The only way for godly dominion in this world, is through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, who works through those whose hearts bare blameless before Him. The way to dominion is a heart posture called humility or brokenness. It's by this heart posture that we escape the corruption, deception, seduction, and manipulations of this present world.

Friends, by the help of God, decide to have a different heart posture today, and make this your lifelong continuous prayer and devotion, and the Lord will grant you a new heart always. This is what it is to be a God-chaser, a God-seeker, a man after God's own heart like David, whom Jesus can entrust His kingdom to, for the doing of His will in the earth.

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AUTHOR'S NOTE

This book reminds us that God is beyond this present world. We often confuse the presence of the Lord, with the presence of the things of this present world and influence in this world. We often think the kingdom is worldly influence, when the kingdom is actually the presence of God. It's power with God. It's supernatural life in operation.

This book is also a meditation through the Book of kings.

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

*Tolu Cole
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BEYOND THIS WORLD

This present world can be viewed from many lenses, some of which are geographically, politically, economically, racially, but of utmost interest to me today is viewing the world morally, 'dispensationally' and historically.

MORALLY

Where does morality come from? It comes from the fact that the world didn't make itself, because the heaven and earth in which this present world is hosted didn't make itself. God created it. And since God is holy and good, His creation was made holy and good also. In the account of creation, we read that as God created, "**He saw that it was good**". This shows us that goodness is determined by Him and from His perspective. This perspective on everything created is what we call divine morality (*Hebrews 5:14, 2 Corinthians 5:10*), even though the world now has a perverted version of this morality, which the Bible calls self-righteousness (*Galatians 2:16*). Morality then is adherence to divine law, in its purity and in all its expressions through family-law, civil-law, comic-law, conscience-law and all. God is not against law or morality, He cannot be, for He reigns by righteousness. What God is against is "corrupted-law", which is not really "law" anymore as God sees "law". It's become unholy, unrighteous and not

glorious. It's become sin. That's why Paul called it "the law of sin and death". It's a law, which is actually sin, and not holy. This is what we call the nature of sin, and the nature of death. This is what makes every human being, born of the seed of a man, know sin and act sin. This is what made the world immoral (*Romans 3:10-18, 23*).

So then, when we view the world morally, we would see that there was a time that there was no evil in the world, there was no corruption. The Bible calls this time "the beginning". That's what Jesus once said "**but from the beginning it was not so**" Matthew 19:8. This was when God created the heavens and the earth (*Genesis 1:1, John 1:1*).

At some point, there was corruption in the spiritual heaven due to Lucifer's rebellion. All evil originated from him, if not, Jesus wouldn't tell some immoral self-righteous people that "**You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.**" John 8:44. Satan was the first to bring corruption in, and death in. He was the first to conceive death in the realm of eternal life. He conceived death by attempting to kill, and murder, thereby entering an iniquitous state. A state of unrighteousness and sin.

Yet, though there was corruption in Satan, at the time, there was no corruption in the man God had just made to tend the earth in righteousness, holiness and prosperity. This is the account we see in **Genesis 1-2**. Then comes **Genesis 3** when this man accepted sin, and corruption, from Satan, by accepting the lie of the ancient serpent the devil, showing us that the power of Satan over man is through sin and the death that results from sin. Sin is Satan's major strategy, and he suggests sin through sense realm knowledge, beguiling many to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil (*that God has commanded us not to eat from because He loves us and was protecting us*), as he beguiled Eve (*2 Corinthians 11:3*).

This shows us that the thoughts we accept and think are very important. As a matter of truth, **Wisdom** tells us that "**For as he hath thought in his soul, so [is] he**" Proverbs 23:7A YLT. Our identity follows the direction of the thoughts we accept into our souls. This means thoughts are realities, or they are vehicle for divine and spiritual realities. This is the Logos of God, the thoughts of God, the Word of God (*John 1:1, Psalm 139:16-17*). No wonder Paul tells us to be transformed through the renewal of our minds (*Romans 12:2*), by taking in the thoughts of God, a process which includes the warfare of resisting every false thought that resists the knowledge of God, or the Word of God (*2 Corinthians 10:3-5*).

So then, there are '*divine thoughts*' which contain moral codes when expressed on earth or by men, and there are '*occultic or demonic thoughts*' that translates to being immoral when expressed on earth or by men. The first is the conduit of godliness and immortality, while the second is the conduit of immorality, what we now call carnality, sensuality and worldliness. It's this "worldliness" that John had in mind when he said "**all that [is] in the world--the desire of the flesh, and the desire of the eyes, and the ostentation of the life--is not of the Father,**" 1 John 2:16 YLT. He says these things are superficial, unreal, and fleeting; not lasting. John is showing us that the present world is full of sinful desire, and rebellion against God the Father in pride.

So then, spiritually and morally, what we see in the world, is either righteousness or unrighteousness, holiness or unholiness, good or evil, light or darkness. This is the moral context or climate of the world. This is why Peter said to us through the anointing of the Holy Spirit; "***Save yourselves from this crooked generation***" Acts 2:40B. The world is full of sin and demons, we are called out of this crooked world, into Holiness. This is what is Beyond this world. Zion is God's Holy City. His Holy expressions.

DISPENSATIONALLY

Having viewed the world, spiritually and morally, let's now view the world dispensationally. Someone might wonder what I mean by dispensation, I'll explain. Paul said to the church in Ephesus; ***“For this cause, I Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you the nations, if, indeed, ye did hear of the dispensation of the grace of God that was given to me in regard to you, that by revelation He made known to me the secret, according as I wrote before in few [words]--”*** Ephesians 3:1-3 YLT, why? To show them their present advantage with God, in holiness, and our present advantage against Satan in spiritual warfare. We have great grace. So then, dispensation is the administration of grace. Grace is spiritual reality of righteousness in authority and power.

Paul said this full administration or dispensation of grace is something ***“which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit”*** Ephesians 3:5, meaning, this grace was revealed partially in the past generations but it has been revealed fully now, post redemption and Pentecost. By post “redemption and Pentecost” I mean that everything Jesus accomplished have now been stored up in us through the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit in us. As New Testament believers, we have the greatest dispensation of grace in us since the creation of the world as sons of God in Christ. Jesus

Himself said this when He said **“Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”** Matthew 11:11. Then, Jesus went on to say **“And, from the days of John the Baptist till now, the reign of the heavens doth suffer violence, and violent men do take it by force”** Matthew 11:12 YLT, what does it mean that the reign of the heavens doth suffer violence? It means that the reign of the heavens are coming in violently. Remember the way the Holy Spirit rushed in on the day of Pentecost like a mighty rushing wind, showing us His earnest eagerness to come. The Lord says His eyes are going to and fro, looking for hearts that are blameless before Him, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, so that He can fill them with righteousness. This is the activity of the Spirit of Grace. He doesn't want to be grieved by being resisted from coming and flowing. He doesn't want to be quenched, because He is the fire of God. He wants to stir us to Holiness and to good works, and the more we acknowledge Him and receive Him, the more He flows. He is that fire that burns as we fan Him to flame in us. Jesus said **“and violent men do take it by force”**, because we cannot be passive in walking with the Holy Spirit. We must be active, and very active at that. We must take this reign of the heavens by force, which means with the same energy with which He is coming. Jesus is eager to save, and

fill people, and He wants us to be equally eager to do this. The bigger our mindsets the better. The larger our appetite the better. God is doing big things, it's called the Harvest, and He has called us to this big thing. Whatever role we are playing in this big thing, we must know that it's the big thing of this generation and of every generation. It's not the small thing. Technology and AI is not the big thing, the appearance and coming of Jesus is the big thing. The Harvest is plenty, and the laborers must see Jesus as the Lord of the Harvest, who is ready to lead even more people, by filling them. We should have that same mindset, and that same violence. God wants us to be violent in the spirit. That's the spirit of faith, it's stepping out on God's promises no matter the consequences. That's faith. Letting go of the small and fears, and fully stepping into God's best. This is God's Will that is bigger than the whole world, and once we consecrate ourselves to this vision of the kingdom of God, seeking first what is biggest, we automatically get the other little things within it (*Matthew 6:33*). Flesh is smallness and we have to kill flesh, and this smallness. We need to expand our heart and minds. This was how David was. He had a heart for the kingdom. He wasn't defeatist, rather, He was expansive. This is how Jesus was, and how Paul thought. The city and the kingdom is big. It's not small at all. We've come to a great dispensation of Christ.

Now, before this great dispensation of Christ, there were other dispensations that prepared mankind for this dispensation since after the fall of man. After the fall of man, and the judgement of God on the fallen man and women and serpent, smallness was brought into the picture, but the way of greatness was also introduced through the blood sacrifice of acceptable animals. Man started to seek greatness but through evil spirits, who had access to man through sin. The man we read of, who walked with God, who was a descendant of Seth, since Cain had killed Abel, and had led people in a lineage of corruption, was Enoch. **“Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.”** Genesis 5:24. This man experienced a high dispensation of God’s grace, but alone. I personally believe that he understood the way of blood sacrifice so well, and received visions from the Lord through his lifestyle of faith, in obedience to the blood sacrifice. We read **“By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God.”** Hebrews 11:5.

Then, we read of the increase and greatness of unrighteousness in the earth through the deep immorality. **“the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose.**

Then the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years.” The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown. The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. So the LORD said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.” But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.” Genesis 6:2-8, this immorality affected humanity’s mortality rate. The number of our days on earth were reduced to 120 years. This is a lower dispensation of life which was activated on our human bodies. This bodily creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but in hope (*Romans 8:20-25*). Man’s dispensation and ability to express God and divine life kept reducing. After this judgement of God for man to live for 120 years, it took a process of time for this degeneration to happen. Time is like the womb of transformation or degeneration. We put on glory by doing certain things consistently through time, and glory also departs by people doing certain things consistently through time. This is why the Bible speaks of “faith and patience” for

the inheriting of the promise (*Hebrews 6:12*).

As regards the new dispensation after the flood, based on a new covenant, God was going to cause a flood to come, to wipe away everyone who wouldn't follow His way of righteousness as Noah did. Every dispensation of grace is based on the covenant of grace. The first dispensation was an outflow from the "Adamic covenant" (*Genesis 1:26-28*), and the second dispensation was an outflow from the "Noah covenant" (*Genesis 9*). This was after the flood when God has caused **"the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights"** *Genesis 7:11-12*. Noah had taken in some animals in seven pairs, both beasts of the field and birds of the air; the clean ones, to make provision for devotion to God through blood sacrifice, but a pair of each of the unclean animals (*Genesis 7:2-3*). God has taught Noah which animals were clean and which were unclean.

After the flood, God instituted another covenant with Noah, saying **"And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered. Every**

moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man. "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image. And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it." Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth." Genesis 9:1-13. God gave Noah and his children the dominion mandate and the blessing. He put them above every creature and the fear of man in every creature. Man could now kill any creature and eat, but not raw. Man must cook it and roast it, so that its blood would be drained and emptied. That's the point of cooking. We also see this in Christ

Jesus when we are called to feast on Jesus not raw, but after He had been roasted under the heat of the judgement of God, on the cross. The fire of God had come on Jesus, so that all that's left of Christ is the glorified Christ. It's the glory that we are designed to feast on. Eating is about being glorified, and fasting is about eating spiritually.

God also put a law against murder. This is what divine human government is about. This is the spiritual Genesis of human civil government. Man is not made to kill another man. Any man that kills another man, the life of that man who was killed will be required from the man who killed him. **“Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image”**. Man doesn't have the right to kill another man. That is initializing the wrath of God on himself and the wrath of the state-government as licensed by God (*Romans 13:4*). This is where political power comes from. This is divine political power, and should be carried out in righteousness. It's only when this political power is carried out in unrighteousness that it becomes corruption and oppression. This is when military force is used to control and instill fear in citizens, rather than protect and maintain law and order in the society.

Then, God told them that He wouldn't destroy the world by flood again, so no one continues to be afraid of this, and God gives the future generations a sign by putting the rainbow in the sky on cloudy days. The signs of covenant are meant to educate future generations of the covenant of the Lord to their fathers. Signs of covenant are meant to maintain the consciousness of the covenant, to inspire devotion to the covenant, for the experiencing of the power of the covenant. All these covenants of God, are dispensations captured in the Spirit of God.

Before God made this covenant with Noah, after the flood, Noah had acted in faith towards God, sacrificing. Then, God revealed the covenant to him. **“Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, “I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man’s heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done. While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.”** Genesis 8:20-22, showing us that the prosperity of earth was reinstated under the Noah-covenant. It’s a dispensation of “seedtime and harvest”. It’s a dispensation of reaping good, when we sow good. This calls us to sow good.

The only thing we have to deal with now is whenever we sow evil. There's still that problem of evil multiplying. From the new world, propagated by Noah's sons, "***Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan)***". We see Ham dishonoring his father Noah and Noah cursing him, to be a servant of his brothers. This curse occasioned the destiny of the Canaanites, because their land will be promised to Abram, who was a long descendant of Shem, Noah's firstborn. Interestingly, though the descendants of Ham would be servants, they produced the first warrior or mighty man on earth; Nimrod. Ham fathered Cush, and "**Cush fathered Nimrod; he was the first on earth to be a mighty man. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD. Therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD." The beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. From that land he went into Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth-Ir, Calah, and Resen between Nineveh and Calah; that is the great city.**" Genesis 10:8-12. Nimrod was a mighty man because he understood service, and being a servant, since Noah told him "**Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be to his brothers.**" Genesis 9:25. Ham's descendants learnt the way of service, and warfare, and with Nimrod, they started building cities. They started gaining influence in the earth. They learnt the way of greatness. We can already see how this type of "greatness" is prevalent in the world,

the type that's based on a lot of fighting and scheming and killing. Nimrod was a hunter, and I can already see how he must have developed better weapons to kill animals and from there, learn to kill people. Noah chose to be a farmer. Nimrod, started building kingdoms.

As we read on, seeing the advancement of mankind, we see the development of 'greatness' in the world, we see that Nimrod had set an example for building cities and kingdoms through warfare, so much so that **"as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore its name was called *Babel, because there***

the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.” Genesis 11:2-9, this is the consolidation of the same deeply selfish motivation for building a city and a kingdom in glory, as existed before the flood, when man learnt from evil spirits, seeking to establish a different kind of culture and civilization from that of God’s. These people now wanted to build themselves a city that will last for many generations, making a name for themselves, leaving a lasting legacy for themselves. They wanted to have a city for themselves and not spread to the whole earth, putting human community above God’s dominion mandate for mankind of spreading to the ends of the earth (*Matthew 28:18-20*). As they started to build, God, seeing this false-unity in unrighteousness, decided to have mercy on mankind by breaking up their language. If they were united in righteousness, in spirit, they would still be able to speak the same language, understanding each other but because their union was only in soul, they became confused and the building project stopped. This is why God gave the gift of tongues and interpretation of tongues by the Holy Spirit to the church so that the church can fellowship in one Spirit, and build one kingdom and one name, which is the kingdom of God. Hallelujah, God is making a name for Himself through our lives. God is reaping the whole world, so that the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdom

of our God and His Christ (*Revelation 11:15*). As the body of Christ, what was lost in babel, the place of confusion, has been restored in the church, the place of clarity and power. The church is the pillar and ground of truth. A place of deep fellowship that goes beyond external and human limitations. This is what we have beyond religion, as the body of Christ.

After this, we advance in the dispensation of the grace of God. God knew that the covenant with Noah, was flawed in the sense that it didn't reveal the way of faith accurately. God only said He wouldn't destroy the world with water again, but He didn't say that He would rebuild the world with sons of fire. We can see that God intended that, implicitly, but God would now make this explicit in His covenant with Abraham. This Abrahamic covenant revealed to us another dispensation of God called the promise, which shows us that faith must be embodied by men, through being, living and doings. There will be a promise of many sons, in Paul's words; **"This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel"** Ephesians 3:6. The promise to Abraham was that through him, God would raise an army of sons, not just servants. They will fight with the right motivation, and intentions. They will fight darkness and establish the dominion of God, because they love God, not simply because they want dominion for themselves. They will love God more

than the warfare, or the assignments. God enacted this covenant with Abraham from **Genesis 12:1-22:18**. There were different stages to this Abrahamic covenant, where God was sanctifying Abram in the holy faith, purifying his heart as he was going through different experiences. Abram's faith was supposed to move from the place of simply trusting in God to act on His behalf to acting on God's behalf. When we are purified in faith, we don't simply wait for God to act on our behalf, but through faith, we enter into oneness with God, this is sonship, this is inheritance, and knowing that we have the power of God within us and upon us, being conscious, we act out the Will of God. This is the workmanship that we were created for in Christ Jesus (*Ephesians 2:10*). We realize that we already have God in us by faith, and our souls have already taken Him on by the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and being awake to the realm of God, not only the realm of the supernatural, we act out the throne of God from earth. This is what Jesus meant by **"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."** Matthew 16:18-19, Jesus showed us that we, like Peter, will be built on Christ. I imagine Jesus pointing to Himself as He said "on this rock", because He is the rock. He is Lord.

He is God's authority with man. Jesus builds His church on Christ, and since He will be eternally united with them, when they move against the gates of hell, the gates of hell will not be able to stop them, because they are an army of light and glory. They have Christ as their life and as their power, through the power of the Holy Spirit. They have a dominion mandate against hell. Even when we confront death as an enemy, it's really hell and hades we are confronting, because mortal death is only a manifestation of that corruption of spiritual death.

Not only will the army of Christ break through the gates of hell, which are spiritual gates, but we will also receive the keys of the kingdom of heaven, which are the knowledge of God. The throne of God reigns in the kingdom of heaven and we have keys from God, to establish heavenly things from earth. This is what the supernatural ministry is all about. This is what we must be grounded in. This is living on earth but from beyond earth. This is what it means to be in the world but not of the world. This is what it is to be a witness of Zion. Jesus said **"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven"**, showing us that we can influence destinies and things on earth, with heavenly authority and power through divine keys. These keys are the natures of God we put on in

our souls, through revelation and especially, consecration. When we consecrate to the grace of God, the faith of Christ, the fear of God, the righteousness of God, the holiness of God, the service of God and the covenant of God, then, we would legislate the authority and power of God. This is God's Word to us.

Jesus reiterated, **“Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”** Matthew 18:18-20, showing us that we have the divine power of God in the name of Jesus to wrought supernatural victories on earth, either through unions or through separations. The two ways that influence or victory is won is either to connect things together or to disconnect things. By the discernment of the Spirit, we would be taught to connect things, and to disconnect things through prophetic prayers. These are what the keys of the kingdom, the Life-knowledge of God gives to us.

Then, another spiritual key is the key of agreement with saints. When there's agreement and union between saints, some dimensions and realms come into alignment, which makes warfare more effective. Remember, one chases one

thousand and two chases ten thousand (*Deuteronomy 32:30*). That's the power of love. We see this play out in marriage also. **"Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up."** Ecclesiastes 4:9-10.

Then, there's a third kind of spiritual key, which Jesus revealed. He said **"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them"**, this is the agreement of saints in a particular place. The presence of Christ is intensified anywhere people who carry Him are and the effect of this is great damage to the kingdom of darkness.

All these is what God showed Abram, when He promised him that he would be the father of many nations. Abraham believed God and God counted it as righteousness (***Genesis 15:6***), though God was still purifying Abraham in the faith and in the covenant, until he was able to completely believe God, as revealed by willingness to sacrifice His only son to God. That's willingness to give everything up, and lose everything, and through this, Abraham gained everything. Jesus Himself had said **"And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."** Matthew 10:38-39. This is the mystery of obedience, and sacrifice of obedience. After Abraham offered Isaac; **"And the angel of**

the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, *“By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”* Genesis 22:15-18, God swore by Himself (*Hebrews 6:13-20*), establishing the covenant of grace through faith, with Abraham. This means God will deal with us more on the basis of His will and our faith in His will, more than our pursuit of our own will (*It’s like God stopped negative marking. God made His love, grace and mercy the primary ways His kingdom comes through us*). This is a greater dispensation of grace under the Abrahamic covenant, which was re-enacted with Isaac, Jacob and Joseph. We realize that through faith, God possess us as sons, and then, we go on to possess Him as our life, nature and as power. Joseph represents possessing God as power to reign with God and over the systems of this world. The writer of Hebrews said **“By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones”** Hebrews 11:22, that is, Joseph, who was reigning though God, saw the greater harvest of God for Isreal, in them moving from the land of

Egypt to the land of Canaan that God promised to their father Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (*Genesis 50:24*). Joseph embodied the twin-reality (*through the blessing to his two sons*) of spiritual victory and spiritual warfare in this life of reigning. The Bible said **“By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff.”** Hebrews 11:21. I read that “Manasseh” means “to forget” and “Ephraim” means to be fruitful, and when Jacob crossed his hand to bless them, it seems to be that God, by the Spirit is saying “be fruitful” by “forgetting your self”. This is like saying have “spiritual dominion” through “spiritual warfare”. Spiritual warfare is essentially dying to self-life and self-power, and moving with the divine-life and the divine-power of God. This is the Abrahamic covenant of priestly dominion.

Then, we come to the Mosaic covenant, and another dispensation of grace, where the law was given to Moses on the mount of Sinai for Isreal, after God delivered them from the hands of Pharaoh and the Egyptians. The writer to the hebrews gives us a short summary of this time, he said **“By faith Moses left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. By**

faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.” Hebrews 11:27-31, essentially, we see Moses moving in boldness by the power of God. While the Abrahamic covenant emphasized our corporate priesthood as a people, the mosaic covenant emphasizes the culture of Canaan, which is living and doing everything by the power of God. The same grace that begins the work, is the same grace with which we continue the work, and sustain the work. When the Spirit starts something, He intends to continue and perfect it. Paul said **“Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?”** Galatians 3:3, showing us that God is interested in we starting by the Spirit and also continuing by the Spirit. Starting by the Spirit is a great dispensation of life, but also continuing by the Spirit is a greater dispensation of life.

I believe the Mosaic covenant was to reflect this. This is why they were given laws by which to do lifestyle as God’s people. The laws covered every area of their lifestyle. The core which is the spiritual covenant or priesthood (*Hebrews 7:11-14, Hebrews 8:3-9*), then, the spiritual-moral laws, the 10 commandments (*Exodus 20:1-21*), then, the spiritual-political laws, which is the civil laws, and then, the

spiritual-social laws, which is the ceremonial laws. These laws all converged at the temple as their base and spread through the community of Israel. All these laws were to teach them the ways of spiritual-life, and covenant living. These laws and practices were prophetic pictures given as a school master to teach them, of things to come, that are real, that would come in Jesus Christ, the full embodiment of the law, the sacrifice, the tabernacle and the priesthood.

There are different elements of the mosaic covenant. According to Paul, **“They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises.”** Romans 9:4. They had the promises from Abraham, Isaac and Jacob of a land where God will establish them as His people, where they will live with Him as king and with His power and in His love, spreading His dominion to all nations. They had the promises.

These promises were inherited by them as sons of God. To them belonged the Adoption. They lived as the heritage of God, and the knowledge of the glory of God was preserved amongst them and within them. They had the patterns of divine life and immortality. They were the people devoted to the ways of God and the glory of God. They were devoted to the appearance of God, they heard His voice, and were led by the manifestation of His glory (*Exodus 40:34-38*). They loved to be led by the Lord, that’s why they were supposed to do

all that God commanded them as a way of following the leadership of God. They were to follow the covenant of God through continuing to obey the laws of God, since they had received the laws of God for them. This is how they were to worship the Lord, through the dictates of the law, and obedience to the laws of Moses. **“For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them.”**

Romans 10:5. These laws of Moses were external laws, and people had to do these external laws externally before the spiritual life contained in those laws can be released to them, but this was only a shadow of the realities. In the realities, our external actions releases the manifestation of the spiritual life, not the receiving of the spiritual life. The receiving of the spiritual life is entirely based on our faith in the HolySpirit of Christ. The mosaic law was to show us that we need to distrust the flesh, and sin, which limits the dispensation of Christ through us, and we need to worship and walk by the HolySpirit alone, trusting Jesus.

When we read ***Galatians 3:15-29***, we would see the comparison between the Abrahamic covenant and the Mosaic covenant. Paul makes a comparison to show us what the HolySpirit was accomplishing through both of them. God brought the promise in through Abraham, a promise we would need to enter by faith, but to assure us

of the promise, He enacted a covenant. He started to show us that even with this covenant, which has a part for Him to play and a part for us to play, we would still fail in playing our part without His help. The flesh is so weak, and so corrupt by sin, such that anything God begins by His Spirit, by promise and grace, we would attempt to continue by flesh. To show us this, since we might not agree if He told us, He gave the law of Moses, and having tried, everyone has been found to be guilty, so that both Jew and gentile alike, both slave and free, both male and female, can enter the dominion of God together with one another only through faith in Christ Jesus.

The covenant with Moses showed us how to continue in covenant with God, by showing us how not to continue, which is, by putting no confidence in the flesh (*Philippians 3:3*), by trusting Christ alone through the power of the Spirit and the consecrations to the word of God. Christ has a complete economy for us. This is what leads us to the new covenant in the blood of Jesus Christ, that has opened to us the great dispensation of great grace that Paul was speaking about.

So then, through the Adamic covenant, Noah covenant, Abrahamic covenant, Mosaic covenant, we've come into the new covenant in the blood of Christ, as the basis of our participation in Zion (***Hebrews 12:22-24***), and the access to the full dispensation of divine things.

Now, we are in the dispensation of the great harvest of the Lord, and we await a second work of help and confirmation of divine things and realities in this world through the second coming of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.

“For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages *to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself*. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.” Hebrews 9:24-28,

The coming of Christ, and His death on the cross was to put away sin, which is the basis for which demonic spirits access the world of men. Now that the basis has been put away, and righteousness has been completely restored. We are to know this and overcome daily sins through the revelation that we’ve already overcome sin in Christ (*Romans 6:6*).

Now, we are to overcome the thoughts of sin, and the law of sin and death in the world. We are to overcome ourselves now, which is believe that we have the power of God at work in us and simply do the right thing as led by the Spirit of God, not being led by our emotions but by the truth that we know of the Word of God.

The reason we have to walk well with Christ, not allowing ourselves to be irresponsible by the lies of the enemy that we don't have power over sin is that with every decision to sin and to live in sin, we are giving room to Satan and demons to harass us and others through our sinful desires, sinful thoughts and sinful actions. What we are doing now is mortifying the flesh by the Spirit's help (*Romans 8:13, Romans 6:14*), and also engaging in spiritual warfare which is the greater contention. The spiritual warfare is for territories in this world, bringing the dominion of Christ and establishing it in the different dimensions of this world.

There's the land dimensions, so, we would warfare against physical territories that demonic activities are, and we would sanctify those places by establishing spiritual presence there. There are intellectual dimensions, where the prince of the power of the air is spreading unrighteous and unholy thoughts in the minds of many, thoughts that are powering demonic natures and the satanic throne. This is the warfare we are doing against thrones in the atmosphere (*Ephesians 6:10-13*).

Then, there's also the spiritual dimensions where we are combating spirits and energies that are not of God. These energies are functioning because there are unbelievers who do not know how to silence their influence and expression through them. This is why we are preaching to the whole world, to the ends of the earth, so that we can push back darkness totally. This is the last day warfare that needs our great endurance and supernatural movement. This is why we must be ready to go through suffering and persecution, like Paul and the apostles for the sake of Christ. The more people are rightly disciplined in Christ, the further they go in the fulfillment of the great commission, the dominion mandate.

HISTORICALLY

Having viewed the world spiritually, morally, dispensationally, let's now view the world historically.

We've seen earlier that one of the cities that was built was Babel, by Nimrod. We read of many civilizations through history. We later read of the Canaanites, who occupied the land that God promised Abraham and his seed, and we read of Sodom, the place where Lot was rescued from before destruction came on them. We read of Egypt, the place where God's people were kept in bondage for several years before Moses was sent to deliver them from the tyranny of

Pharaoh. We read of the entrance of God's people by Joshua into Canaan by the help of God. We read of different battles by the judges of Israel, leading up to Samuel, who anointed Saul, and then David for battle against the Philistines, whom David fought with all through his life, and reign in Jerusalem that He conquered and established as the capital of Israel. Solomon was able to breathe a little, and with this rest that God gave him, he built the Lord a house, as David his father had wanted to.

Much later, through Solomon's sins Israel became a divided monarchy, and sin broke their focus on God and ability to sustain the reign, until they fought with the Assyrians, and were eventually captured and exiled by the Babylonians.

Cyrus, a Persian king as inspired by God, calls for the rebuilding of Jerusalem, and Zerubabel, Ezra and Nehemiah went, yet, this reformation wasn't completely achieved nor sustained. The prophets of God kept coming and prophesying about God's perfect will in the messiah, the son of David, until the coming of Jesus Christ under the Roman rule, after John the Baptist.

Jesus died and was raised under the Roman rule, the Gospel spread, and the faith was politicized as Roman Catholicism, with the amalgamation of church and state. The world soon plunged into what was called Dark ages because of the great

manipulation of religion and the obscuring of the true apostolic faith, until the Protestant reformation by Martin Luther from Germany, and John Calvin from Geneva. This restored the apostolic faith in regards to regeneration.

Soon enough, the world experienced another move with John Wesley, which was the restoration of the apostolic faith in regards to sanctification and the victorious life. There was a movement called the Holiness movement, which was a good precursor for the Pentecostal movement through the Azusa revival, where the apostolic faith was emphasized in regards to the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidences of the supernatural manifestations of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This led to the divine healing movements and the divine prosperity movements under the manifestations of the Word of faith.

Then, came a grace movement, to emphasize that the faith in Christ is by the Grace of God, and not by the flesh of men. Now, there's an emphasis on the kingdom of God, and its entrance I believe, because Jesus is coming and He is coming to fill all in all.

It's on the basis of this prophetic witness, as seen in the book of Revelation, that we preach the Zion of God, the city of Jesus Christ and His Sons, because at the blast of the seventh trumpet, we would hear that **"The kingdom of the**

world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.” Revelation 11:15. How? How shall this thing be? How shall the kingdom of the world become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ, it’s because we would engage in spiritual and intellectual warfare with the kingdoms of this world.

This is what we mean by beyond this world. We would come against the glories of this world, by the glories of Zion. We would do everything for one sole purpose, for the glory of God. We are that generation, of whom it was said “In the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet: **“Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to all the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How do you see it now? Is it not as nothing in your eyes? Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, declares the LORD. Be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land, declares the LORD. Work, for I am with you, declares the LORD of hosts, according to the covenant that I made with you when you came out of Egypt. My Spirit remains in your midst. Fear not. For thus says the LORD of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land. And I**

will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the LORD of hosts. *The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, declares the LORD of hosts.*" Haggai 2:1-9,

There's a latter glory, that will come on the basis of the Lord's election of grace, and our positioning for the work required for this time as the church. Great resources will come, and this will be for the work and because we are committed to the work of building the glory we've seen. Great resources from the realms of heaven and earth will come in by the shaking. These resources are for the honoring of the Lord and His reign.

"And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. *By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.*"

Revelation 21:22-27,

The focus of the city of God is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb. There's no need for temples anymore, because temples are places for tokens of righteousness, holiness and prosperity. It's even by Grace that God admits our mortal bodies as His temples today, this mortal bodies cannot retain the glory of God, that's why we are putting on immortality by cleansing the body from mortality. When we consecrate our bodies to the service of the kingdom of God, we are subjecting this mortal body to immortality, to life. It's this thing of nature, that empowers another operation of holiness in our bodies. Just like the city of David, Zion, in which there was no temple, so also, in the heavenly Jerusalem, there'll be no temple, only the Lord Himself will be the temple. The throne of God is all the temple there. It's only the reality of the Holy place that will be in existence. Only the glory of God will lighten the city, and this glory will emit from the Lord Jesus, who is the lamp.

By the light of the lamb the nations will walk. So then, the focus of the kingdom is God Himself, then, the light of God, which will not be different from the Lord. The light will be an outflow from the Lord Himself, and even the servants of the Lord, who will be there to serve and worship the Lord, will do so by seeing His face. We will see His face, Hallelujah, and His name will be on our foreheads, eternally marked by Him and His kingdom. Because of seeing His face, and having His

name on our heads, we will reign with Him forever, serving and worshipping Him. Leading and serving the nations (*Revelation 22:2*).

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