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Foreword

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he most misunderstood person who has lived on earth is one who continues to be the subject of scrutiny, analysis, debate, conjecture, examination and controversy. His name is Jesus the Christ. He has been credited with the founding of the

world's largest and most powerful religion. Many see him as a prophet and others see him as a heretic, a revolutionary, a martyr; still others see him as a product of the creative imagination of village dwellers from a middle-eastern region.

After 2000 years since his earthly work, Jesus continues to be a dilemma and source of confusion and discussion. Why is this Jesus such an object of historical and contemporary concern? I believe it is because man's conclusions about him continue to conflict with his disposition, message, methods, priorities, philosophy and focus. He just refuses to fit into the molds and perceptions labeled by succeeding generations.

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One of the major difficulties, for example, is his message. It was not a religious one, but rather a strangely political one. His priority preaching was the promotion of a "**Kingdom of Heaven**" on earth. The first public statement of his mission and mandate on earth as recorded by his Apostle, Matthew was, "**From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."**" (Matt 4:17 NIV). This very focus was the cause of his conflict with the religious leaders of his day who were expecting the Messiah to be religious military leaders assigned to deliver the "children of Israel" from Roman oppression and re-establish a national renewal of the glory of Israel.

This conflict has resulted in Jesus being rejected by his Jewish community, and embraced by the Gentile world, who has transformed him into the catalyst of a world religion that he never promoted. So today he continues to be an enigma.

I am convinced that his only message was **the Kingdom of heaven** and the extension of the Kingdom of God on earth. This message was lost to mankind over 1900 years and needs to be rediscovered if we are to reconnect to the creator's purpose and plan for all of mankind.

This is why I am so excited about this work by one of my students, Dr. R. Pepe Ramnath. I have read this manuscript with great interest and believe it is one of the best I have seen. His practical and simple, yet profound approach to this subject re-ignites the

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power and prestige of the greatest message ever given to earth, the Kingdom of God. His scientific training has also provided him with a perspective that brings a fresh understanding of this eternally important message.

Dr. Ramnath leaps over complicated theological hurdles to reveal the simplicity and reasonableness of the Kingdom Message. He provides people-friendly handles to apply the principles of a “***Supernatural Kingdom***” to our natural daily lives. This book is a classic and should be read by all. I am proud of him and this work, and I hope it will bring you and all who read it to a deeper understanding and desire for the Kingdom of God.

Dr. Myles Munroe
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Preface

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Atmosphere plays a vital role in so many areas of life. My early childhood memories recall the beautiful fragrance that permeated the atmosphere of my east coast hometown in New Jersey each spring as the cherry blossom trees began to bloom. Words are inadequate to describe what happened as the air would suddenly be filled with a fresh, glorious scent of the cherry blossoms that seemed to cleanse away the filth and pollution of a long, cold winter. And as new life burst forth from the earth with the arrival of springtime, a fresh atmosphere quickened the senses and refreshed one’s spirit.

Isaiah recorded a similar occurrence in the book that bears his name when he describes “the glory of Lebanon” (*Isa. 35:2*) or the fragrance from the cedar trees in the north that filled the air of the Holy Land with a magnificent atmosphere reviving, and refreshing the inhabitants as far south as Jerusalem. In application, I believe it is a type for us of how the glorious presence of the Holy Spirit creates an atmosphere in which our lives are supernaturally cleansed from the pollution of this world’s system and our hearts are made alive by the healing, restoring presence of God. It is only when the presence of the Supernatural Kingdom of God touches our lives that our character is transformed into the likeness of our King, the Lord Jesus Christ. The channel through which this Kingdom presence is realized is through the blessed practice of *worship*; worship of the true and living God.

True worship involves more than well-written lyrics and moving melodies. As we worship we recognize who our King, Jesus Christ is and the price He paid for us with His shed blood. Consequently, we are translated from the earthly to the divine; from darkness to light; from death to life. In that glorious atmosphere of true worship we who are mortal, finite and limited come in contact with the immortal, infinite and unlimited presence and power of Almighty God.

Having enjoyed a wonderful Christian heritage and upbringing, I count it a real blessing and privilege to have known the presence of God from a very young age, both in private times of devotion with the Lord and in corporate worship services. For the past 20 years I have been privileged to serve as an associate to one of the most anointed servants of God of our time; a man who not only understands the value of entering into the atmosphere of God's

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healing presence through worship but one who has led millions of people into that glorious presence. The awareness of how vital this practice is has been forever crystallized in my spiritual consciousness.

In the pages that follow, Dr. Pepe Ramnath reveals his own unique and powerful perspective of how The Supernatural Kingdom can and should affect our lives on a daily basis, causing us to become extraordinary human beings. Only to the degree that we submit our hearts and lives in surrender to the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords will we realize "the greatness of His power towards us" and unlimited resources of the heavenly kingdom that are at our disposal.

Jim Cernerio

Minister of Music / Worship Leader World Healing Center Church

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Endorsements

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When a man of God who has been immersed in the power and demonstration of the Kingdom of God is also a scientist who has explored the mysteries of creation itself, his insights are priceless. Pastor Pepe Ramnath is a rare breed of individual, who has the ability to combine the

best of his comprehension of the laws of creation by way of science, with the brilliance of his theological understanding of the demonstration of the Holy Spirit and power. What you hold in your hands is a testimony and a treatise of the hidden workings of God in the lives of those who are willing to be fully surrendered to His Spirit. If you hunger for the power of God's life and the effectual working of His miracles in your experience, then look no further...open these pages and feast on the table that is spread here for you by one of God's choice servants of this 21st century.

Dr. Mark J. Chironna PhD

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Today, the Lord is restoring to the Church an understanding of the message that Jesus preached. In his book, "The Supernatural Kingdom," Dr. Ramnath displays a special insight and understanding of the Kingdom. Not only has he clearly interpreted some passages that may have seemed complicated, but he has also been able to utilize the truths learned from his scientific training and use them to assist in interpreting and explaining Kingdom truths.

Dr. Ramnath zeroes in on important Kingdom Principles such as our relationship as Sons and Lordship. I believe that because he came from a religious experience of Hinduism, he has a great appreciation for relationships.

You cannot read this book and remain the same. It is the kind of truth that will transform your thinking and your behavior as a Kingdom Citizen. We are indebted to Dr. Ramnath for sharing the insights from his own research and relationship with the Lord.

I believe this book should be required reading for every new convert and everyone who desires to understand the message that Jesus preached. I deem it an honor to endorse this important contribution.

Dr. Richard H. Pinder

Pastor/ Sr. Vice President

Bahamas Faith Ministries International

My recommendation for this book comes from the content of the author as much as the content

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of the pages. Pepe and Angela have demonstrated mastery of the subject and proof of their accomplishment. Their church is an outworking of these

principles. Read them well.

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My dear friends I have known Pepe for 14 years I have seen GOD move in his life and ministry. I know that the anointing rests upon him and his wife Angela. They both serve GOD with diligence and dedication. I know that this book will be a blessing to you. Enjoy.

Pastor Cecil Lamb
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Dr. Ramnath, reading your Book was a great pleasure and very informative. The chapter that ministers to me the most is especially chapter 10. As a minister of the gospel balancing the anointing and character is extremely important to personal growth. God give us the anointing but we must develop character. I highly recommend this book and especially this chapter.

Pastor Dexter Skepple
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Knowledge is indeed power! As my brother, Dr Pepe Ramnath, shares his wealth of knowledge in this deep, insightful and inspiring book he empowers the reader to grasp the kingdom principles and access the rights and privileges that belong to every child of the King. It is an exciting journey of discovery and adventure as Biblical truths are explained through scientific illustrations in a clear, well-presented manner. The emphasis on worship entices the reader to press forward eagerly to get to that place of intimacy where our Lord awaits with open arms. This book should be a challenge to every believer to go beyond the sphere of mediocrity in his Christian walk.

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I have watched the author grow in ministry. Endowed with a keen mind for scientific research, Dr. Ramnath has an even keener pursuit for the supernatural dimension of god's real redemptive power.

Within this document, Dr. Ramnath penetrates an area that is always relevant to all. He, who is depending only on his own mental power and wisdom, soon comes to the end of himself for God rewards those who diligently seek Him.

I encourage you to take this journey with Dr. Pepe Ramnath and experience the difference that

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a living faith in a present and real Holy Spirit can make in your life today.

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Dedication

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Introduction

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here is nothing more important to God than to manifest his kingdom on earth. This desire is seen in the Lord's Prayer given as an example to his disciples, when he said, "Thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven." Heaven is clearly not the kingdom, but the kingdom is what gave heaven the ability to become the kingdom of heaven.

This kingdom became manifested when Jesus came to the earth, but it was always there since the foundation of the world. It was dormant in the ruins of the hearts of fallen men, yet it could not be destroyed nor hidden. Often times, the power of this kingdom would raise its head in the voices of the prophets, kings, men and women, who would dare to obey God. When the kingdom was proclaimed in times of old, people, nations, and generations were affected permanently by its impact.

The kingdom of God is not just words but it is of great power and the primary focus of this book. Jesus Christ illustrated this great power in three and a half years of ministry proclaiming this powerful message of the kingdom and healing all who were diseased and oppressed. When Jesus spoke, his words became kingdom principles that immediately produced miraculous results. These words or principles of the Kingdom still work the same way today as they did when Jesus walked the earth as a man. These kingdom principles find their persuasions and impact today in the words of Jesus when he said, "I am the same yesterday, today and forever more". Our world was permanently affected by the arrival of the King of this supernatural Kingdom.

The prophets of the Old Testament lived in the times of earthly kingdoms and saw great results of the kingdom of God as the spirit of God came upon them. But since the arrival of Jesus, we do not just speak about the kingdom, we live in it and it lives in us. Our relationship with God is affected by the environment of the kingdom of God here on earth. That is why the apostle Paul said in 1st Corinthians 5:20 that the kingdom of God is not in words, but in power. We have been privileged to live in the kingdom and this kingdom is naturally supernatural. Anything we do in it becomes

naturally supernatural by nature for this is the character of the kingdom of God.

We can control our environment and circumstances, for our spirit possesses this ability and desire from the very beginning of time. Our natural desire is to dominate and control our personal environment. This desire came from our Creator when he blew his image and likeness into us, his breath of life. All of God came into our being through his breath and the desire to dominate and control territories were now engineered into the very core of our being.

We cannot escape this compelling force that drives us to master our domain and control our environment. We must, however, reconnect ourselves to God and his breath so our built-in drive to conquer may be executed properly. Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini, and other world tyrants misused and abused this drive because they misunderstood the power that was built within them. They were not connected to God almighty; instead they became connected to the god of this world. The results were catastrophic and the memories of these horrific and tragic events still haunt the world today.

God has given us the Holy Spirit to lead us into our destination and purpose. Through the leading of the Holy Spirit, we can now have a little heaven on earth forever. Everything about the Holy Spirit is supernatural in nature. In other words, the Holy Spirit is naturally supernatural. There is really nothing ordinary about him. He is given to us as an extension of God on earth and according to the Scriptures, he lives in us. His indwelling presence is interested in fulfilling the will of God only. He reminds us of everything Jesus did and said so we may follow the instructions of our king accurately. Jesus did and spoke about the kingdom leaving the assignment of manifesting his words to his disciples. The Holy Spirit, therefore, has no other choice except to manifest only the words of Jesus that are powerful principles of the Kingdom of God.

The kingdom of God is a supernatural kingdom that works silently and explosively. Jesus equates the workings of the kingdom with yeast. Yeast is a *Candida* in microbiological terms that begins with one unicellular organism and reproduces itself by budding. The yeast used in bread, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, takes about three to six days to mature and once it gets into a substrate, it is impossible to extract or isolate it. The kingdom of God works in the same manner. It enters the world silently and matures

over some time. Once it enters your workplace, marketplace, schools, families, churches, communities, and nations, it cannot be extracted again.

Our families, churches and nations will be permanently affected by this forceful, yet gentle power of the kingdom of God. Governments may try new legislations, bills and laws to try to alter the effects of this yeast-like kingdom, but they will not work. The micro-organism effects of the kingdom will reproduce itself again and again. It just can not be stopped. One spore of influence will grow and mutate into massive colonies of greatness and change. The more pressure or heat you apply to a yeast spore the more it multiplies. You will not know where these changes are coming from for it is in the nature of that spore to reproduce itself under unfavorable conditions. Billions of spores are reproduced from just one spore of yeast.

In fungal biology, we learn that when you try to kill fungal/mold, it releases mycotoxins in its defense. Mycotoxins can be very fatal to humans and animals. It is more deadly than the spores. It is fatal or dangerous to attack God's kingdom, because it has its own defense mechanism built within it. Trying to get rid of the His kingdom can be proven fatal resulting in permanent damage. No wonder the Bible says we must not touch God's anointed nor harm His prophets. The anointed and prophets are the yeastlike spores that grow into massive colonies of the kingdom and spread like wild fires in the California forests. The end result of Adolf Hitler, who tried to get rid of the Jews, is a good example of how the kingdom of God defends its citizens. You see, the kingdom of God suffers violence and the violent takes it by force. (Matthew 11:12)

This Kingdom that Jesus preached is so powerful that it can change men and women in an instant, without respect as to how long they came into the kingdom. John the Baptist was a powerful man of God, who was considered one of the greatest men born from a woman. The Bible tells us in Matthew 11:11, that as great as John the Baptist was, the most recent convert in the kingdom of God is greater than him. If John was considered the greatest born of a woman, then he is greater than every one of the prophets of old, yet the least in the kingdom is greater than he who is greater than all who were born of a woman.

We are therefore greater than we can even think or imagine, because the kingdom of God has this supernatural ability to change us right before our eyes. In my wife's book, "Arise Esther", she wrote a compelling story of

the life of Esther as it relates to women in the Kingdom. This work encourages women from all walks of life to embrace the Kingdom and walk in their God given rights and potential. It is a must read for those who want to know how to influence people in authority with Kingdom authority. Esther exercised great bravery to face a king who was committed to his word, yet with much prayer unto the one who controls the heart of all kings, she persuaded him to change his words.

It is with great convictions and loving persuasion of the Holy Spirit, that I write this book to help the body of Christ to walk in the full power, manifestations and demonstration of the Kingdom through insight, revelation and practical teachings led by his Excellency, the Holy Spirit. It is impossible to know the message of the Kingdom and walk powerless. This kingdom that Jesus preached is full of power, miracles, healing, deliverance and supernatural manifestations that I think you should know. Come, journey with me into a kingdom from the petals of the pages in this book, the supernatural kingdom in an atmosphere of his presence.

Chapter 1

Basic Concepts of the Kingdom

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Man kind is looking for a life full of joy and happiness. The longing for this life full of joy is in the back of every man's mind, and his quest to find it has caused an endless search without satisfaction. The world that we live in is spinning out of control and everyday presents some kind of disaster. It seems like every time we find a moment of peace, it is interrupted by some kind of gloom. Families, communities, nations and even nature is bathing in a pool of uncertainties today and many are all looking for some kind of heaven on earth.

Knowledge of what Jesus preached will deliver us from these uncertainties, bondage and will help us find the fullness of this joy and happiness that we seek. Complete joy, happiness and life are found by the one who said that he has come that we may have life and have it abundantly. Jesus offers us this life in the message he spent his ministry on

earth teaching; the message of the kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God contains the information you need to live life on this earth to its fullest.

Despite the magnitude and vastness of this supernatural kingdom, it finds itself living in the temples of people. This is something that we may never be able to comprehend with the human brain, though it is an inherent ability of the kingdom of God. Our imagination still staggers at the thought of how God confined himself into the little body of Jesus, as much as, the Kingdom living inside of our small frame. This is the same as saying infinity fits in finite and forever fits in a moment. The human brain does not have enough cells or angstroms to comprehend this wonder of our God.

The Kingdom is not ordinary, but extra-ordinary; full of heaven's invading power. Every community, nation or culture would feel the effects of this supernatural kingdom, because it instantly changes everything it touches. The effects may not be noticeable by human eyes, but through the microscopic lens of the spirit, an invasion has just begun. A never ending yeast budding reproduction takes place as an atmosphere of a perfect environment gives it permission to do so.

Everything you would ever need to live a victorious, triumphant and successful life on earth is directly proportional to our knowledge and relationship with the kingdom of God. Our lives are greatly affected by how much we know about this kingdom. That is why we should seek the kingdom of God first, lest we live a life of continuous defeat and despair.

Religion has taught us to seek things and create traditions and rituals that have driven us far away from the true and living God. But for the love of God, Jesus came to the earth to restore mankind back to God by reintroducing the concepts of the kingdom of God. He proclaimed that if we seek the kingdom of God instead of religion, rituals and traditions, we would have everything we could ever need to take control over our lives and environment.

A king who turns from his word would be considered weak and not trustworthy.

In the book, Arise Esther, Angela wrote about Queen Esther and her influence over an earthly kingdom ruled by King Ahasuerus (Xerxes). Esther then sought the face of God in prayer and fasting, a kingdom principle; she then found great comfort in her time of need. The kingdom of God came to her rescue that resulted in changing the mind of one of the most influential kings from destroying a nation of people called the Jews.

This was unheard of, for no king in those days ever turned away from his word. His word was his bond and the center of his strength. Any king who turned away from his word would be considered weak and not trustworthy. A king turning from his word was unheard of; yet Esther changed the mind and plan of king Ahasuerus (Xerxes). She knew how to tap into the resources of a kingdom that was higher than any other kingdom. She knew that all other kingdoms must bow and obey the kingdom of her forefathers, despite how things may appear or look. After all she was a maiden, who became a Queen. She had no voice, no influence and no weight, but she knew the voice of the right kingdom.

The kingdom will change your worst enemies and cause them to bless you.

Your voice may seem void, empty and no one listens to you, but as you tap into the kingdom that Jesus preached, you will see how much your voice and opinion matters. The kingdom of God will amplify your voice so everyone will hear it. Preaching the Gospel from a kingdom platform causes souls to be saved and everyone to stop and listen. The kingdom of God will even change your worst enemies and cause them to bless you.

Matthew 6:33

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

Every human being is searching for life's answer to happiness, peace and completeness. Many persons are seeking diligently after that one thing that would one day complete their entire being with great fervency and much joy. Many have turned to drugs, alcohol, philosophies, sciences, money and even religion, to find this one answer to everything, only to compound their present problems to something worse.

Jesus clearly showed us the one thing that can take care of all things in our lives. He came preaching this message of the Kingdom with the promise that it will solve all of life's problems and add all things we would ever need to live a fulfilled life. His message was clearly about the kingdom of God. We must be conscious of this fact and inquire more with greater interest of what he taught while he was on earth. This message was clearly very important to Jesus and it should capture the deepest part of our being if we want it to work for us. After all, He is our ultimate example, whom we should imitate and emulate.

The disciple, Matthew, recorded a man's desperate search for the kingdom so that he may enjoy life with great fulfillment and when he found it, which he did, he sold everything he had just to have it. This kingdom must have been of great importance to that man who sold everything he had to have this perfect treasure. What is even more important is that Jesus talked about this in great details. We must now pay special attention to this subject, because of Jesus' emphasis on it. It must be the answer that everyone has been seeking. The true meaning of life must be found in the basic understanding and concepts of this kingdom that the merchant found.

Matthew 13:44-45

“44. The kingdom of heaven is like unto a treasure hidden in the field; which a man found, and hid; and in his joy he goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

45. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is a merchant seeking goodly pearls: 46. and having found one pearl of great price, he went and sold all that he had, and bought it.” (KJV)

In this parable Jesus found something that brought such great joy in his life that he took his entire life's saving and bought the field with the hidden treasure. The field must have been affected by the treasure for him to buy it. This treasure must have had the answers to all of life's questions, troubles and frustrations for him to spend his entire life's saving on it.

This treasure must have contained all of the information he needed to live life in complete satisfaction and fullness, a life that all of us desire. This story was so important to Jesus' audience, because he repeated the story using a pearl and a net to further illustrate the kingdom he was talking about.

You who are in business can increase your business potential by adapting to the same principle of the kingdom of God. Jesus mentioned the desperate search of a merchant, (a business man or woman). This business man found a product that would establish him for life if he would only sell everything he had and buy this product he found. He was now set for the rest of his life on earth. He was happy, complete and in control. This man realized that the very product that he found would answer all his questions

and bring great satisfaction and fulfillment to him for the rest of his life. He sold everything that he worked so hard for all the days of his life.

The pearl that this business man bought was so small and insignificant. I could only imagine what his colleagues were thinking and saying. They must have thought their friend had lost his mind to sell everything and buy a little pearl. Well he did lose his mind. He lost his mind and took the mind of the King from that pearly kingdom. This small pearl had such significant value and it took a wise business man to sell everything he had to make this purchase. The man obviously had to have a great deal of experience in merchandise for him to make such a decision. He saw something that you and I don't normally see, because he was desperate.

The Church has not been desperate enough and has become ritualistic, religious and calloused. We sing songs of desperation, but in reality we are not desperate enough. When we become desperate for God, his presence, the pearl of the Kingdom, will become a reality to us. It cost this man everything he had, but he got everything he wanted. When we become desperate for God, it will cost us everything; but it will eventually give us everything we would ever need to live.

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There is a place in God where life becomes exciting, full of joy and complete, it is found in the man's pearl of the Kingdom. This is a place we should want to be, and we can if we follow the same trend as the merchant.

This pearl-treasure, that Jesus spoke about is the Kingdom of Heaven and when you find, it you will immediately regain your rightful position in life; you would conquer every problem that comes your way. Our problem is that we have been studying the benefits of the Kingdom instead of the Kingdom. Our blessings come from the Kingdom, not the blessings itself. While studying the blessing or benefits we sometimes stumble on a principle of the Kingdom and inherit its blessings.

We enjoy the moments of these blessing only to lack again. You see the message of the Kingdom is about a King who works with other kings for the purpose of taking back what rightfully belongs to him so that his kingdom will be established forever on the earth. When we preach about healing, miracles and prosperity we must not just preach that these are things God is capable of doing, but that these are benefits given to each

king, so he can complete the task assigned to him easily, completely and properly.

The message of the kingdom is about a king who works with other kings for the purpose of taking back what rightfully belongs to him thereby establishing his kingdom on the earth FOREVER.

It is the will of God to heal and prosper us because it is necessary for the purpose of completing our assignment on earth, not because he can do it, but because of the reason why he does it. What kind of God and king would our lord be if he gives us an assignment to complete without any financial strength, broke and unhealthy? It would be to his benefit for all of his kings to be healthy and prosper as their soul prospers. Our focus must be on the Kingdom rather than the benefits in order for us to use the benefits appropriately. The kingdom of God adjusts our motives so that we can bring heaven to earth. The kingdom of God is bigger than cancer, disease, money, devils and it proves this every time upon its arrival in any territory.

The Bible teaches us that Jesus came preaching the message of the kingdom of God, Matthew 4:17, then people got healed. The healing did not come as a result of Jesus teaching on healing, but as a result of him preaching the message of the Kingdom. You see, the king of this kingdom does not allow the citizens of his country to be sick. Sickness and disease is not a part of his kingdom, so when he brings us into the Kingdom of God, he has to get rid of anything that does not represent his government. Each citizen of his kingdom must also reflect the image of his government by the way they talk, walk and look. Wealth is then shifted from the non-citizens and into the hands of the citizens of the Kingdom so they can do their jobs effectively.

This message of the kingdom was prepared for us since the foundation of this world.

The more we study the kingdom, the more we will become rich, without lack, healed, delivered and set free from the concerns that weigh us down. We must understand, however, that the wealth that comes to us is for the purpose of joyfully establishing the kingdom of God within our jurisdiction. This wealth shift is seen in the Old Testament through the lives of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The children of Israel also enjoyed the wealth from the non-citizens of Egypt, as they were engrafted into the kingdom of God. The

Egyptians used their wealth to build idols and strange gods for worship. They were using the wealth improperly and not for the kingdom of God, so God shifted it into the hands of the Israelites for the building of his kingdom.

Did Jesus introduce a new message? Was this a new philosophy? Did he introduce a new religion? The answer to these questions is absolutely NO! This message of the Kingdom was prepared for us since the foundation of this world. The Kingdom of God was created for man long before Jesus started to preach it. This was not a new message, it was never lost, but it was there since the very foundation of this world. Man in his fallen state had drifted away from this marvelous truth and lived defeated ever since. Jesus came to the earth to restore this truth by being the truth and preaching the message of his kingdom.

Matthew 25:34

34 Then shall the King say unto them
on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my
Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world:

What is the difference between the Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God?

- The Kingdom of Heaven is a place or location where God the Father abides or lives
- The Kingdom of God consist of the principles that the Kingdom of heaven operates
- The Kingdom of God gave birth to the Kingdom of Heaven

The heavens were created before any of God's other creations, setting priority and structure for earth's function. In fact, the heavens were made to serve the earth with signs and seasons. The heavens have an inherent quality designed to make the earth and the inhabitants of it safe and informed.

Genesis 1:1

“In the beginning God created the
HEAVENS...”

The Garden of Eden was the perfect replica of what the Kingdom of Heaven looked like in its full manifestations on the earth. The garden was perfect and designed to serve man in completeness. Adam and Eve had no lack, disease, depression or concerns. The perfection of heaven on earth met

every need they could possibly have living on the earth. God is interested in bringing heaven to earth and he has given us the kingdom principle of prayer to accomplish this task. If you noticed in the book of Genesis, Adam walked with God in the cool of the day. This simply means that he was communing, talking or praying to God. It is in this action that heaven remained in the garden. If we were to follow Adam's prayer life or communion with God, heaven will invade wherever we exist.

If PRAYER brings HEAVEN to EARTH, then NO PRAYER will do the opposite!!!

The disciples of Jesus saw him fix every situation he came in contact with and noticed his routine of early morning prayer. They asked him to teach them how to pray, because they knew that the power to manifest Kingdom benefits was found in the principle of prayer. This is the same principle that will always bring heaven to earth, manifesting the power of his kingdom. We can bring this invading power of the kingdom of God into our situations every time we apply the basic concepts of His kingdom.

Luke 11:2

“And he said unto them, when ye **pray**, say, Our Father, who art in Heaven Hallowed be thy name. Thy **kingdom comes....**”

Prayer is therefore necessary for the bringing or invasion of HEAVEN to the earth and If PRAYER brings HEAVEN to EARTH, then *NO PRAYER* will do the opposite for it would bring HELL to EARTH. It is of utmost importance that we pray everyday and during the course of the day. The Bible tells us in 1st Thessalonians 5:17 that we should pray without ceasing. Every opportunity that we have, we should invite God to earth through the art of prayer.

Prayerlessness is the prayer that we must not pray which is offered up to Satan. Satan always answers prayerlessness. The Kingdom is absent in prayerlessness, which is the reason why the Church is living a defeated life.

Prayerlessness is the prayer that we don't pray.

Prayer meetings are the least attended services in any Church today. Yet Jesus did not start a day without prayer. He proclaimed in the Scriptures that his house is called the house of prayer, but we have made it a den of preachers, sermons and non-tithers. We see so little of prayer in the house of God, yet we wonder why people are not being healed by the power of God. The Word is being preached but not practiced. We preach that the

house of God is the house of prayer, but we have made it a house of preaching only. Let's practice the word of God. Let us encourage more prayer in our private times and in Church corporately.

I have never felt such urgency for prayer as now. This urgency has forced me to find ways to encourage others to live a lifestyle of prayer. I know people would resist the notion for prayer, but I sought the face of God for direction in prayer and fasting. He has instructed me to combine prayer with bible study and I have seen great results in motivating people to pray in our congregation. Almost seventy five percent of our members attend prayer meeting and the success of these meetings have resulted in salvation, healings and miracles taking place every week. I believe others will catch the vision of this very important key in bringing the kingdom of heaven into their lives. I am trusting God for the entire Church to understand and participate. I know that this key ingredient of prayer will simplify their lives and allow them to live a purposeful life.

Prayer is definitely a kingdom key to unleashing the supernatural manifestations of God in our lives, communities, nations, and countries. It is sad to see so many people ignoring this powerful key. Jesus said that the house of God is called the house of prayer.

I have designated Chapter 9 in this book to be on prayer because of its great importance in bringing the supernatural Kingdom on earth. I must warn any Church that will employ prayer that resistance will come to discourage your efforts. You must remember that though your efforts may be challenged, you will not fail using what Jesus commanded us to do. A few may try to oppose you, but the urgency of the kingdom of God must come to earth. It is the command of our Lord, so just do it and allow people time to catch this powerful and riveting concept of the kingdom called prayer.

Chapter 2

A Family of Sons and Daughters

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he privileges that are given to a son or daughters are far better than those given to a visitor. We must come to a place where we are sons and

Daughters instead of visitors. I cherish the moments I have with my children and I will do anything to make them happy, because they are my sons and daughter. I love people, but there is a difference in my relationship with people and my children. Some of my close associates and friends know the honor of enjoying time with my wife and me. These friends and family have the privilege of entering my home without a verbal invitation, because of my relationship with them. My relationship with my friends, families and associates gave them access to my home anytime they want. It is the same with our heavenly Father.

Genesis 1:26-28

²⁶Then God said, “Let Us make man in our image, according to our likeness; let them have **dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”²⁷So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have **dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

It is very hard to understand the original plan of God if we don't go back to the beginning. This plan of God was aborted in the Garden of Eden when Adam gave it up for Satan's plan. Man fell from being a son, who possessed dominion rights over all the earth, fish of the sea, things that fly, crawl, and everything else. This dominion right of man was lost when his relationship with God was cut-off. He was no longer a son and no longer belonged to the family of God; instead he became a prodigal son.

Man fell from being a son who possessed legal rights to dominate.

This dominion was given to man because he had a personal relationship with his God. A man who has a good relationship with his father is called a son. A man who does not have a good relationship with his Father is called a prodigal son.

The difference between a true Son and a Prodigal Son:

A prodigal son is without dominion or power. A son of God has power and dominion.

A prodigal son lives in a far away country. A son of God lives in a kingdom.

A prodigal son has to provide for himself. A son of God is provided for by his father.

A prodigal son causes great grief to his father. A son of God brings great joy to his Father.

A prodigal son makes a name for himself. A son of God inherits his Father's last name.

In the New Testament, just as James is the son of Zebedee and Isaac is the son of Abraham, we are the sons of God. In a sense, God's last name is God and we take his last name, thus we are called sons of God, just like James was called the son of Zebedee. This is very important to know and understand because we take on the nature of our last name, that determines our rights. We have the nature of our Father and his rights.

We were all born from a corrupt DNA (iniquity) of a fallen Father (Adam) and this automatically made everyone born from him a prodigal son. We were, therefore, born disconnected from God, our heavenly Father. Anyone born in sin could not be in relationship with God, because God cannot be around nor tolerate sin. This birth further pushed us away from the heavenly Father to become sons and daughters of another father, who was now responsible and in charge of all prodigal sons and daughters. This new Father, whom Jesus called the 'father of lies' is the one whose last name is inherited by the prodigal sons and daughters hence, embracing his nature.

John 8:37-44

³⁷“I know that you are Abraham's descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. ³⁸I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father.” ³⁹They answered and said to Him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham. ⁴⁰But now you seek to kill me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not

do this. ⁴¹You do the deeds of your father.” Then they said to Him, “We were not born of fornication; we have one Father—God.” ⁴²Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. ⁴³Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. ⁴⁴You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.”

The enemy, Satan, took the rights of ‘fatherhood’ from Adam through deception in the Garden of Eden and caused iniquity (corrupt DNA) to enter the blood line of mankind. Anyone who came from Adam’s loins was now born in sin and shaped by this new corrupted DNA, called iniquity. Man carried this corrupt DNA in the blood of Adam from one generation to another. This corrupt blood now had death in it and death got its life from sin. Sin is really disconnection from God. Anything that disconnects itself from its source dies immediately. Death was the only thing that God had created without life. Death was created dead, useless and inherent in everything. Death was in the garden but it was dead. It was only after Adam disconnected from God, sinned, that death came alive.

Death had to be around to prove that life exists. Good Friday has been rightly named because Good Friday was the beginning of the killing of death. Jesus shed his blood on the cross to destroy death for life and death was found in the blood. He shed his blood as a perfect man whose DNA was directly from his Father, God.

The most painful experience Jesus had was not the whips, beating, the cross, sickness or the sins of the world but the disconnection from his Father. Jesus became sin and the father cannot look upon sin so he had to turn his face for a moment and it was in this moment Jesus died. The second Adam was disconnected just like the first Adam and death was evident. Jesus summarized sinful creation within thirty three and a half years just to redeem it again. The blood of Jesus was pure enough to raise Jesus back from the dead and reconnect him to God his Father one more time. This was the redemptive experiment of God that we now use to reconnect ourselves to God the Father when we accept Jesus’ death on the cross for our sins. Now we can say death where is your sting and grave where is your victory.

God built man originally with an ability that would automatically purge him from sickness and diseases in his blood after every three to four generation. Since man did not have a good example like his heavenly Father to follow, he returned to his original state of sickness even after his automatic purge from sin.

The fall of man destroyed his rights; not the original intentions of God for him

The cycle kept happening over and over again, because God did not have any representation on the earth that man could have followed out of his sickness. Man needed a father on earth to follow and all he had was the father of lies, murder and hate, so he kept repeating the same sin over and over. We were rulers now being ruled against our nature.

The fall of man took his rights, but not the original intentions that God had for him. Since the fall and disconnection of his family, God has been working to provide provision to restore mankind back to his original place in Him. God then clothed himself with flesh and came to earth to point man back to Him. An ultimate example that you and I can identify with finally showed up to give us directions, and ability to break this annoying and reoccurring cycle of defeat.

It is important to know that man lost his relationship with God, not his religion. Man lost relationship with heaven, not the country he lives in. Jesus came as a son of God to restore us back as sons or children of God. He accomplished this task by being a man just like us, a son of man. Our relationship with God was immediately restored to us when we receive Jesus as the son of God.

John 1:12-13

¹²But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Blood and flesh is where sin seems to revolve around mankind and failure holds mankind in captivity. God sent his son Jesus to die a horrible death by shedding his blood and ripping his flesh, where man's reoccurring failures were taking place. If the flesh was crucified, then the reoccurring failures of man would be crucified as well. Man would be free from this failure that happens to him automatically and without notice. This

frustrating act of sin that torments him, has finally met its match when the blood of Jesus was spilled at Calvary.

Jesus is the son of God but he came as the son of man as well. As the son of man he presented man before God. When this happens, God sees the failures, malfunctions and weakness of man. This is exactly how he sees it through Jesus his son. If God sees these defects in us as sin, he has to immediately judge them. But when he sees them through his sinless son, Jesus, he sees them as defects, malfunctions and weaknesses only. God can then fix mankind from what he sees through Jesus as the son of man.

God's project is to make the sons of man more like the sons of God. He sees the short comings of man and he analytically remakes man into a son of himself by comparing man to his perfect son, Jesus. He then gently allows men to go through the channels of sufferings, pains and agony just to develop him into his son.

After a period of thirty three and a half years, the son of man was changed into the son of God. This process of analysis and conversion was documented and placed in a book for all of us to follow. The conversion and process of becoming a son of God was then found in the operation manual called the Holy Bible. When we become sons of God, we become true family of God.

People become family through blood relationships and so the blood of the son of God is transferred to the veins of ordinary man from his relationship he now has with the Father just like Jesus had with his Father. It is in this type of relationship that man was made family unto God again. Jesus gave his blood on the cross and restored the relationship between man and God. Now we have both blood and relationship making us family with God again. More privileges are given to a family than a visitor. A family member has the privilege of going into any part of your house while a visitor only goes to areas permitted.

The Garden of Eden was the first experience of the kingdom of heaven on earth.

The Garden of Eden was the first experience of the kingdom of heaven on earth. This is also where man was in relationship with his Father and was the family of God. Man was not made for the garden, but the garden was made for the sons and family of God. This was an automatic provision of the heavenly Father towards all his children. When we accept Jesus as the son of God, our Father begins to provide a garden of heaven for us. The

Kingdom of heaven enters every territory our feet touch. These territories include the car we drive, the plane we fly, the job we work at and the house we live in. Heaven is invading the earth wherever we choose to live, work or drive.

The garden of God is provided to every child of the King. We are perfectly safe wherever we go; for the kingdom of God goes with us everywhere we go bringing the kingdom of heaven to that region or territory.

The concept of kingdom is how God made his first family provisions and sent Jesus as a King to restore this kingdom back to us again. The original plan of God is now restored through the original concept of kingdom living found in the Garden of Eden.

When we think about a king we immediately think about subjects, slaves and servants that labor for the king. Earthly kingdoms are set up in such a way that servants work for the king. In the kingdom of God the king work with kings and servants learn to become kings before they can eventually work with him. The Bible clearly supports the fact that the king works with kings, who were once subjects and servants because of sin. God takes pleasure in working with kings and lords. He is delighted to share his estate with kings and lords rather than servants. God expresses these feeling in the words he uses to characterize himself in the Book of Revelation.

Rev. 19:16

“And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written: *KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.*” (Underlined, italicized and capitalized by the author)

The Bible calls the Church ‘the bride of Christ’ and the Church is made up of men and women. This means men are called brides; the bride of Christ. In the same manner, women are called sons of God. God identifies male and female as bride and sons on a basis of their positional power with him and not gender. Bride is a strong indication of God providing everything for us as a true husband will provide for his wife. A son does not mean young males, but the position of authority and rights that a male or female has in God. Servants are not members of the family of God; it is the sons who are members. Jesus has destroyed the line that divides male and female, Jews and gentiles, whites and blacks. Religion has long separated

the genders and races, but Jesus came to set the captive free by breaking racism, gender inequality and religion made by man.

We must abide in the Word and depend on the Holy Spirit to give us the true revelation of his Word. Without the Holy Spirit the word will become a letter only and the letter kills, while the Spirit gives life. The letter demands reasoning, an ability embraced by man's fallen nature. This fallen nature does not understand the voice of the spirit so it interprets data on a basis of its fallen state that is sin. Sin keeps man in bondage, but as sons of God we are free.

John 8:31-36

³¹Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³²And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

³³They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How *can* you say, 'You will be made free'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Most

assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. ³⁵And a slave does not abide in the house forever, *but* a son abides forever. ³⁶Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

God wants his family back and his original plan never left his mind, for his mind is eternally full of ways of blessing us. He brings these blessings from his thoughts to us through the kingdom that Jesus preached. Let us do everything within our being to find this kingdom like the merchant and the man searching for treasure. When we find the kingdom, the supernatural will pull us into the heart of our God and life will be full of joy unspeakable.

Matthew 13:44-46

⁴⁴"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, ⁴⁶who, when he had

found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

We must desperately seek the kingdom and make it the first priority in our lives. The more of the kingdom we discover with its concepts and principles, the more we would understand the supernatural workings of God. Let us become more like the merchant who was not afraid to take a chance on what he knew would change his life for good. He sold everything for this one pearl, for this one pearl had everything and more than the pearls he had. It would cost you something for this precious kingdom, but when you give everything away just to have it, you will surely have what you had and so much more. It is within the nature of the kingdom of God to supernaturally take what you have and multiply it productively. The kingdom of God is a supernatural multiplier and a way-maker especially when there is no way.

Chapter 3

An Atmosphere of His Presence

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hen God gave me the vision for Miramar Christian Center International, he incorporated the motto of the ministry to reflect its vision: An atmosphere of His Presence.

God is automatically surrounded by his own presence that radiates from his being. It is from his presence that everything is given life, purpose, meaning and existence. God's presence is an automatic reflection of his being; which means wherever his presence is felt; he is there to give life.

I enjoy the presence of God so much in each Service that I refuse to preach or do anything without his manifested presence. It seems as though when the presence of God comes into our private prayer time and corporate service, everything becomes so simple and very easy. It seems as though when the presence of God shows up, no human effort is necessary or needed to fulfill any assignment at that moment. Life becomes easier and enjoyable; for everything done becomes simple and effortless in the glorious presence of God.

Adam had such an easy life before the fall, but he blew it. The description of the garden as a perfect paradise was engulfed in the mighty presence of God. Adam never got tired; neither did he sweat when he was in the presence of God. This is a fact, because it was only after the fall that God said in Genesis 3:19 to man that he would have to sweat by his brow to eat bread. The presence of God helped Adam to perform his duties without sweating and tiring.

Atmosphere is the air in a particular place, such as the humid atmosphere of the greenhouse, the mood of a book, film, painting, piece of music, etc. The general impression of an atmosphere was depicted as solemn in the film, "The passion of the Christ" or the bravery and strength of Esther in the movie, "One Night with the King."

A unit of atmospheric pressure is equal to normal air pressure at sea level.

In the sciences, an atmosphere is defined as the layer of gas surrounding a planet, especially the Earth held by the forces of gravity or the air in a particular place, e.g. the humid atmosphere of the greenhouse. A unit of atmospheric pressure is equal to normal air pressure at sea level. The atmosphere of the earth determines the comfort of the inhabitants living in that environment. Animals, plants and humans live or die according to the atmosphere that surrounds them. Many people have had the experience of a very hot day with all the displeasures of the heat and humidity it produces. This kind of atmosphere brings such discomfort that it causes different physical and behavioral responses from animals, plants and humans. In other words, atmosphere can affect and alter the proper development of living and non-living materials that are within its influence. Our feelings and well being are so often affected by the atmosphere for the good as well as the bad.

God has engineered within us equipments and instruments that can alter our environment or atmosphere for the comfort of spiritual growth and development.

We have advanced as humans with our inventions of air conditioners, humidifiers, and different atmospheric changing mechanisms capable of altering our environmental conditions to be suitable for our comfort. These scientific advancements have proven that we have the ability to change the

atmosphere we live in with the right equipment and instruments that are available to us.

God has engineered us with built in equipments and instruments that can alter our environment or atmosphere for the comfort of spiritual growth and development. Worship unto God can change the atmosphere for the presence of God to come in and make our environmental conditions perfect and conducive for the supernatural manifestations of God. I believe these equipments are found in the institution of the kingdom of God. Heaven is full of this presence as the elders and angels worship God twenty four hours a day. This knowledge has been made available to us through the word of God, and it is in God's greatest interest to bring this heavenly atmosphere to earth.

Pastor Mark Bethel, the Fine Arts Director at Bahamas Faith Ministries, came to our Church and spoke about preparing an atmosphere of the presence of God with our breath. I began to look into the science of what he was saying concerning the chemistry of the breath of man. Our breath releases carbon dioxide when we exhale and oxygen when we inhale. Carbon dioxide is a gas that is a major concern in the effects of the greenhouse theory that our planet is undergoing at the moment. Greenhouse effect is the accumulation of gases such as carbon dioxide and methane in excess into the atmosphere of the earth that absorbs sunlight and heat up the planet considerably. Below is a picture of a carbon dioxide molecule.

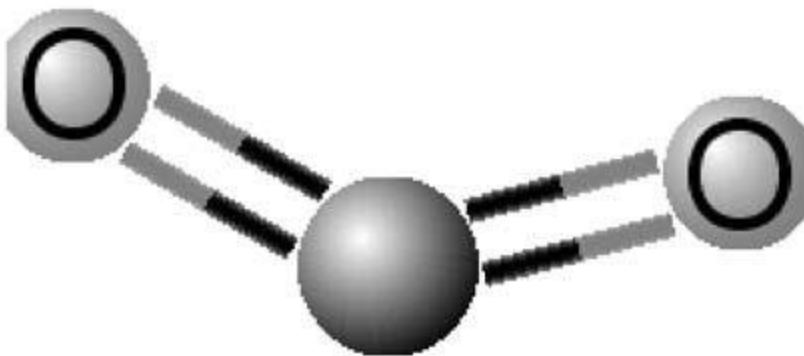


Figure 1.

I could understand what Minister Mark Bethel shared about praising God and releasing our breath to Him, for our breath creates the gas that the presence of God inhabits. God does a lot with his own breath and it creates the perfect environment for him to supernaturally demonstrate his power and character.

When sunlight collides with the gases, it causes the greenhouse effects. Our planet becomes hotter when light is absorbed into the gases of the

environment during it's collisions the effects of climatic changes are felt all over the world. This effect is felt around world. There is so much similarity in how nature finds comfort with the principles of how God reacts to us when we obey them. I have illustrated in figure 1 above a picture of what a carbon dioxide molecule look like so you can gain some knowledge of what I am trying to explain.

The Carbon Cycle: Rapid Processes

Simplified principal sources and sinks of carbon dioxide that act on a rapid timescale (1-100 years).

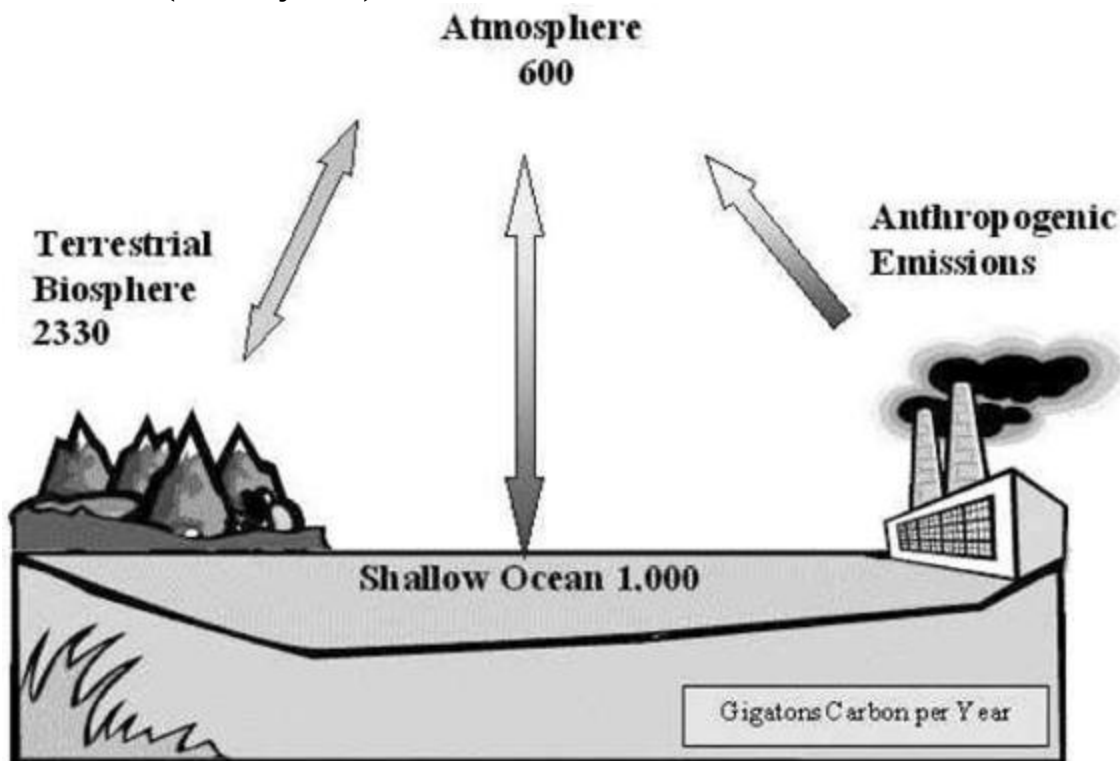


Figure 2

Figure 2 is a good picture of how carbon dioxide is distributed to the atmosphere and the ocean. As light come from the sun, it is absorbed by the carbon dioxide that results in rapid temperature increase we feel daily. You may have noticed that some nights are as hot as the day, maybe slightly cooler. The reason why our nights are hot without the sunlight is because the heat from the sun remains inside the carbon dioxide molecule (figure 1.).

Since carbon dioxide is heavier, it stays in the atmosphere of the earth much longer than other gases and since the heat of the sun is absorbed by the carbon dioxide, the heat stays in the atmosphere whether it is night or

day. The heat eventually exits the molecule and the environment gets cooler. The process then starts all over again during the day when the carbon dioxide absorbs the sun's heat.

We must also bear in mind that as more carbon dioxide, methane and other greenhouse gases increase in our atmosphere, the hotter our planet becomes. These temperatures eventually affect the ocean, the North Pole, and the entire planet. In other words, the entire planet is affected and changed by the atmosphere set by the breath of the earth. (Green house gases).

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. As our breath of praises collects into the atmosphere of worship, the heat of the presence of God enters into each breath molecule and causes our body, the environment, and the entire earth to be affected. The earth will be filled with his glory as the nations around the world releases their breath of praise into the atmosphere of the earth. Just as heat exits the molecule in our atmosphere the presence of God exits the molecules of praises that we did yesterday. We need new molecules of praise each day to maintain an atmosphere of his presence.

For many years, I have watched Pastor Benny Hinn, Anganee Pinto, Mark Bethel, Rhona Radhay and so many great worshippers set an atmosphere for the tangible presence of God. I am especially drawn to the intense worship experience that my worship leaders, Anganee and Rhona demonstrate. In every service at our Church, we usher in the presence of God with heartfelt worship led by our faithful praise team. My keyboard player, Tony Radhay has faithfully served in choosing the right sounds that help each worshipper enter into the presence of God. I cannot stress enough how much loyalty, faithfulness, and commitment to the vision and the pastor of a church, is necessary for setting the atmosphere of God's presence in any church.

An atmosphere of God's presence is not only set by the instruments and voices, but especially by the faithfulness and obedience of the worship leaders. The worship leader sets the right temperature for effective worship by the degree of their submission to the vision of the senior Pastor. I have seen the atmosphere of an entire church changed without any musical instruments in Trinidad, Jamaica and other nations. This atmosphere was a result of the worship leader's heart set on the vision of the pastor. While music helps to set the perfect atmosphere, it cannot be done without the heart of a worship leader set on the vision of the Pastor.

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I once had the opportunity to observe Pastor Benny Hinn's worship leader, Jim Cernero, and I noticed that every song he chose was what Pastor Benny loves. I am sure that Jim loves other beautiful songs, but I noticed that he chose the songs that Pastor Benny Hinn loves and knows. Pastor Mark Bethel told me that he only chooses songs that pertain to the vision of his pastor, Dr. Myles Munroe, and any song he requests.

Worship is considered as a sacrifice unto God and He wants the sacrifice of praise, but prefers obedience. If our sacrifices are made with obedience to God, he will create an atmosphere that will supernaturally heal us. Mark went on further to say those chosen songs help to set an atmosphere for the word to come forth comfortably.

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We must do everything possible to hear from heaven. When heaven speaks the earth is given instructions for the healing of the land. This should be the greatest desire of any worship leader for they are called to usher people into the presence of God through the sacrifice of worship. Atmospheres are set especially by the obedience of the worship leaders and obedience is greater than sacrifice.

1 Samuel 15:22

“So Samuel said: “Has the LORD *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, *And* to heed than the fat of rams.”

The pastor sets the priority of worship; while the worship leader sets the mood of worship through obedience to the pastor. That is why I appreciate my worship leader, Anganee Pinto, because she sets the mood of worship by her obedience to the vision God has given me. Atmosphere is the same as surrounding, environment, ambiance, climate, tenor, mood, tone, feeling, air, spirit, and vibration.

The earth's atmosphere is divided into several layers, but life is comfortable at the first division of the atmosphere called the troposphere. It is in the troposphere that the animals, plants and other living beings have

the best life. In this part of the atmosphere, the trees take in carbon dioxide and breathe out oxygen during the day; and at night they take in oxygen and release carbon dioxide. Plants breathe just like humans at night; that is why it is not recommended to have plants indoors at night.

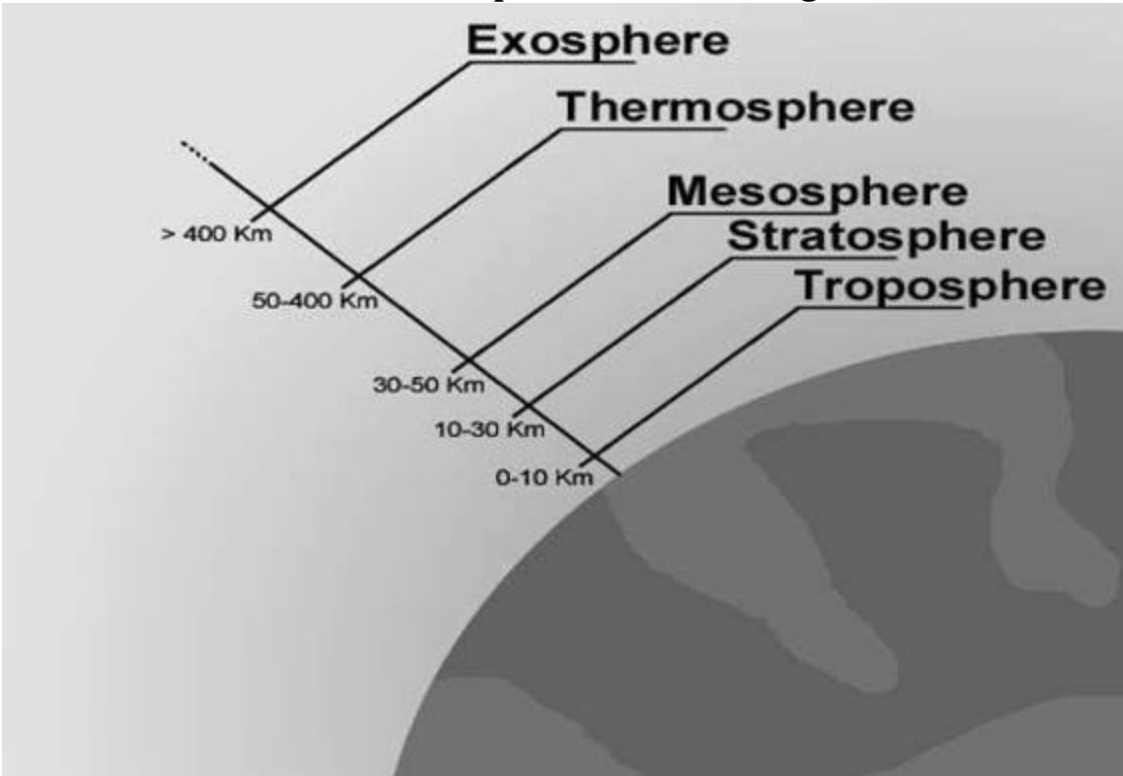


Figure 3.

We are commanded to praise the Lord and God has carefully instructed everything that has breath to praise the Lord. I can see us creating a similar environment when we exhale carbon dioxide into an atmosphere where God inhabits and absorb our breath with his mighty presence for supernatural manifestations of his power. Only God can do such an awesome act. The more we praise God, the greater the release of breath into the atmosphere that provides an environment for God to inhabit.

When the presence of God comes to the earth through the breath of praise, the angels of God quickly surround that presence to protect it. It is comfortable to say that wherever an atmosphere of God's presence is, a host of angels will be found on that spot.

The Role of Angels in the Atmosphere

Angels protect the presence of God. They are given the tasks to protect the presence and serve man on the earth. This protection means they will go to whatever extreme just to make sure the presence of God never gets

contaminated. The presence of God in us is protected by angels that continuously go before, with and behind us, because it is the nature of angels to protect the presence of God. It does not matter where the presence of God is, they must protect the presence of God. This protection automatically protects the vessels that house the presence of God and anything that is in close proximity.

Your families are protected by angels because of the presence of God in you. There is a certain distance that the angels allow anything or anybody to come near the vessel or presence. The Bible warns us about the hostile touching of the anointed and harming of the prophets of God, because these angels will go to whatever measure to protect the presence of God. I am so excited about the divine protection that is around me, but I am not ignorant of the fact that it is because of the presence of God that is in me.

Angels protect the Presence of God

We entertain angels on earth when we invite the presence of God into our environment. Angels are with us throughout the day and night, because of the presence of God in us. There are different divisions of angels and order of operations just to ensure the protection of the presence of God.

Romans 8:38-39

³⁸For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, ³⁹Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Colossians 1:16

¹⁶For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him.

These two Scriptures suggest that all things were made by God out of nothing and there are certain orders or organizations of things seen and unseen that were made by God for different degrees of excellence, offices, and employment. By this, I

mean there are beings with certain authority that others do not possess. These order or ranks were created for each division to depend on the other for the fulfillment of the will of God. No one being has all the power, for they need each other for the fulfillment of God's kingdom on earth. Only God has all power and authority. The entire creation put together completes the perfect will of God that already exists and operates in God.

ARCHANGEL ("arch" "angel")

Jude 1:9

⁹Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

The prefix "arch" suggests chief, principal or great angel. Michael is the angel in charge of all other angels. In other words, he is like the Prime Minister of God's administration of the universe. He is the only archangel, because Lucifer was an archangel who fell from this same position when he tried to outrank God.

Daniel 12:1 tells us that the archangel, Michael protects God's people. In Daniel 10:21 (also Rev. 12:7-12), Michael is referred to as "Prince" which means he is a messenger of LAW and JUDGEMENT.

In 1st Thessalonians 4:16, Michael, the archangel will announce with a shout the second coming of Jesus Christ. Each angel has its own rank and responsibility and each one works for God. Angels will also supervise the fearsome events of the end times as described in the book of revelation.

THE ANGEL GABRIEL is one of the most mentioned and prominent angels in the Scriptures. His name means "God's hero", "the mighty one" and "the messenger of Jehovah". Whenever he shows up, he ONLY bears GOOD NEWS; he cannot bring bad news or execute judgment. I believe he is one of the angels you would gladly receive. Gabriel must be a very pleasant angel to be around, however, the angels that surround him may not.

SERAPHIMS: These ranks of beings are after the order of the archangels and angels. The Seraphims praise God around the throne day and night according to Isaiah 6:1-6. They are positioned directly above the

throne of God, and they are incredibly beautiful. They have six wings, but use only two for flying. These beings help to cleanse and purify the servants of God according to Isaiah 6:7.

CHERUBIM: Ezekiel 10 gives us an idea of what a Cherubim looks like, while Ezekiel 9:3; Psalms 80:1; Psalms 99:1 show us the glory of God that is found between the Cherubims, who also assure the right of the high priest to enter the holy place with the right blood on behalf of the people the priest represents.

In 1st Peter 2:9, we are called “royal priests”, because we belong to the kingdom of God, where everything is royalty. A royal priest is who God wants us to be. God wants us to be priests unto him and possessors of the earth at the same time. Jesus is the perfect example of a royal priesthood and this is the ultimate example our Lord wants us to follow. We can do this accurately by following his word, as we grow into this royalty. We can now stand in the presence of God and the Cherubims of heaven through the royal blood of Jesus.

It does not matter how beautiful, marvelous, and great; all of these heavenly beings are in heaven. When they stand before God almighty, their splendor and glory are not as radiant as our awesome and majestic God. The radiance of our God is greater than any and everything seen and unseen, in heaven and on earth and the angels will support this fact.

ANGELS ARE REAL AND THEY WATCH OVER YOU EVERY DAY.

Chapter 4

The Principle of Lordship

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lord is one who owns whatever he or she lords over. A landlord is the owner of the land and anything that is upon it. When we say Jesus is our lord, we are saying that Jesus owns us and we are now his property.

Rev 11:15

¹⁵When the seventh angel blew his trumpet, there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the

kingdom of our lord and of his Christ, and he will rule forever and ever.”

It will be a great and victorious day when the voices of angels are harmonizing at the key of the seventh trumpet announcing the estates and ownership of our lord. Every kingdom that has had its influence from Satan will then be under the kingdom of its rightful owner, Jesus our Lord. In other words, Satan was working for God all along. God has the heart of kings in his hands. He has the ability to move wherever he desires; and on that day, all kings and kingdoms will bow to their rightful king. This will be a glorious day.

God has the hearts of kings in his hands.

God is king and lord. This means he owns everything. This everything means all the kingdoms; empires and worlds that Satan has taken control of by default and ignorance. These kingdoms, empires and worlds will become our king's property. To be lord means to be an owner and Satan was never once every mentioned in the Scriptures as a king or lord. He is referred to as a prince but never lord or king. The word “king” is a title given to the head of every kingdom. In some regions of the world, like Japan and China, a king is often referred to as an “emperor”.

An emperor is the same as a king. The word is closely related to “imperial”, “imperialistic” and “imperialism”. All these words deals with possessing land and owing territories just like a king. Now a true king automatically becomes a lord and it is his lordship that upholds his title as a king. Without his lordship, he would be a king without territory, land, wealth, military or anything and that sounds like nothing to me. Would you want to follow a king who has nothing? A king without a military cannot protect you, but a true king owns everything is his domain. The might of a king is shown in his wealth and possessions. A king automatically desires to conquer territories, and when he does, he becomes the owner of that territory. This same desire comes upon us when we enter his kingdom and change our title to king and lord. When the kingdom comes on us, we feel like traveling to places we would not normally go. This feeling is a result of kingship being activated in our system. We would want to possess the land and bring souls into the Kingdom. The Spirit of kingdom imperialism will move us to expanding our borders and taking new territory for Jesus our king.

Our God owns everything, including your enemy. The Bible tells us that the devil had to seek permission from God, the king, to take things away from Job in the Old Testament. Why didn't he just go straight to Job and start taking things from him? Because Satan is not a king, he does not own anything. God owns everything including the devil along with the fallen angels.

The devil and his fallen angels can only do things within the sphere of permission given to them by God the king and to go outside his sphere of permission will cost him his head eternally. Satan and demons are fully aware of their jurisdictions and they are definitely fully aware of the consequences of operating outside their jurisdictions. The devil cannot give you more than you can bear because he knows the rules. This makes the intentions and the works of the devil predictable and God determines what he can and cannot do.

Satan is the god of a world that operates closely to the atmosphere of the earth. The earth has been affected by Satan mainly by the close proximity of his jurisdiction, mistakes of Adam and no other particular reasons. This world that he operates that happens to be close to earth is his only jurisdiction of legal authority.

We must understand that God owns everything including the earth, as well as, Satan's legal sphere of authority. God never gave the earth to him. Satan is operating from a mistake that man made in the garden that is a part of his legislation from his world. He took Adam's dominion by deception, dictatorship and manipulation, but not by true kingship. This is not the characteristics of true lordship and his rulership is really second-hand rulership. This means that the first-hand rulership is still the legal rulership and it has the rights to take back rulership legally whenever he repositions himself back to his kingdom government. Jesus is the true King and Lord who knows that the earth belongs to the Lord. He does not have to fight or fuss for what belongs to him. He just has to bring one thing to the earth that Satan has absolutely no jurisdiction over and that is heaven. He has absolutely no influence in heaven and anything that is related to heaven, because he was kicked out of heaven by the King and Lord of everything.

You see the world that Satan owns is really a system of thinking and operation. He has used this system to convince the inhabitants of the earth to follow him. This system controls the wealth, health and other systems that would allow it to do so. But we don't live by this system even though

we are in the system. We are in this world, but not of this world; for we belong to a world that controls all worlds called the kingdom of God. The systems of this world are controlled by the system of the kingdom of God by automatic design. You see, all system has to obey the system of God. If God owns everything, then he owns the systems and the systems must obey him. Lordship means he owns even the systems.

All systems must obey the system of God.

If the system says that you will pay \$2000.00 per month for the next twenty years on a mortgage through 40 hours of work per week and some over time, you can turn the pages of the system of God and say what the kingdom of God says. Well the system of God says place first fruits, tithes and offering in God's storehouse and he will cause the heavens to open and the seams of your barns will burst open allowing you pay off your mortgage in five years instead of twenty five years. It also says in accordance to your faith, let it be done as you obey the laws of the constitution of heaven.

When we learn that the kingdom we belong to has a king who owns everything, we will live life differently. If Esther pleased the king and he was willing to give her up to half of his kingdom while he was a self-centered king, how much more will our king, Jesus, give us if we ask Him? He owns your boss, immigration, your worst enemy, your family and everything. The Bible tells us that the heart of the king belongs to the lord, and that he can move him to the right or the left. In the kingdom of God, your enemy will eventually serve you.

The greatest insult to God is when you claim or act as if you own everything. God owns one hundred percent (100%) of everything, but he allows you to use ninety percent (90%) of what he owns; but he really owns one hundred percent (100%) of everything, including the ninety percent (90%) he gave you. Ten percent (10%) of everything unconditionally belongs to him; he will take it back with interest legally somehow if you don't give him what rightfully belongs to him. This is the taxation of his kingdom and his built-in lordship ability. He is Lord and it is his nature to display this powerful characteristic. When God gave us the ninety percent (90%), he gave us the ability to be lords just like him, for this is his desire. We have this same instinct from the creative input of lordship in us given to us by the lord himself. We have the characteristics of our God and Lord when he made us in his image and likeness.

Now I want you to understand one of the major qualifications of a King and that is he cannot be handpicked, voted in or elected, but he must be born from kingdom lineage. In other, words his family had to be from another King. The Scripture tells us that Jesus was born a King.

Matthew 2:2

¹After Jesus had been born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King Herod, wise men from the east arrived in Jerusalem ²and asked, “Where is the one who was *born king* of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.”

Jesus was born a king from a kingdom called heaven, where his father is the ultimate king of Glory, creator of true kings, and owns the hearts of all kings. If God made kings, it means that he made the hearts of the king as well, and if he made it, it means that he has total control of it. To be king you have to be born a king or from the lineage of a king. Jesus knew that he was a king and no one had to convince him of this, for he was born with this position. He responded to Pilate’s question that he was born a king.

John 18:37

³⁷Pilate therefore said to Him, “Are You a king then?” Jesus answered, “You say *rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born* and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”
(Underlined and italics are from the author)

When the people tried to make him king, he left their presence because he did not want to be demoted. You see, a true king cannot be elected or voted in by people; but they had to be born. If he had only stayed around to get the votes and approval of those people to be made king, he would have lost his rightful position in God. People cannot make you a king; you have to be born a king from a father who is a king.

John 6:15

¹⁵When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, *to make him a king*, he departed again into a mountain himself alone. (Underlined

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from the author)

When men elevate you they can take you down, but when God elevates you, no man can take you down.

You see, when man elevate you, they can take you down, but when God lift you up, no man can take you down. I am sure some of these same people, who wanted to make Jesus a king, were also the same people who wanted him to be crucified later on. When I was about to become the pastor of our Church, many well meaning friends, family and well wishers encouraged me to do so, however, only a small fraction of that crowd are still members today. The changes and challenges many Pastors face today could only survive the humiliation, embarrassments and betrayal of ministry by knowing that God has chosen them to shepherd their flock. If you feel led by God to pastor a church, make sure you really heard from God, because if you wait to hear the approval of people, you would sooner or later hear the disapproval of the same people. Jesus did not allow the people to make him pastor or king, but he departed to the mountainside to be alone with God. When the embarrassments, humiliations, and betrayals come and they will, you will be able to stand the test of times, knowing that God called you and he will see you through.

We see that the only way a person can become a king is for him to be born a king. Jesus was born king and he showed us how to be born kings as well. In other words, for us to be born a king, we had to be re-born again in a kingdom that allows this type of birth. The kingdom that allows this kind of birth is called the kingdom of heaven and it does it through laws, concepts and principles called the kingdom of God. All of us have been born from parents who are not from royal lineage; in fact the only thing we were born with is sin; designed, fashioned and shaped in iniquity. Jesus, the great king, however established laws and principles that would allow us to be born again into the kingdom of heaven that qualifies us to be king. This rebirth is the spiritual chemistry that changes a born sinner into a born king.

John 3:3-5

³Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again; he cannot see the kingdom of God.

⁴Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the

second time into his mother's womb, and be born? ⁵Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Our rebirth is the spiritual chemistry for changing a born sinner into a born king.

So now, we are kings by birth that automatically qualifies us to be lords. This qualification allows us to legally take back control and ownership over everything that the enemy has stolen from us and everything that rightfully belong to us as kings. We had no chance of regaining these territories that rightfully belong to us, because we were wrongfully positioned by Adam's sins. But only God and God alone can change our position and reposition us as kings and lords just by giving us the principle of his kingdom. Flesh and blood cannot reveal this, but only the spirit whom the world cannot see nor understand. Ask God to open your eyes to see what you cannot see.

As kings and lords, we can have whatever we want within the domain and jurisdiction of the kingdom of heaven. This domain and jurisdiction tells me that my God can supply all of my needs according to his riches in glory. This domain and jurisdiction says that by the stripes on Jesus' back, I am made whole. This kingdom says, "Let the poor say that I am rich", because whatsoever a king says become law, and the poor has no choice except to become what he said and that is rich.

We are kings in the kingdom of God and we must walk in the authority of kingship, so that the kingdom of heaven can invade the entire earth. When this happens, there will be no place for the devil and his demons. The Bible says this will happen. The constitution of heaven has already declared that the devil will be bounded in the pits of hell and he will be eventually be there forever and ever. We can walk with our heads held high, because we know how the story ends. The Kingdom of heaven will dominate the earth and our king, lord and God will rule the earth forever and ever, Amen.

What we don't know will eventually destroy us.

In the Walt Disney movie, "The Lion King", we see that Simba's father died and his uncle tried to rule the kingdom that rightfully belonged to Simba. After much persuasion and manipulation, he succeeded in his scheme to rule for a period of time. Simba, the son and rightful heir of the throne, walked around the forest not knowing or caring for his rights;

neither did he enforce them. During this time of lost identity, the animals and the environment of that domain or territory suffered terribly. One day Simba came to his senses and in a short time, regained his kingdom. All the time that Simba was lost, he was a king. He was always a king, but he just did not know it. What we don't know, may be destroying us.

We must recognize that our King paid a very high price for us to have the rights and position as kings in his Kingdom. We must regain our position in him, for the sake of so many others, who need to see a king so they may become the kings they were born to be. Let us take back our territories and domains that legally belong to our King.

An Ambassador

The message of the Gospel of the Kingdom was so costly, that it took the life of Jesus Christ. This costly message must have been very important to God and his Creation. The Kingdom of Heaven is an actual place, that is not limited to heaven only and it is where God the Father lives, while the Kingdom of God is the principles or instructions that the Kingdom of Heaven operates. This concept of the kingdom embraces the fact that the Kingdom of God gave birth to the Kingdom of Heaven; for instructions are always given first. It is also very important to know that the Kingdom of Heaven is not limited to heaven meaning that it has the ability to extend, stretch or relocate it to wherever it is invited.

How can this heaven extend, stretch or be relocated to earth. This question can be answered in Jesus' instruction to his disciples in regards to prayer.

Luke 11: 2

“When you pray, Say Our Father who art in Heaven hallowed be thy name thy KINGDOM come, thy will be done on EARTH as it is HEAVEN”.

Prayer is therefore necessary for the bringing of heaven to earth. We must remember the kingdom was on the earth since the foundation of this world. The task to bring back heaven to earth is given to men and women who would represent heaven on earth. The Kingdom left earth because of the fall of man. After the fall Jesus came to **RE-PRESENT** the *Kingdom of Heaven* on earth **AGAIN!!!** Jesus clearly performed this task through his early morning visits with his Father through the power of prayer. Jesus was truly an Ambassador of heaven to the earth.

Definition of an Ambassador

An Ambassador is a person who represents a country and Jesus was and is the first Ambassador of the country of Heaven to earth. We are Ambassadors just like our Lord. The Scripture says in 2nd Corinthians 5:20 “Now then, **WE ARE AMBASSADORS** for Christ, as though God were pleading through us; we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled unto God”

To become an Ambassador of a country, a person must first become a citizen of that country. Let’s check the constitution of the country of heaven to see if we would qualify. Philippians 3:20 “For OUR CITIZENSHIP is in HEAVEN from which we also eagerly waits for the savior, the lord Jesus Christ.”

Since we are citizens of heaven we are qualified to become Ambassadors.

Characteristics and Qualities of an Ambassador

Here are seven Characteristics and qualities of an Ambassador that will enable us to lord over territories that the Kingdom of Heaven invades:

Ambassadors are only chosen by the king or president. No one can vote an Ambassador in or out, but God.

***John 15:16**¹⁶You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.*

Ambassadors cannot represent two countries, but only the country of citizenship. This means that they can only speak what their Commander in Chief tells them to speak. If any one has a problem with what we say, it would have to be taken up with the Commander in Chief.

***Philippians 3:20**, 20For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,*

Ambassadors do not speak their own opinion or mind. They must, therefore, have the mind of Christ. The mind of Christ is pure and does not have thoughts of depression or troubles. This mind will cure depression and solve every problem that is in a territory.

***1st Corinthians 2:16**¹⁶For “who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.*

When people become ambassadors, they become the country they represent. When a person stands in front of ambassador, they stand before the entire country.

John 14:9⁹ *Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father? KJV*

Ambassadors are totally taken care of or covered by their government. All other government officials are required to personally take care of their own bills, meals and concerns, except the Ambassador. All bills, meals, clothing, and concerns are taken care by the government they represent. God provides for the lilies and the sparrows, how much more will he provide for his ambassadors.

Philippians 4:19¹⁹ *And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

Ambassadors are totally protected by their government. This is the reason why God does not want anyone to touch you wrongfully, because the entire country and its military will be called upon to protect you.

Psalms 105:15 *“Touch not my anointed and do my prophets no harm.*

Ambassadors never become citizens of the country where they reside. Their values and rights are determined by the country of their citizenship. The values and rights of the country of Heaven never changes and maintains a constant flow of riches. Ambassadors are as rich as the country that they are from and not the country they are living in. This is why our God can supply all of the riches we would ever need according to his government supplies.

As Ambassadors, we must recognize the authority that we possess and take control of the territories that our Lord and King has assigned to us. We are the authority that God has set on earth with direct influence and power from Heaven. Heaven surrounds the very core of our being. We cannot fail because Heaven is on our side. Our ambassadorship guarantees our success, protection and provision. As Ambassadors, we have been given direct access to our headquarters-Heaven, through the mighty presence of the most important person on the earth and he is the power behind the Kingdom.

I faithfully followed the teachings and Ambassadorship of Pastor Myles Munroe and Pastor Benny Hinn for over twenty five years. It was an honor to have met them at Bahamas Faith Ministries in February, 2007. These two men are true heroes, mentors and fathers in my life. I salute and honor their hard work in bringing the supernatural Kingdom here on earth.

Chapter 5

The Power behind the Kingdom

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The Holy Spirit and the kingdom of God are one and the same for they are inseparable. He showed up at every meeting Jesus had to manifest whatever was spoken. He understood that every thing would be added to those who hear and align themselves with the kingdom of God. The Holy Spirit is ready and waiting to bring the benefits to anyone who would just think of the Kingdom.

Mark 9:1

And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, that there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

Mathew 12:28

But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

Darkness is a result of light making a choice, not to be around.

Light does not have to fight with darkness. Darkness immediately leaves the presence of Light. The power of the Holy Spirit is mightier than the power of darkness. Darkness is dependant on light to be absent in order for it to exist. In other words, darkness is a result of light choosing not to be around. Light is the power of the Holy Spirit that is ever present to work on behalf of the Kingdom. The Holy Spirit is committed to bringing the kingdom of God to us. The more we cast out devils, the more the kingdom of God comes to us. The kingdom of God automatically cancels darkness that tries to move towards you.

If the Holy Spirit could get into the shadow of Jesus' disciple, Peter, and work miracles, he can more than get into the shadows of your life and work things out for you. Most of us repent enough to be forgiven by God, but not enough to see the kingdom of God.

Jesus said we must REPENT for the kingdom of God is at hand. The word "repent" means more than what we understand. It means to change our thinking in such a way that our minds would be dominated by the knowledge of the Kingdom. Jesus is saying that the way we use to think is

obviously causing us great damage. All the resources that we could ever need to be successful are all around us but yet we are failing. Jesus came to show us how to utilize all the resources around us by attracting it to us through the principles of the Kingdom.

The Real Preacher of the Kingdom

John 14:16 and 26

16. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may be with you for ever. 26. But the Comforter, [even] the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said unto you.

Matthew 25:34

Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world Jesus was identified, qualified and attested to us as a man of miracles, wonders, healing and great signs.

Acts 2:22

Ye men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God unto you by mighty works and wonders and signs which God did by him in the midst of you, even as ye yourselves know;

John 5:19

Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father doing: for what things soever he doeth, these the Son also doeth in like manner.

Jesus, as man, had no supernatural capabilities whatsoever, yet he was one hundred percent God. He chose to live with the same shortcomings and limitations of an ordinary man. It was the relationship he had with his Father that caused him to operate in the supernatural. As a man or the son of man, Jesus could not do any miraculous things. A man does not have this kind of power, but when he spends time with his Father, he becomes a son and a beneficiary of his father's power.

There are some inherited benefits that come from birth, but there are other benefits that are due to you and it only come from a good strong relationship. Jesus came to show us how this was done. The power that the Father gave his son is the power of the Holy Spirit. This is the same power

that you and I can operate in when we follow the examples of Jesus, who came to show us how the relationship of an ordinary man can be changed into a son. The power operates only in sons and daughters of God.

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Here are three things we should know in order for us to reproduce Jesus in us that will help us to walk and operate in the supernatural of God:

First , we would have to become a son of God, like Jesus was the son of God. The Bible tells us how to become a son of God. John 1:12 says, "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believeth in His name". When we accept Jesus into our hearts we experience a spiritual rebirth that changes us into sons of God.

Second , we would have to communicate with the Father just like Jesus did every day. Jesus got his daily instruction from God when he went to him in prayer each morning. Prayer is the language of communication God uses. John 16:23 "Whatsoever you ask the Father, he will give it to you"

And Thirdly , We would need the Holy Spirit to come upon us like he did on Jesus at the Jordan river. The Holy Spirit would make every assignment easy and without frustration, producing such power that will supernaturally flow through us. Acts 1:8 says, "But you shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit has come upon you"

These three principles would change us from being an ordinary man to becoming a supernatural son of God. A son of God is a man, whom the spirit of God dwells in. It is the spirit of God that empowers us to do the work of the Kingdom. He is the real power behind the Kingdom.

My quest for the supernatural moves of God came from embracing these principles. I have applied them daily in my life over the years, and have seen great miracles in the lives of people, who did not even believe in our lord. My passion for the Holy Spirit has developed such sensitivity to his presence that I look forward to being with him every day. My life has become so much easier since I found this meaningful relationship with the Holy Spirit. In his presence, I experience a daily conversion to maturity in the things of God and this is why I look forward to a daily encounter with him. The embrace of the supernatural will change you into a vessel of honor that will bring glory on earth through you for his Kingdom sake.

It is very important that we become a son in order for us to operate in the supernatural. We see this clearly in the life of Jesus. He was sent to be an example of life in the Kingdom here on earth for all of us to see. John came to prepare a path for his arrival. Upon his arrival, Jesus declared that the kingdom of God was at hand or simply had arrived. This person that Israel was waiting for as the messiah finally came announcing the kingdom of God, but they did not understand him. He displayed this supernatural kingdom through the power of the Holy Spirit and told us that we can do the same, if we would only change our thinking.

Matthew 3:11-17

11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” 13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. 14 And John *tried to* prevent Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?” 15 But Jesus answered and said to him, “Permit *it to be so* now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed Him. 16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. 17 And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

A Son of God is an ordinary MAN, in whom the SPIRIT of God has filled.

When we become sons of God and he sees the mark of a son on us, the voice of God will approve us. He will openly let the world know that we are his sons. God parades us to the world as his sons by displaying his supernatural powers through us. We must remember that he shows off his supernatural power only through his sons and daughters. Every time a supernatural act of God takes place in our lives, it is there to confirm and

affirm us as sons and daughters of God. The supernatural power of God is the voice of God's approval on us to the world for the world understands God through it. The Bible tells us that the word of God is foolishness to the world, but somehow they cannot discriminate against a miracle. When doctors validate the supernatural demonstration of God, the world's eyes are opened and their hearts are challenged to change permanently by this supernatural power of God.

Luke 4:18-19

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,
Because He has anointed Me,

To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. (Underlined by the author)

In our ministry, the supernatural manifestations of God are demonstrated in almost every Thursday Night prayer meeting. The supernatural cannot escape the prayers coming from citizens of the kingdom of Heaven. Knowledge and wisdom flows with such accuracy. When knowledge is placed in the hands of the Holy Spirit, it becomes wisdom, for he does the philosophical interpretation of any information. Knowledge in the hands of men is information, but when this knowledge is touched by the Holy Spirit from the desperation of prayer, the wisdom of God captivates our minds for effective living on earth. I am so excited about what God has already begun to do, as the kingdom of God is being preached all over the world.

Built within our system, as humans, there is an appetite and curiosity for that which is impossible (SUPERNATURAL). It has been written in our spiritual DNA by God. A hunger for the miraculous has been etched in our spirits and craved by our souls, the SUPERNATURAL.

A life filled with the Holy Spirit is no longer an ordinary life, it's EXTRA-ORDINARY. God took ordinary men and women of old and touched them with his spirit causing a supernatural transformation, as they desperately pursued him in prayer. I am convinced that God wants to take us just as we are and make us agents of his supernatural power for the world to see and believe. God is desperately seeking men and women, who would say yes to his call for the extraordinary power of God. We must become sons and daughters of God that our Father may give us the most precious

gift a father can ever give to his children. This gift of the Holy Spirit will simplify our lives and supernaturally change us into agents of his power.

Luke 11:11-13

11 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if *he asks* for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish?

12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

(Underlined by the author)

John 20:21-22

21 So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit”

Let us always be reminded that God wants his Kingdom to be established on earth and he has given us instructions in his word to accomplish this task. He has placed his glory in all of his creation and it is in his will to reveal his glory in its full splendor. God has also made arrangements for intercession to take place in heaven by Jesus and on earth by the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom may be manifested on earth all the time.

It is of utmost importance that we pray, because God does not do anything outside of prayer. Prayer is so important to God that after Jesus ascended to heaven he continues to pray for us. The Holy Spirit is praying for us continuously. God knew that he could not take a chance on us not praying, so he sent the Holy Spirit to the earth to pray for us. God also made arrangements for Jesus and the Holy Spirit to continuously pray for us.

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Anti-Christ and the beast would be able to do terrible things to the inhabitants of the earth during the tribulation. The only time the anti-Christ, the false prophet and the beast would be able to reign on earth, is when the Holy Spirit and the church are taken away from the earth. Note that the Holy Spirit is playing a significant role on earth and because of him, God's Kingdom is being established on earth. He brings the Kingdom of God to us with righteousness, peace and joy in him.

Romans 14:17

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

We are surrounded by the Kingdom through Jesus who makes intercession for us from heaven, and we must remember that we are not alone, for we are covered constantly with his prayer. The Holy Spirit is constantly praying for us here on the earth. You may feel alone, but you **MUST** know that you are not alone, because *the person* of **Jesus** and *the person* of the **Holy Spirit** are constantly thinking and praying for you. In other words, you have two persons praying for you without ceasing, one in heaven and one on earth.

We are truly the apple of God's eye (Deuteronomy 32:9-10). While we are asleep, working, busy and in doubt the Holy Spirit intercedes for us. The desires that God the Father has for us is revealed to us in prayer and the Holy Spirit was given to us just to reveal the true desires of the heart of God.

1st Corinthians 2:12

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

The Holy Spirit totally agrees with the desires and the perfect will of God for our lives, and this is the continuous intercession of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:27

And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

There are a lot of intercessions taking place twenty four hours a day on behalf of us personally that ensures our safety wherever we go.

Romans 8:26

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infir - mities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Romans 8:34

Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

We are surrounded by prayer offered to the Father by Jesus and the Holy Spirit. These prayers create an atmosphere, where the continued supernatural presence of God keeps us from falling. These prayers boost my confidence of assurance knowing that the prayers of my lord surrounds me everyday where I am protected when I don't even deserve it.

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Romans 8:26-27

²⁶Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

²⁷Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

God has designed Creation to enjoy itself. It seems as though Creation has built within itself an ability to sustain itself. The mechanics of its operations illustrates its sustainability. This should not be a surprise to humanity because Creation displays the glory of God in it. Creation is self sustained because of the glory of God that is locked within it and sometimes hypostasized in the sciences.

Psalms 19:1-4

¹ The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. ² Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. ³ There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. ⁴ Their line has gone out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun.

Even our prayers were prepared by God for us to pray. The Bible tells us that we do not know how we ought to pray, but the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, teaches us how to pray. When we tap into the resources of

our best friend, the Holy Spirit, we will get every prayer answered. The Holy Spirit knows what is in the heart of the Father and its all about the fulfillment of the Father's desire rather than our fallen desire.

Our prayers were already prepared by God for us to pray.

It is our fallen nature that hinders our prayers. God is interested in bringing his Kingdom here on earth. When the kingdom of God comes and dwell inside of us, our prayer becomes effective because it is the Holy Spirit, who brings the kingdom of God inside us. The Holy Spirit is a person and not a thing or an 'it'. You can refer to the anointing as 'it' for it is what the person of the Holy Spirit produces. The anointing is the power that the Holy Spirit generates and produces. The anointing is what gets the job done or simply the acts of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit has a personality and distinct character. In other words, the Holy Spirit has a predictable nature, behavior and attitude. The Bible is full of the nature and behavior of the Holy Spirit. An example of the nature of the Holy Spirit is that He is naturally supernatural. He manifests himself as fire and clouds to Moses in the wilderness. He fed the children of Israel with manna and quails in the wilderness. The manifestations of the Holy Spirit are directly proportional to the relationship we have with him. The more we know him the more he reveals and manifests himself to us.

When we understand the Holy Spirit as a person and treat him as a person he will expose, manifest and reveal his entire nature to us. This is where we will experience the supernatural nature of his being. The supernatural nature of the Holy Spirit is contingent on our relationship with him. To know the Holy Spirit is to know the power of almighty God, and to come in direct contact with the supernatural side of God the Father.

The manifestations of the Holy Spirit are directly proportional to the relationship we have with him.

Our prayer is only as effective to the extent that the Holy Spirit is involved in it. The right way to pray is to discern what the Holy Spirit wants us to pray for at that moment and pray for it. We discern with our spirit, soul and body through the Holy Spirit.

Let's spend some time talking about the discernment of things through our body. First, we must recognize that our bodies were designed by God and they were designed to serve him. Our bodies have built in sensors that physically react to our environment and discern spiritual atmospheres. In

the Old Testament, King David mastered his body's ability to serve God in such a way that he got his flesh to long for God.

Psalms 63:1

¹O God, You *are* my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water. ² So I have looked for you in the sanctuary, to see your power and your glory. ³ Because your loving-kindness *is* better than life, my lips shall praise you. ⁴ Thus I will bless you while I live; I will lift up my hands in your name.

We must train our bodies to discern God that we may know how to pray effectively. Many times the Holy Spirit will manifest himself in various parts of our body, so we may know how to pray for people and their situations.

While ministering under the Spirit, a person many have experienced a hot sensation on their hands at times; this is often a manifestation for healing. The power of God is hidden in our hands, and often times when I feel heat on my hands I would lay hands on the sick and see great results. The Holy Spirit will direct your hands and feet just to deliver his people.

Habakkuk 3:4

⁴ *His* brightness was like the light; He had rays *flashing* from His hand, and there His power *was* hidden.

It is a high level of maturity, when we can train our bodies to discern good and evil. It is more pleasant and honorable to be controlled by the Spirit than to be controlled by our bodies and bellies. Discovering the Person and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit is such a unique experience for he adds such great pleasure to our entire being. The immense and glorious presence of the Holy Spirit fills our being with such power, that at times we may wonder if our bodies will be able to contain it. This infilling will be a real live coach in manifesting the supernatural kingdom of Heaven to a lost world.

The Power of God is Hidden in Our Hands.

Hebrews 5:14

¹⁴But solid food belongs to those who are

of full age, *that is*, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

When we train our bodies to understand the urging and manifestations of the Holy Spirit, our prayers will always be directed and appropriated right. Spend time understanding what he is saying through your body and watch him flow super- naturally through you. At our prayer meetings on Thursday nights, when the power of God begins to flow, the Lord allows me to discern other people's diseases by allowing me to feel their infirmity just for a split second. I can then describe what that person may be experiencing by describing what I feel at that moment. The faith of people normally escalates and increases providing the faith for their healing at the altar.

I came home one night after prayer meeting while the anointing was still upon me, and as I entered the house, I began to discern pain in my wife's body. I began to describe her pain, and as we prayed, every last bit of pain immediately disappeared. When this gift is in operation, I would feel the actual pain of the person for a brief second, and this allows me to properly describe the problem to the person. Faith normally increases in the person that I am ministering to at that moment, and healing quickly manifests. I believe if we carefully study the manifestations of each gift in our lives, the supernatural would be easily released for the world to see. I really believe that the supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit are for display to an unbelieving world that desperately needs it. For the sake of a dying world that needs a savior, let us begin a journey today on discovering how God works or manifests in our body.

Dr. Mark Chironna ministered at our Church and said that when he touches a person he can discern their problems that were in the past and future. I am sure that this ability came from many touches, for the gifts of God are perfected with practice. Dr. Chironna is one of the most accurate prophets I have ever come across in my years of ministry.

Shortly after he prophesied that a door would be opening for me in Europe, I visited England and met with two good friends, Ron and Nancy George. They are missionaries to the Middle East and other parts of the world. My family had the privilege of spending some time with Ron and Nancy in their home in England. These two people are the most generous and self sacrificing people I have ever met in all my life. Ron and Nancy

George oversee an organization called “World in Need”, where they collect and distribute clothes, food and articles for underprivileged people, especially across Europe, the Middle East and Africa. This is a great work of compassion and caring that they are involved in.

Ron gave me the names of different Pastors and contacts all over Europe and invited me to go with him to the East and parts of Europe. This was a prophecy fulfilled only about one month after Dr. Chironna prophesied it. God knows that I really wanted to meet genuine people from that part of the world and he connected me with Ron, Nancy and the rest of the crew at the World in Need office in England. Dr. Chironna prophetically mentioned Guyana about three times as a place that we will be working for the Lord. I met Pastor Morris Subrani from Guyana at my brother, Ravi’s house in Trinidad and exchanged information with him. Shortly after Dr. Chironna prophesied this, I received a phone call from Pastor Desmond Richards in Guyana inviting me to come and speak there. I have since developed a close relationship with the Pastors in Guyana and have been working very close with them. I have also become close friends with Pastor John Smith, who is the General Overseer of all Assemblies of God in Guyana. This is how much Dr. Chironna has perfected this gift, and God is no respecter of persons, he is waiting to do the same through you, like he does with and through Dr. Mark Chironna.

The supernatural is really very easy to manifest into your life, if you would quietly wait for the manifestations. We must patiently allow him to repeat himself to us until he perfect his gifts in us. These repetitions will perfect these gifts that lie dormant in you. Let your light shine and let it shine among men so they may see the glory of a hidden God through and in you.

Chapter 6

The Purpose for Miracles

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iracles are natural and common responses of an atmosphere full of God’s holy presence as breath is to life. We must understand the

miraculous, if we are going to work in the environment and presence of the God of Abraham, Moses and Elijah.

John 14:12

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

2nd Corinthians 5:20

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

As ambassadors, we have been given an assignment by God to reconcile man back to him through the influence of heaven on earth. God is interested in bringing his Kingdom on earth and he is doing it through ambassadors who love prayer.

In Luke 11:1-4, after the disciples have noticed Jesus' daily habits and routine of prayer, they asked him to teach them how to pray. The Lord then gave them a model of how they should pray that they may experience the supernatural things of God. This model became the ultimate pattern of how we should all pray. To pray outside of this model is to pray ineffectively. Our prayers will be void, empty and of no effect, if we do not embrace the importance of this model prayer of our Lord. This is why it is very important to study this model if we want God to hear our hearts.

Jesus has proven this model of prayer to be effective and powerful. He spent many hours early in the morning in a solitary place at the back side of the mountains, and he came back to the towns healing the sick, diseased and demoniacs in a short period of time. He spent more time in prayer than in the actual work of healing. He knew the power of prayer and the right model of prayer gets results. We do the opposite, that is, we would spend hours working and minutes praying. As ambassadors, we are commissioned by God to reconcile men back to God as we pray in Christ's stead found in the Scripture we read earlier, 2nd Corinthians 5:20.

In this model of prayer, the Lord gave us the interest and heart of the Father. The Father is interested in bringing heaven to earth. We are representatives of heaven on earth and are commissioned by God to work the works of the Father on behalf of heaven just like Jesus Christ did.

We must represent our country of heaven properly and function just like our president, king and model, Jesus, while he was on earth. To operate any less than Jesus will be misrepresenting heaven. You see, Jesus was the

ultimate model of what a representative of heaven on earth should look like. He was and is the true Ambassador of Ambassadors. If we model after him we will do the works that he did, and collectively we will do greater works. To do greater works does not mean that we are greater than him, but that we are collectively modeling his ways correctly and purposely.

We are representatives of heaven on earth and are commissioned by God to work the works of the Father on behalf of heaven just like Jesus Christ did when he was on earth.

Jesus was a man of miracles, sign and wonders. Everywhere he went the supernatural followed him. He said to us before he left the earth, in John 20:21 “As the Father hath sent me so I send you.” The Father sent Jesus with knowledge, wisdom and absolute great power. Jesus then sent us the exact same way, nothing less, but certainly more in the same manner. “Greater works shall we do because I go to the Father,” he said. He saw millions of himself running around the earth performing great signs, miracles and wonders, something that he could not do as one man, but definitely in millions of ambassadors, greater works were possible. This certainly does not make us greater than Jesus, because we cannot receive the power of the Holy Spirit without going to the Father through him. Jesus is the reason we are filled with the Holy Spirit continuously. Without our Lord, we will be powerless; therefore he is and will always be greater than us.

We cannot afford to live powerless in these times, because it is far too costly in terms of human suffering and souls that would be lost forever and ever. God, the Father, has anointed us with the Holy Spirit to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom, just like he did with Jesus. Everywhere Jesus preached the message of the Kingdom, miracles followed. Miracles are benefits of the kingdom of God. It is impossible to preach the message of the Kingdom, without miraculous demonstrations of the power and benefits of this Kingdom to the world.

Luke 4:43

“And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent.”

The Father sent Jesus to preach the message of the Kingdom of God and this is why he had such great results. The reason we are not seeing great results like Jesus may be because we are preaching another gospel.

Sometimes we focus too much on the benefits of the kingdom, rather than the gospel of the Kingdom of God. If we focus on the message Jesus preached we will receive the benefits. Our focus must be on the message of our king.

Luke 9:1-2

¹Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. ²And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

Now, if we are disciples of Jesus, then we have this awesome task to fulfill. You and I have been sent to this world in the same manner that the twelve disciples of Jesus, for we are his disciples. If we were not his disciples, then we would be exempted from this commission.

Healing and miracles are the task given to the disciples of Christ only and we are his disciples.

Acts 11:26

“...And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.”

The word “Christian” was a title given to Believers in Christ by the citizens of Antioch, not by our God. It is not the title given to us by our Lord. We are called disciples of Jesus Christ. There are those who may say this task of miracles and healing were only given to the twelve disciples. I believe when Jesus was speaking to the twelve disciples, he was also speaking to all who would become disciples. Healing and miracles are the tasks given to the disciples of Christ only and we are his disciples. There were instances where he spoke individually to a disciple and sometime as a group, but when he told the twelve to go and make disciples as they preach the Word, he included every one of us in the commission as disciples.

Acts 6:7

“And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.” *(Underlined by the author)*

Acts 6:1-2

¹And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose

a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. ²Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.” (*Underlined by the author*)

We can become a disciple of Jesus very easily. Jesus gave us direct instructions as to what we should do to become his disciple. If we live according to the words that he has spoken, we shall become his disciples indeed.

John 8:31

“...If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;” (*Underlined by the author for emphasis*)

John 13:35

“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.” (*Underlined by the author for emphasis*)

We are his disciples, after hearing the word of God preached to us and continuing in the Word with love for one another. We are disciples of Jesus sent to this world, as ambassadors with great power to work the works of our Father in the same manner as Jesus and the early disciples did. Jesus preached the message of the Kingdom and healed people every time. We must do likewise and follow this pattern as ambassadors, so that we may represent our Lord correctly and completely.

1st Corinthians 4:20

For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power

Why are miracles so important to God and what are the purposes of miracles? Why did Jesus commission us to go into this whole world and preach the Gospel of the Kingdom, healing the sick, casting out demons and performing the miraculous works? Why did Jesus himself set an example of such power? What does a miracle do for people who do not care for him? Why do we go into the entire world and perform these great wonders?

Pastor Bill Johnson, in his book, “When Heaven Invades The Earth”, shared some remarkable information and principles in answering these questions. I will attempt to discuss these principles to help you to

understand the importance of miracles that your faith may be quickly and accurately built up. Here are five purposes for miracles:

Miracles reveal the glory (nature) of God.

Miracles convict sin and draw people to repentance.

Miracles help people to give God praise.

Miracles connect one generation to another.

Miracles confirm who Jesus Christ is, and validate the Church.

Miracles help people to obey God.

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Now that we have established that miracles, signs and wonders do follow the message of the kingdom of God at the hands of Jesus' disciples and ambassadors, we can now step out in boldness and proclaim his greatness. The primary purpose for miracles is to bring fresh revelations of the glory of God to all mankind and creation as a whole. The glory of God is really the best expression of himself. The supernatural is how God naturally operates.

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As ambassadors, we must work the works of the Father to a world that cannot see God nor know him. As ambassadors, we represent him that sent us and when the world sees us they must see the entirety of God represented through us. Remember, we were sent by our Lord Jesus Christ in the actual same manner his Father sent him. We must, therefore, go into this world in the same bold manner Jesus came to earth, because we were sent in the exact same manner as Jesus. He came performing miracles, and as representatives of his, we have an innate ability to do likewise. This innate ability came from the sending power of Jesus. A representative is one who re-presents someone who has already been here. To re-present Jesus without miracles would be wrong, incorrect and incomplete.

The first miracle that Jesus performed at Cana of Galilee was for the purpose of manifesting the glory and nature of God. He only does what he sees his Father do in order to glorify God. His Father had already shown him this miracle in advance through prayer, where he got his instructions every morning. This miraculous entrance stirred up an appetite for the supernatural miraculous of God.

John 2:11

“This beginning of miracles did Jesus in

Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.”

We must model after the one we are re-presenting in order for us to be a good representative. As ambassadors, we were given permission by our Lord to work the works of God and have the confidence that he will be with us even unto the end of this world. Our debt to this world is to give them all the answers they would need to be convinced of a God that loves, cares, and make the impossible possible.

God is a supernatural God, who lives in a country that is supernatural and very interested in bringing it to earth. When heaven comes to earth, the supernatural has no choice, but to come along with it. This is why miracles followed Jesus easily wherever he went. Jesus brought heaven to earth and heaven is naturally supernatural. Miracles are small tokens of the supernatural and benefits of heaven that the message of the kingdom of God reveals.

As ambassadors, we have the privilege of preaching the message of the kingdom of God and watching it manifest right before our eyes. Full demonstration of the supernatural miracles of God is redemptive in nature that it opens the eyes of the world to see and believe. Let us work the works of the Father and bring to a dying world salvation through the miraculous intervention of his power. Let us be true to our call as ambassadors of Christ.

Miracles convict sin and bring people unto repentance.

The miraculous of God was experienced by a foul mouthed cursing fisherman, who did not care about anyone but himself. This fisherman was ignorant, did not care about God and was carefree; he saw the miracles of God and repented immediately. Miracles will cause man to repent for they are the pure demonstration of God’s Word. Peter had been fishing all night and did not catch anything; tired and frustrated with a temper that would destroy anyone who would dare enter into his presence at that moment. Jesus came on the scene and instructed him to go out again and cast his net in the same place. He obeyed and cast his net again, only to catch so much fish that he had to call for help lest his boat sank with the load.

Luke 5:4-8

⁴Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. ⁵And Simon

answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. ⁶And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. ⁷And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. ⁸When Simon Peter saw *it*, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

Jesus never preached to Simon, he only instructed him to throw his net back into the water. He never told Peter that he was a sinner, but the miraculous of God had the power to convict sinners unto repentance. This conviction of sin was in the miracle. Peter's response to this miracle was "I am a sinful man, O Lord."

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We can look at the mercy that our Lord demonstrated by giving fish to the poor, but even a ministry of mercy is incomplete without the power of the Holy Spirit. The world would look upon us and applaud our efforts for feeding the poor, because they know that we should do this anyway. We must face the fact that while the world acknowledges the kind acts of the Church, not enough people are coming to repentance. But trapped within every miracle is an ability to humble and bring men unto repentance.

The Church has spent more time performing miracles, while the world is desperately crying out for it. Most of the miracles that Jesus did were done outside of the church in a world full of hostility and doubt. It seems as though in the United States, the growth of the Church has reached a plateau. Church transfers and migrations have deceived many to believe that it is doing well with rapid growth. In other parts of the world great revivals are breaking out as the miraculous is being demonstrated. We need to start seeking the Kingdom and its power, so we may be able to take it to our cities, hospitals, convalescence homes, the mental institutions, jobs, schools, and wherever we go, for repentance to come to a lost and dying world.

In Africa, the Middle East and South America, we are hearing of some of the greatest moves of God taking place. Sinners are coming to repentance after seeing Jesus' miracles in their families and experiencing the power of God. This is happening because men, women and children are working the works of the Father in a lost world. The miraculous is at our disposal and hidden in the good news of the Kingdom. We are ambassadors of the most powerful and supernatural Kingdom, let us not represent our God, Lord and his Kingdom hap-hazardously. Let us manifest the power of the Kingdom of God to this world in the style and culture of our King Jesus.

Miracles help people give God Praise.

Without power we rob God of the glory and praise that is due him. When people saw Jesus heal a sick man of palsy, they glorified God and understood that he had the power to forgive sin. He still does that today through us as his representatives and ambassadors. When we work the works of God, we direct men to God and they see him through these miracles giving them a reason to praise God.

Matthew 9:6-8

“⁶But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house. ⁷And he arose, and departed to his house. ⁸But when the multitudes saw it, they marveled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.”

The miracles direct people to God and give glory unto Him. It seems as though miracles have a mind of their own. Somehow the acts of God give God praises for they contain an inherent ability to actually praise God without the help of people.

Psalms 103:22

“Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.” (Underlined by the author for emphasis)

Psalms 145:10-12

¹⁰ All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee. ¹¹ They shall

12 speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

It is clear from these Scriptures that the miracles of Creation give God praise and inform man of the magnitude of his glory. The creation continually preaches the message of the Kingdom and talk about his power to anyone, who will look upon it. No wonder so many are using pictures and sounds of nature to cure depressions and illnesses. The power of nature displays the glory of God twenty four hours a day. There is no escape or place in Creation, where God is not receiving praises.

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The praises of God are all around us. No wonder Jesus said if we don't praise God, the rocks around us will do it. As a microscopic scientist, I have had the opportunity to examine thousands of mineral samples under the microscope. If you were to see the microscopic internal geometric structure of a rock, you will be amazed by its perfection. The uniformity of the hand of God would amaze you that you will have no choice, but to join in with Creation and praise God. The internal structure that makes up a perfect pattern of hidden beauty is revealed under a microscope and displays the perfection of our God. Let us join with creation today and praise our mighty God.

Miracles connect one generation to another.

Miracles preserve the beliefs of every generation. Our children will remember God as we talk to them about the miraculous wonders of our God and their children will tell their children. God's design for miracles is to preserve generations upon generations for his glory. We are to store an archive of the miraculous wonders of our God in our memories, that we can tell his story to our children and their children. David was a teenager when he killed a lion with his bare hands. He killed a giant named Goliath with a sling shot and a small stone, as he dipped into the archives of his memory and pulled out the history of what God did for him in the past. The power of God in times past will never lose its power in the present; it will only refuel the power of God for greater glory unto his honor.

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Psalms 78:1-8

¹ Give ear, O my people, *to* my law:

incline your ears to the words of my mouth. ²

I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old:

³ Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. ⁴ We will not hide *them*

from their children, showing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and

his strength, and his wonderful works that he

hath done. ⁵ For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which

he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children: ⁶ That

the generation to come might know *them*, even the children *which* should be born; *who*

should arise and declare *them* to their children: ⁷ That they might set their hope in God,

and not forget the works of God, but keep his

commandments: ⁸ And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation;

a generation *that* set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not steadfast with God.

While it is true that the Fathers should teach their children, it is equally true that the children would also teach the fathers for this is a mystery of the Kingdom. Joseph, David and Esther were teenagers and their fathers learned from their encounter with the power of God. This can only happen when the miraculous power of God shows up to bridge the generations together. Let us protect our children's faith and maintain relationships with our Fathers by embracing the miracles of our great God. Tell your children about what God has done for you and how he can do it for them. Teach them about the miraculous wonders of his power. These teaching would make a lasting impression on the minds of our children. The generation of our children are swiftly becoming Godless, but if we can show them the miraculous wonders of Him, we will be able to save the next generation. We can supernaturally transfer this great wonder working power of God to

our children by modeling it before them. Let's increase prayer and fasting in our lives and watch the supernatural power of God come alive in us. Children learn by seeing us model our words rather than speaking words without actions.

Miracles confirm who Jesus Christ is and validate his Church.

The Jews were waiting and praying for their messiah for centuries hoping that when he showed up, they would be rescued from all of the injustice they had been facing. Jesus showed up one day and announced that he was that king and messiah that the prophets of old spoke about and they have been waiting for. He must have not looked like a king much more as a messiah, so they needed something that would confirm that he was that long awaited messiah spoken of by Isaiah, Jeremiah and other prophets. Before Jesus, there were many running around claiming to be the messiah and deceiving people. This time they wanted to see something that would be proof that God was with him. Jesus knew that they needed to see something to believe for; after all, they were only human. So he began with miracles and clearly lived a life of miracles.

John 10:30-38

³⁰I and my Father are one. ³¹Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. ³²Jesus answered them, Many good works have I showed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? ³³The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God. ³⁴Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? ³⁵If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; ³⁶Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God? ³⁷If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. ³⁸But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the

works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father *is* in me, and I in him. (Underline by author)

If they had only believed the works that Jesus did they would have believed that their messiah had come. But they did not believe the works of miracles that he was doing right before their eyes. If we say that miracles do not exist now, then we are saying to Jesus that he was not the messiah, the son of God. We must believe the works of the Holy Spirit, because we can be equally guilty just like the religious leaders of old. Believing in miracles measure our faith in God and establish our trust in his works.

Nicodemus came to Jesus at night and confirmed who Jesus was. Being a Pharisee, he was well acquainted with the laws and requirements of a teacher or Rabbi and what they should be. He knew immediately that signs, wonders and miracles could only happen in a Rabbi's life if God was with him. Jesus performed many miracles and Nicodemus saw them right before his eyes. He could not deny what he saw, and he confirmed it with his statement in John 3:2. He believed because he saw the miracles with his own eyes.

John 3:1-2

¹There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: ²The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

The Gates of hell cannot prevail against the Church, because Jesus said in Matthew 28:18-20, that he would be with us even to the end of the age. If Jesus is with us unto the end of the age, he will certainly be with us as he was at the beginning. He performed great miracles from the beginning and he will at the end. Christ is the head of the Church and he is working on the body to become just like him. Let's be like Jesus not only in words, but in power knowing the will of God completely and not partially. Miracles confirm the name of Jesus and validate his Church with the acts of God.

Miracles help people to obey God.

When David came face to face with Goliath, courage came over him from remembering what God did for him in times past. This courage caused him to obey God rather than doubt him. He knew that God would do it again, because the supernatural was only natural to God. When we face our giants, we must remember the goodness of God in times past, and allow that

testimony to rise up within the core of our being to overcome any giant that we may be facing.

Paul convinced the gentiles to believe in God through signs and wonders.

Romans 15:18-21

¹⁸For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed, ¹⁹Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ. ²⁰Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation:

²¹But as it is written, to whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand.

Paul convinced the gentiles to believe in God through signs and wonders. When they saw the power of the Holy Spirit in operation, they became obedient to God. Paul went to strangers who have never heard the gospel of the Kingdom and demonstrated the miracles of God. These strangers saw the miraculous and became obedient to God. We can increase obedience in our lives and others through the power of Almighty God.

There are so many people waiting to talk to us, because of what they see God doing supernaturally in our prayer meetings. This allows us to lead people into the greatest miracle of all and that is salvation. Altars would be filled with souls unto salvation if we learn to operate in the ever willing supernatural power of God. He will do all within his power to bring people into his Kingdom, if we would only be open to the supernatural side.

Chapter 7

Our Role in This World

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ur ultimate goal is to be like Jesus, so that the world may see him and be drawn to him through us. The world needs something tangible or physical in order to understand anything that is spiritual. This is one of the reasons why many religions have embraced idols in their practice, so that their followers can see to believe. When the world sees Jesus, they can easily believe, but they can only believe what they see. This is why we must show the character and power of Jesus to the world that they may believe. Jesus demonstrated miracles and healings so they would see and believe. As He is, so are we in this world, not as he was, but as he is.

1st John 4:17

¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

The purpose of the Holy Spirit for living inside of us is to make us look just like Jesus, so that the world may see and know Him,

We look at Jesus' life before the resurrection and try to be like him to the world. We should, however, be looking at Jesus after the resurrection and present the resurrected Christ to the world. There were many things Jesus had to become and endure so we would not have to go through, because he did it already and nailed it to the cross. Our walk with God did not get started before the cross, but after the cross.

The purpose of the Holy Spirit coming to live inside of us is to make us just like Jesus so that the world may see and know Him. I want you to notice what the Scripture says.

John 7:37-39

³⁷On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.

³⁸He who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." ³⁹But this He spoke concerning the

Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified."

The glorification or acknowledgement of Jesus was only after his resurrection and not really during his life on earth. The Lord did not want to

give us the Holy Spirit in the middle of the picture, but after the job was completed. When Jesus said, "It is finished", everything really began for us.

As sculptors fashion their work after a model, so the Holy Spirit fashions us after the model of the life of Jesus. He fashions us to look like the resurrected Christ and not as the suffering savior. We do not need to die for anyone, Jesus did that already. He was sent to make us more like the resurrected redeemer, all because he wanted the world to see him in us and believe. When the world sees us they must see Jesus, the door to heaven.

When Jesus said, "It is finished", he meant that everything began for us.

Wherever we are positioned on our jobs, schools, public places, governments, churches, etc., we become a door to the kingdom of Heaven for those who are lost and dying in this world. The entrance to the kingdom of Heaven is found in us wherever we go. There is an open heaven at the back of us and over our heads, because as Jesus is so are we. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life, he is also the door that if anyone knocks, he will open and they will enter into eternal life.

When we are gathered together at Church, we cause the greatest opening in the heavens. One of the reasons why it is easier to get healed while attending Church, is because it is where imperfect saints get together and face an open heaven causing floods of God's glory to enter the earth.

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of corporate and individual prayer in our lives. For the conditions of your present life is directly proportional to your prayer life. It is in prayer that the heavens open over you and touch you. It is also the only chance for the world to get an opportunity to see heaven and get saved. The Holy Spirit will comfort us, give us gifts, remind us of everything Jesus said and pour out his power through us just for us to look like Jesus.

Our mind has been fixed on Christ's death and not really his resurrection. The cross was the beginning, not the end. We must look beyond the cross, so we may enjoy what Jesus had died for. We must understand the great benefits that our resurrected Lord has given to us through his death. Why should you try to become who he was, when he suffered and died for you to become who he is? We must discover the power of the resurrection in our lives. His resurrection has placed us in position with him far above Satan's territory.

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Ephesians 1:19-23

“¹⁹and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power ²⁰which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*,²¹far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. ²²And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church, ²³which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”

Ephesians 3:20

“²⁰Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, ²¹to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

We were in the planning stage of building the Miramar Christian Center International on Pembroke Road in Miramar, Florida while I was writing this book. The entire cost is approximately nine million dollars, while the first phase is approximately one million. In the midst of this project, we have had many changes, but God did exceedingly abundantly above all that we can ask or think.

Here are four characteristics of the glorified state of Jesus that will help us to reflect him supernaturally in this world.

THE GLORY OF GOD – This is the true nature of who God really is. His glory is visible and it can be seen as his manifested presence in our lives. Tongues of fire were seen over the heads of the apostles when the glory of God showed up on the day of Pentecost. Thousands of years after this Pentecost experience, the Azusa Street revival, fire appeared all around

the building where the Church was gathered. The fire department was informed and when they came to put out the fire, all they saw was people praying inside. The fire department and water department could not put out that fire, and neither could hell put out his fire. The only one who could put this fire out was the people in whom it was entrusted to. If God filled the temple made by human hands, how much more would he fill his temple with his glory made by his own hands?

THE POWER OF GOD— Many people in the world around us are looking for help, but they consult the psychic lines and medical doctors first. The reason why this is so, is because they do not see the power of God in us. But this power should be seen in our lives so clear, that the world should be running to us. I am talking to all Believers in Christ, NOT only leaders, but anyone who believes in Jesus.

TRIUMPHANT LIFE – Jesus Christ of Nazareth conquered death, hell, sin, the devil and the grave. He did this as a man who had a relationship with his Father. He was raised from the dead, seated at the right hand of God and was glorified. Everything was placed under his feet and his feet is located in his body, the Church, In other words, the lowest part of his body, his feet, has power over the highest part of everything. This does not mean that we live without battles; but it means that our victory is guaranteed.

THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS – Holiness in the Church reveals the true beauty of God. It is where we separate from all that is evil and embrace that which is God. Holiness is demonstrated through our behavior and attitudes that the world sees and learns. Now remember the world may have many negative comments about the Church, but it is the Church who judges the world, not the world judging the church.

1st Corinthians 6:2

Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

If the world sees us fighting each other why should they come to our Churches? If we disagree with something, let us pray about the matter instead of leaving the Church and creating a scene that allows the world to laugh at us. Jesus did not fight his Church, but he died for it and Peter, the cussing fisherman, was part of it, Doubting Thomas was a part of it and imperfect saints were part of the Church Jesus died for.

The reason why we came out of the world to join the Church is because what we know Jesus did for it and we are imperfect like Peter and Thomas. Jesus loves his Church so much that he died for it. Let us pray and love the institution Christ died for, despite the shortcomings and the imperfection we all display at times. We have a responsibility to bring the world to salvation by our lives in him and we can do it.

Evangelism According to the Kingdom

As citizens of the Kingdom, we are commissioned by our Lord to infiltrate the systems of the world with the supernatural kingdom of God. We have the awesome responsibility of bringing heaven to earth or basically invading the earth with heaven's influence. The call to evangelism is given to all, who have become kingdom citizens. Our citizenship made this commission very easy.

Luke 13:18-21

¹⁸Then He said, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? ¹⁹It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and put in his garden; and it grew and became a large tree, and the birds of the air nested in its branches." ²⁰And again He said, "To what shall I liken the kingdom of God? ²¹It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."

If the church learns to live in the realm of the Kingdom, evangelism will become simple and very easy. The presence of the Kingdom affects whatever location it touches and enters into. The Kingdom and the church are different to one another. While sin affects the Church, it does not touch or even come close to the Kingdom. Jesus is coming back for a Church without spot and wrinkle. The Church has spots and wrinkles, but he does not for he is perfect.

Ephesians 5:27

²⁷that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

It is therefore safe to say that the reason why Jesus has not come back as yet, is because the Church still has spots and wrinkles. It is also even safer to say that the kingdom of God keeps spots and wrinkles away from the

Church. With the present conditions of the Church, I wonder how much of the kingdom of God is in it. As the Kingdom enters the Church, its spots and wrinkles will begin to disappear. The world prosecutes the Church, because it can see these spots and wrinkles. It cannot prosecute the Kingdom, because it is hidden among them quietly and silently affecting them through us.

The Kingdom is the solution to removing spots and wrinkles from the Church. How does the Kingdom and Church work together seeing that the two are different? The Kingdom works like leaven, it gets into the world very silently and works its way quietly into the systems, until it changes the world and sends it to the Church. You see the Church is called “Ecclesia” or the “called out ones”. What calls us out is the message and power of the kingdom of God.

This is an example of how the kingdom of God operates. A child of God gave a teaspoon of sugar to someone during their coffee break in the lunch room one summer. This person may have noticed something different about that person from that day onward by his conduct. The Holy Spirit then moved in and quietly worked his charms on that person through the character of the child of God. Suddenly this person felt a compelling urge to go to Church and did not know why. After visiting the Church and hearing a message of salvation, he gave his life to Christ. It started because a child of God, full of the spirit of God, gave a teaspoon of sugar with the radiance of the Kingdom and it began working like leaven.

Leaven gets into the dough and works itself quietly causing the bread to rise, and it is pleasant for eating. When it was dough, if you tried to eat this raw flour, it would cause constipation, nausea, vomiting or uneasiness. While it is in the bread you don't hear a sound, but there are some internal multiplications of yeast spores called “Candida” that spread throughout the bread, causing it to enlarge its borders, easier to bake and very pleasant to eat.

We are not called out from darkness to stay away from darkness, but we are called out of darkness to affect the darkness. I heard someone say that God will give you a ministry for what was your greatest battle. This means that we all have ministry to the darkness. The glory of God is seen greater in our darkest hour. Most jewels are set against a dark velvet material so they can be easily seen. Whatever dark hour you may be facing right now, is

really a set up and a perfect moment for you to allow God to shine and glitter through you.

We are all called to be leaven to a world that is hard and indigestible. God loves people so much, that he puts us among them so he may shine himself through us to them. We can see the mess that surrounds them but they cannot see it; as the light of God shines through us, they will begin to see it for themselves. He puts us in the work place, schools, on busy airplanes, and other places where they are most likely to be, just for us to bring them back into his Kingdom.

God used Daniel in the Old Testament the same way. He was only fifteen years old when he was taken away to serve one of the most furious and demonically influenced kingdoms ruled by King Nebuchadnezzar. We learned later on that it was part of God's plan for the kingdom of Babylon to submit to the kingdom of God. Daniel was placed and named among the sorcerers, magicians, and astrologers. In other words, he was not separated and treated different from the sinners, for he was considered as one with them. If this was one of us, maybe we would have spoken in tongues and demanded that we see the king immediately to inform him that we were born again and filled with the Spirit. We would have demanded that we should be placed separately from the rest and addressed differently. Daniel could not care less, because he knew that he was sent by God to be leaven in a kingdom that was ruled by darkness.

Daniel had every right to be mad, because he was taken from his family and rank. Our greatness in God is so often found on the other side of injustice and despair. Daniel already had rank; he was already knowledgeable in the language and literature of the Chaldeans, not forgetting that he was very handsome and gifted in all wisdom. Yet, with all these credentials and titles, he was taken way from his family to serve a cult. This may not seem, at first, as the plan of God, but Daniel was the leaven and the mustard seed that God was going to use later on to change the mind of a corrupted king and bring his kingdom down right before his eyes. Daniel did not get mad, but he prayed and grew even more in wisdom.

Daniel 1:3-7

³Then the king instructed Ashpenaz, the master of his eunuchs, to bring some of the children of Israel and some of the king's descendants and some of the nobles, ⁴young

men in whom *there was* no blemish, but goodlooking, gifted in all wisdom, possessing knowledge and quick to understand, who *had* ability to serve in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the language and literature of the Chaldeans. ⁵And the king appointed for them a daily provision of the king's delicacies and of the wine which he drank, and three years of training for them, so that at the end of *that time* they might serve before the king. ⁶Now from among those of the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. ⁷To them the chief of the eunuchs gave names: he gave Daniel *the name* Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abed-Nego.

Daniel lived among the sorcerers, magicians and astrologers, but he maintained his allegiance to God. He did not impose his faith on anyone, because he knew that God would do that in his time. He continued in the ways of God. The Bible says that he grew in wisdom beyond his years and peers, but still remained humble. One day the king had a dream and no one could interpret this dream except Daniel. The dream took the sleep and peace of the King. This was the greatest opportunity for God to shine through Daniel. When God shines through us, we would know, because favor will be our portion without limitation.

Notice that even an evil King could dream the dreams of God, if yeast/leaven is in the castle with him. Daniel was in place and God made his move to win the king over to his kingdom. You and I must be in place even before our undeserving bosses and co-workers who curse us all the time.

Daniel 2:26-27

²⁶The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, "Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen, and its interpretation?" ²⁷Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, "The secret which the king has demanded, the wise *men*, the astrologers, the magicians, and the soothsayers cannot declare to the king. ²⁸But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made

known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, were these:”

The reason why God gave King Nebuchadnezzar the dream is because God understood Kingdom influence. The King was in authority, while Daniel was his servant, and in order for the plan of God to work he had to give the dream to the authority. If he gave Daniel the dream, it would have died right there because Daniel had the gift while the King had the influence. He gave the King the dream, because he was the only one to execute the plan that happened to be the plan of God.

We are instructed to pray for those in authority because they have the influence and if we pray for them, they will execute only the plans of God instead of the plans of the devil. We are the Daniels in our cities, job places, schools, etc. Let us take our places and position ourselves on earth to bring the kingdom of God to the masses all around us.

We are the leaven; let us work quietly in the dough of his world until we make bread of pure salvation. Let us be in position and allow the power of the Holy Spirit to do his job in influencing the inhabitants of the earth.

Chapter 8

The Influence of the Holy Spirit on Earth

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he Holy Spirit guarantees a relationship between earth and heaven. The Holy Spirit brought Jesus into the world to present the Holy Spirit to the world, so that the world may know Jesus through the convicting presence of the one who brought him to the world, the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:8

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

God divided himself into three personalities, while remaining one, for the purpose of fulfilling his purpose to his creation. Three distinct personalities's but yet one person. He came to earth as the Father and

displayed his personality as the father, thus, fulfilling all that he needed to his creation from a Father's perspective. His entrance to the earth prepared his Creation to understand the coming of himself again to the earth, but this time as the personality of a son. Jesus was this son who displayed the other personality of God that made God more tangible to man. He died on a cross just for the sake of redeeming man back to the Father, who came earlier to survey the damages found in his creation after the fall. Jesus saw the need for the third personality of God, after he left, because man needed to be connected to heaven while living on earth. Man was made to live on earth not heaven, but he was designed to live in the presence of God. Even though he was created to live on earth, he will die spiritually without his Creator. Jesus promised the coming of the Holy Spirit from the kingdom of heaven sent from the Father, who lives in heaven to the earth to prevent man from dying spiritually.

After studying the message of the Kingdom, I realize that if I am going to understand this message properly, I am going to have to know something about politics, government, colonization, and ancient history that deal with earthly kingdoms. I felt that this added information would give me a more tangible understanding of this great and powerful message of the kingdom of God.

Political science is the theory and practice of politics and the description and analysis of political systems and political behavior. A government is a body that has the authority to make and the power to enforce laws within a civil, corporate, religious, academic, or other organization or group. In its broadest sense, "to govern" means to administer or supervise, whether over a state, a set group of people, or a collection of assets.

The system that Jesus brought to the earth was political in nature and had strong implications of a heavenly government. This government's influence and political system began to spread first to countries closer to Israel. As my family and I traveled to Europe, we observed the ruins of so many castles that once belonged to ancient kingdoms. The influence of Jesus' teaching on the kingdom could be seen all over Europe. The political atmosphere of Europe is clearly seen from a kingdom mentality. Democracy is the present governmental influence, but is certainly embraced by ancient kingdom politics that once ruled Europe.

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A kingdom was considered great according to how much territory it owned. The bigger the territory of a kingdom, the more powerful that kingdom was. Kingdoms would fear other kingdoms that were larger. Many times a king would go to war with another kingdom just to have more territory, while other kings would search foreign territories to extend their particular kingdom influence. When territories are added to a kingdom, each territory is called a colony.

In politics and history, a colony is a territory under the immediate political control of a geographically distant state. The politics of the government of the kingdom controls the geographical area from the distant state of heaven. Every time a kingdom takes territory, it is called a domain, but when a kingdom takes control of a territory, that territory is then called a colony of that particular kingdom. The earth was created by the Kingdom of Heaven and that makes the earth a colony of heaven.

How does a kingdom rule a colony, so that the colony becomes just like the kingdom? The kingdom appoints a governor from their own kingdom, not out of the colony, but directly from the kingdom itself. This house that the governor lives in is what we call the governor's mansion. The quality of the governor's house gets its true value from the governor who lives in the mansion. Now it does not matter how old the house is that the governor chooses to live in, once the governor takes up residence in that old house, it becomes a new mansion immediately. By knowing these concepts, we can apply them to the kingdom of God and the last personality of God on the earth.

Dr. Myles Munroe is my favorite teacher on this subject of the kingdom and I would like to tag along with his five purposes of the Holy Spirit. Dr. Munroe illustrated these powerful points of the Holy Spirit by using the examples of a governor living in a colony.

1. It is the duty of the governor to establish and maintain a permanent connection between the kingdom and the colony. This connection will establish a relationship between the kingdom of heaven and colony on earth. The only way this could be done would only be possible through the presence of the governor. Without the governor, there will be no connection or relationship.

2. The governor communicates anything the kingdom wants to say to the colony.

3. The governor represents the kingdom and all that it stands for to the

colony, and he also represents the colony to the kingdom. The governor tells the kingdom the needs and requests of the colony.

4. The governor knows the mind, desires, plans and purposes of the king personally and so he is the only one to interpret properly to the colony.

5. The governor is the only one who has the authority and ability to carry out the desires of the king, because he is the only one who the king personally delegated his authority to.

We can really understand the person of the Holy Spirit if we understand the kingdom of God and its concepts. The Holy Spirit is responsible for guaranteeing a relationship and communication between earth and heaven. Because of this responsibility, the Holy Spirit brought Jesus into the world through the virgin birth of Mary, so that Jesus could present him back to the world. He, the Holy Spirit, would then convict the world once he was in the world. He convicts the world through the redemptive work of the cross and reconnects man to the Father again. The world may then know Jesus through the convicting presence of the Holy Spirit and establish the original idea of the Father, which is, the kingdom of heaven on the earth.

The most important person on earth is the Holy Spirit and without him you will never be saved. In fact, Jesus emphasized the extreme importance of the Holy Spirit to us when he said that if you speak evil of this Holy person, you will never be forgiven.

Matthew 12:31-32

³¹“Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men. ³²Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.”

The devil has taken advantage of this scripture and used it to lay guilt with torment on innocent Christians. He has used this Scripture to literally torment believers and caused some to even give up the faith. Many have lived a life of unhappiness, despair, torment and horrible depression from the misinterpretation of this Scripture. If you felt that you have sinned against the Holy Spirit and spent your life feeling tormented over this sin, you haven't really sinned against the Holy Spirit. If you spent your days

tormented by guilt, then you have not sinned against the Holy Spirit, but you are simply tormented by some other kind of spirit that brings torment and despair. You see the Holy Spirit only convicts and he certainly does not torment people.

The Holy Spirit convicts people, he does not torment them.

Whatever the Holy Spirit does, you can be guaranteed that there will be no torment or despair in it. He gently and loveably brings your attention to the sin that you need to stop. He will never torment you about your sin. His entire reason for conviction is to draw us closer to God and not further away. If what you feel is not drawing you to God, then it is not the Holy Spirit. I want you to be free from this torment and guilt by knowing the truth of this Scripture and be free from the weight of this deception. Learn to live again in the freedom of the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit gently convicts us of our sins.

What is conviction?

Holman Bible Dictionary defines conviction as follows:

CONVICTION A sense of guilt and shame leading to repentance. The words “convict” and “conviction” do not appear in the King James Version. The word “convince” (KJV) comes closest to expressing the meaning of “conviction.” The Hebrew word *yakah* expresses the idea of conviction. It means “to argue with,” “to prove,” “to correct.” God may be the subject and persons the object (Job 22:4) or a person may be the subject who convicts another person (Ezek. 3:26).

The Greek term meaning “convict” is *elegxo*. It means “to convict” “to refute,” “to confute,” usually with the suggestion of shame of the person convicted. Young ministers like Timothy and Titus had the responsibility of “convicting” (rebuking, refuting) those under their charge (1 Tim. 5:20; 2 Tim. 4:2; Titus 1:13; 2:15). John the Baptist “convicted” Herod Antipas because of his illicit marriage to Herodias, his brother’s wife (Luke 3:19). No one could convict Jesus of sin (John 8:46). John 16:8-11 is a classic passage on conviction. The Holy Spirit is the One who convicts, and the (inhabited) world is the object of conviction. A study of this passage yields the following results. First, conviction for sin is the result of the Holy Spirit awakening humanity to a sense of guilt and condemnation because of sin and unbelief. Second, more than mental conviction is intended. The total person is involved. This can lead to action based on a sense of conviction. Third, the conviction results in hope, not despair. Once individuals are

made aware of their estranged relationship with God, they are challenged and encouraged to mend that relationship. The conviction not only implies the exposure of sin (despair) but also a call to repentance (hope).

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The enemy does not play fair; he tries to get believers to feel guilt and shame that would lead them to condemnation and hopelessness. The Holy Spirit leads you to repentance or change for better relationship with the Father. When a person has blasphemed the Holy Spirit, the person feels absolutely no guilt, no shame nor conviction of this sin or any other sin they have committed. You cannot mistakenly blaspheme the Holy Spirit, for it must be a conscious act based on knowledge of who the Holy Spirit is, yet blaspheming after much warning.

You see the Holy Spirit was always on the earth and lived in men until Adam sinned. He was always in the Garden of Eden externally keeping the garden cool, because of the internal dwelling in Adam.

When Adam sinned the Holy Spirit did not just leave Adam, but he left all of humanity. Man was now on his own and independent from God. He had to now make a living for himself without God. Age, environment, atmosphere, the elements and now the kingdom of darkness began to affect him. He died spiritually because of the absence of the Holy Spirit. This is why when we become born again, we receive the Holy Spirit again. We cannot be born again without the Holy Spirit for he is the reason we became born again. To be born again is to be reconnected to the Father and this is why the Holy Spirit is the most important person on the earth. When the Holy Spirit lives in you, it eliminates the possibility of you blaspheming him for this is the reason he came to live in you. It is because you did not reject his convictions and invited him into your life that you are now free from blaspheming him.

When Adam sinned, the Holy Spirit did not just leave him, but He left all of humanity.

The Holy Spirit left the earth because of the sin in man, but he has now returned because of another man without sin called Jesus. The body of Jesus was exactly like Adam in the garden without sin, and this is why he is referred to as the second Adam. The body of Jesus or what we may call the second Adam is also called the Church. The Church, which is the body of Christ, has become the corporate housing of the Holy Spirit. This house was prepared by the redemptive act of Jesus Christ on the cross. Everything

seems to be centered on the return of the most important person on earth, who is the Holy Spirit. Jesus was born, died and resurrected to bring back the Holy Spirit to man, so that he could colonize or change the earth to look like the kingdom of heaven. Jesus came to bring the Holy Spirit back to man, so that man could return back to his original state of kingship.

When the Holy Spirit convicts a man of his sins and that man repeatedly refuse to change, he is then given over to a reprobate mind. It is in this reprobate mind-set that he is unreachable and no longer hears the voice of God in the age that he is in or the age to come. It is only through the Holy Spirit, that a man begins his walk to eternal life. If he does not listen to the convicting voice of the Holy Spirit, he will be doomed forever and without forgiveness in hell.

People who once served the Lord with great passion and turned away, are very close to committing the unpardonable sin. When you begin to lose your passion for God, it is very important for you to stop, recheck and renew your passion for God. To fall away means to once be a partaker of the Holy Spirit and his gift then crucify the Lord again on that horrible cross.

Hebrews 6:4-6

“⁴For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, ⁵and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, ⁶if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put *Him* to an open shame.”

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This is why it is very important for you to work out your own salvation with fear and trembling because on that day as you stand before God it will be you and God only. Seek God with all your heart and all your might. Do whatever it takes to make sure you are hearing the voice of God and the conviction of the Holy Spirit, for the day you stop hearing his voice or stop feeling convicted of your sins, is the day you are getting close to committing blasphemy.

Luke 4:1-2

“Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, 2. where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.”

One of the ways to really fully understand the person of the Holy Spirit is by understanding the indwelling kingdom of God and redemption for man through the life of Jesus. Jesus was full of the Holy Spirit, in other words, he was the embodiment of the Holy Spirit. The entire third person of the Godhead was found in the body of Jesus Christ. In that particular moment while Jesus was on earth, the third character and personality of God was only in Jesus, just as Jesus was only in Israel. Both the son of God and the Holy Spirit were confined to Israel for thirty three and a half years. This combination was the perfect example of what man was truly supposed to be like. Man was complete and lacking nothing until he lost the Holy Spirit living in him.

We may ask who kept watch over the rest of the world at that time and the answer is God the Father. We must also remember that each part of the Godhead had a particular personality and responsibility. The three who are one also never compete or does the other job, but they do work together. Each part of the Godhead only does the duty due them, and allows the other to comfortably perform their own duty completely. While the Holy Spirit was confined to the body of Jesus; he only did what he does best through the body of Jesus. The Holy Spirit was performing great signs and wonders at the request of every word Jesus spoke and requested. The Father did what he was supposed to do as the Father and nothing more.

The supernatural kingdom was seen and demonstrated for all of Israel to see during the time Jesus walked the earth. The supernatural power of God was totally and completely inside of Jesus and access to this great power was at the finger tips of Jesus. Jesus was the embodiment of the Holy Spirit. His visit to earth was to bring back the Holy Spirit to mankind for man had lost the Holy Spirit in the Garden of Eden when Adam sinned. Jesus was the ultimate example of what man should be on the earth with the Holy Spirit operating in him twenty four hours per day. Man died spiritually when he lost the Holy Spirit and became powerless to sicknesses, diseases

and the kingdom of darkness. Jesus came to show us how to be men and women full of the Holy Spirit again moving us from death unto life.

1st Corinthians 15:22

“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.”

All of mankind that was trapped inside of Adam lost the Holy Spirit and this caused a disconnection between man and God, earth and heaven. Calvary, the cross, the blood and redemption was not what Jesus came to fulfill. Calvary, the cross and the blood was the means to the end. It was necessary for Jesus to be crucified, shed his blood and redeem man, because it was needed in the process of filling man with the Holy Spirit, so that he could be reconnected to his God. Jesus was what Adam looked like before he fell or sinned. In fact, the Bible calls Jesus the “last Adam” who was full of the Holy Spirit.

1st Corinthians 15:45

“And so it is written, “The first man **Adam** became a living being.” The last **Adam** became a life-giving spirit.”

The main interest of Jesus was to bring back to man what Adam lost in the Garden of Eden that alienated and disconnected him from God. His number one goal was to get into us what we lost, because what we lost was the only means of connecting heaven to earth. This was the prayer of Jesus when he taught the disciples to pray the kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Man was given the job to make the earth look like heaven and the only way he could do it is through the person he lost, the Holy Spirit.

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Jesus had to find some kind of way to reconnect heaven with the earth, so that earth could look like heaven. He knew that man was given this responsibility to make earth look like heaven. In fact, man did this job perfectly before and made the earth look like heaven and called it the Garden of Eden. He did this easily, because he had the Holy Spirit before he lost him when he sinned. The only thing that is missing on the earth that has the ability of helping man bring heaven to earth is the person of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' ultimate goal on the earth was to bring back the Holy Spirit into the temple of man. He did this through a process of redemptive work on the cross, but his focus was bringing the person who was missing in action. On the cross, Jesus announced that the mission was accomplished and he gave up the ghost to fill all of mankind. He got the mission of God started to make earth look like heaven by bringing back the most important person on the earth, the Holy Spirit into the temple of man. This was the same Holy Spirit in Genesis that put everything back into the order of God. The redemptive work of the cross was a means of bringing the Holy Spirit back to man that order can come back to his life. With the Holy Spirit in the life of man, he could now do what Jesus did and greater works than what he did while on earth. These greater works could only be done through the power of the missing person the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit needed a body that was pure and undefiled so he used the body of Jesus that had the pure blood of his Father, God the Father. The blood of the Father is what we find in the veins of a child born to him, and Jesus' father was not Joseph. Joseph's blood was already contaminated with Adam's blood. The blood of Jesus was pure and holy, because the heavenly father was the father of Jesus. Jesus always referred to the heavenly father as his Father. This blood qualified the man Jesus to house the Holy Spirit. It also qualified our bodies to house the Holy Spirit, because it was the pure blood of God. The whole act of redemption was for man to be purified and qualified to receive the Holy Spirit again. What Jesus did was he died on the cross for our sins, and he made his father our father. This is why we can now pray 'Our Father who art in heaven'. When God became our Father, his blood came into our veins automatically, because the blood of a father is always found in the veins of his children. The blood of Jesus which is the same blood of his father, God almighty, flows in our bodies and it qualifies us to receive the Holy Spirit again.

The word "receive" is made up of two words, the prefix "re" and the word "ceive". To "ceive" is to have; while "re" means to go back to the original state. To re-ceive is to have again something you had before. When Jesus told the seventy to receive the Holy Spirit he was saying to have the Holy Spirit again.

It is impossible for man to solve the present problems on earth without heaven's involvement. When man, who is disconnected with heaven tries to create a solution for his problem, it only created larger problem for himself.

Why is this so? The problems that man face today were created by him and he is the problem. How can a problem create a solution to a problem when the problem is the problem? Problems will only create more problems and not solutions. Man became a problem when he lost the Holy Spirit and got disconnected from heaven. The only way to reconnect man back to God was by the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ.

How can a problem create a solution to a problem when the problem is the problem?

Every man is searching for the Holy Spirit and does not always know that he is looking for him. If what we lost is the Holy Spirit in the Garden, then we are always going to search for what we lost. We may not know how to find him, but we are looking for him. The atheist is looking for him. He may be looking for him in science, or in proving that the void that he feels is not God, but he is looking for him even though he does not know that he is looking for him. Unfortunately, many try to fill this void with drugs, sex, alcohol, money, fame, etc.

Jesus said that it is very important for him to go, because if he goes the Holy Spirit that is inside of him will be released to us again. All of the Holy Spirit was only in our Lord at the moment. We are now prepared to house him inside of us just like Jesus, because he shed his blood to wash us from all sin that we may become holy to receive the Holy Spirit. When we receive him everything we would ever need would show up, because when he comes, he brings with him the entire kingdom of God. Our job is to now take the kingdom of God inside of us into the earth, so that the earth may look just like the kingdom inside of us. In other words, the kingdom of God must first move into us before it can move on the outside of us. When the kingdom of God moves from the inside of us to the outside, it establishes the kingdom of heaven on earth.

Jesus in his visible self makes the Holy Spirit limited and confined only to the place he is at the moment. But Jesus in his invisible state makes him unlimited, because he can now dwell in millions of limited bodies. The effects that Jesus had in Israel with one body can now affect an entire world with our bodies sanctified and qualified with the same indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is for us to manifest the kingdom of God all over this world. Let us invade the earth with the power of the most important person in the world, the Holy Spirit.

Chapter 9

The Power of Prayer

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– King’s Heart Prayer Vision:

“To create an atmosphere of the tangible presence of God, through strategic prayer with intercession for the manifestations of the gifts, fruits, power of the Holy Spirit, and the will of God.”

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Jesus made a very serious statement when he said his house is the house of prayer. We are to study and apply the word of God as spoken by our Lord. It is clear that Jesus was very serious about prayer, for his expressions in the temple clearly demonstrated this urgency when he overturned the tables and drove the people out with a whip. I believe any believer and Church who follows Jesus’ urgent request for prayer will be the only ones standing in the times we now live in.

Jesus did not just teach prayer, he clearly demonstrated the art of prayer when he started each of his mornings in it. He sought instructions from his Father before he did anything. His life and ministry clearly demonstrated the supernatural side of his Kingdom to the world. Jesus heard the word of God each morning, but he heard it in the presence of prayer. There is a great big difference in hearing the word of God with prayer than without prayer. The Apostle Paul tells us that the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. It is absolutely dangerous to read the word of God without prayer.

At our church, prayer is absolutely required of every leader. I believe to attempt ministry without prayer is to commit spiritual suicide. I have seen so many well meaning believers, who went into ministry and worked real hard for the Kingdom, but fell away after the weight of ministry overwhelmed them. Many have gotten terribly offended by the pressures and cost of ministry that they did not only leave the ministry, but they left the faith completely. This is very sad, but it can be prevented if we apply the principle of prayer.

As humans, we have a tendency to pursue only what works immediately, this is why so many don’t pray or attend corporate pray at

Church. When we don't see immediate result we don't feel the motivation to pursue this life changing principle that our Lord practiced daily. When we lack understanding in the principles of prayer, it encourages us to stay away from it. Let us get a basic understanding of one of the most powerful principles of bringing heaven to earth.

Defining /Understanding Prayer and Intercession

Among the many books ever written on the topic of prayer, the most powerful book I have ever read was, "Understanding the Purpose and Power of Prayer" written by Dr. Myles Munroe. This book created a motivation, excitement and appetite for prayer in me. I use this book as my prayer manual for it literally changed my life forever. It is from Dr. Munroe's book that I am going to define and explain prayer.

The fact that God said "LET THEM" and not "LET US" created seven very important primary laws.

1. The legal authority to dominate the earth was given to the human race only.
2. God did not include himself in the legal authority structure over the earth.
3. Man became the legal steward over the territory of earth's domain.
4. Man is a spirit with a physical body; therefore, spirits with physical bodies are the only ones who can legally function in the earth realm.
5. Any spirit without a body will be illegal on the earth.
6. Any influence or interference from the super- natural realm to the earth must have legal permission by man only.
7. God himself, who is a spirit without a body, has made himself subjected to this law, much more for Satan, who is also a spirit without a body.

Dr. Munroe stated in his book that these principles are critical to understanding the origin, foundation, and true definition of prayer. Based on these principles, we can now define prayer properly and understand the extreme importance of this practice called prayer. Our Lord embraced this practice with great passion while he was on earth. It is within these principles that Jesus completed his assignment when he told God, the Father, "It is finished". You and I can accomplish our purpose on earth by embracing the importance and urgency of prayer, as we embrace these principles that our Lord embraced.

Dr. Munroe answered the question, what is prayer? Here are four definitions of prayer:

1. Prayer is man giving God the legal right and permission to interfere in earth's affairs, situations, and circumstances.

2. Prayer is man giving heaven an earthly legal license to influence, and change the earth.

3. Prayer is a terrestrial license for celestial involvement.

4. Prayer is man exercising his legal authority on earth to bring heaven's influence back to the planet.

IF GOD DOES NOTHING OUTSIDE OF PRAYER, THEN IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT WE PRAY WITHOUT CEASING.

If God does not do anything outside prayer then Satan will make sure that you do not pray. Even if he has to allow blessings to come to you, he will do so, as long as you are not praying. He is afraid of prayer. Prayer will destroy the works of Satan ALWAYS. When we pray God gets involve, when we don't pray he does not get involve. So it is imperative for us to pray. We must pray, because God will not get involved in anything that we are doing without our prayers. The beauty of prayer is that it is an art that can be learned. Prayer can be learned. The disciples ask our Lord to TEACH them how to pray. If it can be *taught*, then it can be *learned*.

Here are three types of prayer that can be learned:

Petition – God is our Father and we are his children and that gives us the rights and privileges to ask our Father for whatever we need.

John 16:23-24, ²³And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give *it* you. ²⁴Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. Being our Father, however, He knows what we need so he gives us what we need, not necessarily what we want.

Matthew 7:11, ¹¹If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

Devotion – This can also be called seeking prayer, which is fellowshiping and having communion with God. This type of prayer is more concerned with developing a relationship with God rather than asking him for things, even though it is our privilege. It is prayer that seeks his heart rather than his hand. It is inviting God into our presence just to be around him.

Philippians 3:7-8, ⁷”But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. ⁸Yea doubtless, and I count all things *but* loss for the Excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them *but* dung, that I may win Christ,”

Proverbs 8:17-19, ¹⁷”I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me. ¹⁸Riches and honor *are* with me; *yea*, durable riches and righteousness. ¹⁹My fruit *is* better than gold, *yea*, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.

If you are no longer excited about God, it is your own fault and not other people, because you have not yet learned to enter this level of prayer that says seek and you will find. Stop blaming others for where you are and take full responsibility and action for your own development. Seek him and you will find him with all that you would ever need to succeed in life.

Intercession - The act of intervening or mediating between differing parties; particularly the act of praying to God on behalf of another person. This type of prayer comes as a result of the second level of devotional prayer. This is where God shares his heart and concerns to you for other people or situations. He wants to personally get involved, but he needs someone to invite him in legally, so that he can help that person or fix the situation.

When God places a burden in your heart to prayer for a person, he allows you to feel how and what he is feeling about that person and he allows you to feel what that person is also feeling.

So if God feels compassion for someone who has just lost a loved one, he would allow you to feel the compassion he feels for that person. And for you to pray more effectively for that person, he allows you to feel what that person is feeling, that is, the loss, anger, confusion, sorrow, etc. Your own human feelings will also get involved in what you have discerned and sometimes you may react positively or negatively to what you feel. It is not what you feel, but what he wants for that person or situation.

Jonah was really mad at the people at Nineveh after he felt the burden of God for that city. God wanted to save these people and he did it, because of Jonah’s intercession for the city despite his own feelings.

Jonah 1:1 ¹Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the son of Amittai,

saying, ²Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.

Jonah 3:10 “¹And the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time, saying, ²Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee. ³So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days’ journey. ⁴And Jonah began to enter into the city a day’s journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.

⁵ So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. ⁶For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered *him* with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷And he caused *it* to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water: ⁸But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that

is in their hands. ⁹Who can tell *if* God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger that we perish not?

¹⁰ And God saw their works that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did *it* not.

Jonah 4:1-11 ¹But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry. ²And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, *was* not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou *art* a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil. ³Therefore now, O LORD, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for *it is* better for me to die than to live. ⁴Then said the LORD, Doest thou well to be angry?

⁵ So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city. ⁶And the LORD God prepared a gourd, and made *it* to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah was exceeding glad of the gourd. ⁷But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the

gourd that it withered. ⁸And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, *It is better for me to die than to live.* ⁹And God said to Jonah, Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, *even unto death.* ¹⁰Then said the LORD, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night: ¹¹And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and *also much cattle?*

Intercession is a true example of ambassadorship. We RE-PRESENT God back to a person, people or nation, who may not want him, but definitely needs him.

IF GOD DOES NOTHING OUTSIDE OF PRAYER, THEN IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANT THAT WE PRAY WITHOUT CEASING.

We cannot take chances to leave home without prayer. Jesus himself never attempted his day without prayer. This art was demonstrated so often by our Lord because this is one of the most powerful ways the kingdom of heaven comes to earth. If heaven invades the earth through continuously praying, then prayer without stopping must be done daily to keep heaven on earth permanently. The word of God encourages us to pray without ceasing, because God is interested in keeping heaven on the earth.

“pray without ceasing;” **1st Thessalonians 5:17**

1st Timothy 2:8

⁸So I want men everywhere to pray with holy hands lifted up to God, free from sin and anger and resentment. (TLB version)

⁸ I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting; (NKJV version)

⁸ I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. (KJV)

Intercession is a true example of our ambassadorship. We RE-PRESENT God back to a person, people or nation that may have rejected, ignored or doubted him, but definitely need him and don't know it. It is a normal practice for a government to first withdraw or remove their ambassadors before a war. The fact that we are still here on earth indicates

that God is still forbearing the sins of this world, and there is still time to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom.

The prayer of intercession is the prayer that may be closest to the heart of God, and is made up of petitions and devotional prayers. Why is this so? Because it is the prayer that Jesus does now and it is the prayer that the Holy Spirit prays through us daily. It is also the prayer that invites God to do what he really wants to do on the earth. He is always looking for ambassadors (intercessors), who will invite him to the earth so that he can accomplish HIS WILL legally on the earth.

Romans 6:26-27

²⁶Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes **intercession**^f for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because He makes **intercession** for the saints according to *the will of* God.

The Holy Spirit can make intercession through us, because our body, (the temple of the Holy spirit), gives him legal authority to pray through us.

1st Corinthians 6:19

¹⁹Or do you not know that **your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you**, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

Hebrews 7:24-25

²⁴but Jesus, on the other hand, because He continues forever, holds His priesthood permanently. ²⁵Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

The qualities of an intercessor are seen in the example of the life of Simeon lived while waiting for the messiah to be born in the temple.

Luke 2:25-39

“²⁵And there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law, ²⁸then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said, ²⁹ “Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace, According to Your word; ³⁰ For my eyes have seen Your salvation, ³¹ Which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²A Light of revelation to the gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel.” ³³And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this *Child* appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed— ³⁵and a sword will pierce even your own soul—to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” ³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years and had lived with *her* husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷and then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple, serving night and day with fastings and prayers. ³⁸At that very moment she came up and *began* giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of Him to all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹When they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The Child continued to grow and become strong, increasing in wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.”

Five Qualities of an Intercessor

Simeon was a perfect example of true qualities an intercessor may possess.

1. **Devout** – He was given to prayer. A person who enters the ministry of intercession should be given to prayer.

2. **Patient** - The Scriptures show that Simeon waited for the consolation (Comforter who eases grief and pain) of Israel. That is, he did not wait for

some political solution, because he knew that the solution to Israel's problem was spiritual. That is why Simeon waited for years, because he knew the answer to his prayer would come as a result of his intercession.

3. Full of the Holy Spirit – Only a man who has the Holy Spirit in him can carry the weight of intercessory prayer. It is the Holy Spirit who bears the weight.

4. Trust God for the answer to prayer – It was revealed to Simeon that he would see the results of his prayer before his own death. Therefore, he went faithfully to the temple daily for many years, until one day the baby Jesus, the messiah, was presented to him in the temple. How about what God said concerning his church? Are you patient enough and trusting God for the overflow or are you talking about how empty it is at times. Simeon, the intercessor, knew that if he took his eyes off what he saw naturally and prayed for what he saw spiritually, he would see the Christ before he died.

If we take our eyes away from what we see naturally and place them on the vision and dreams that God showed us years ago, revival will hit our Churches even before a great crowd gets there. But, we must trust God while we wait. When we trust God, we will not stop praying. *I CANNOT STRESS ENOUGH HOW IMPORTANT PRAYER IS FOR ANY CHURCH GROWTH AND REVIVAL*

– *GOD WILL NOT DO ANYTHING OUTSIDE OF PRAYER.*

He was a man of Vision – Simeon, the intercessor, knew more about the child, Jesus Christ, more than the parents, Mary and Joseph. Intercessory prayer will take you into the heart of God and you will see things in advance that no one will be able to see, because God will reveal them to you. You may ask why it is so important to know things in advance. Because you would know exactly what to do without mistakes and life would become more predictable. When you know something in advance, you do not get disappointed or easily offended. The reason people are getting easily offended is because they are not praying that God could show them things in advanced or even intervene on their behalf. LET US PRAY!!!

The Great Results and Benefits of Intercession

Remember, all of us are called into intercession if the Holy Spirit lives in us. (*Romans 6:26-27 and 1st Corinthians 6:19*) and Jesus is our Lord (*Hebrews 7:24-25*). The reason for the call of intercession is that God does

not want anyone to be exempted from his blessings or lose out on any benefits he has for them.

There are some blessings and benefits that come from intercessory prayer that you will need someday, but it will come as a result of this kind of prayer only. So let us not rob ourselves from these great blessings and benefits by interceding as the spirit gives us direction.

Great revelation, knowledge and wisdom can be released to us, as we do intercessory prayer. The difference between success and failure is found in knowledge. Intercessory prayer reveals the knowledge of God to us as we pray.

Jeremiah 33:3

“unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.”

Matthew 13:11

“The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you”

Moses was one of the greatest intercessors of the Old Testament. As he interceded for the children of Israel, God revealed the Ten Commandments and a great political, economical and social structure for the reformation of Israel. Moses was then well learned in all aspects of life and known to be one of the greatest leaders ever lived. He would have missed the blessings that God had for him and his family, if he did not intercede for the children of Israel.

Daniel was a man who prayed (interceded) three times a day and God gave him a revelation (knowledge, wisdom) into the future events, that revealed the different ages to come, and he found great favor with the King. His life of prayer caused the mouth of some hungry lions to close. God will close the mouth of your enemies and give you glimpses into your future (VISION) when you do intercession. You will be able to predict your future, which is what vision will show you.

In the New Testament, the prophetess, Anna was given revelation of Jesus as the promised messiah. God will reveal his messiah-ship to you when you intercede like Anna. To see Jesus in the true light as messiah comes from much intercession.

Cornelius was given instructions from the Holy Spirit one day at three o’ clock in the afternoon to get Peter and bring him to his house. (Acts 10)

God will show you great people who need help in your intercession. Cornelius helped Peter and Peter's testimony became the rock that the Church you serve in today was built on.

Paul was known for his intercession in the New Testament, and God gave him so much revelation that he wrote more than the disciples that was with Jesus personally. Paul got personal revelation that he wasn't permitted to share with everyone.

2nd Corinthians 12:4, "How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter."

God will give you the nations for your inheritance.

Psalms 2:8-9, "Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for*thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Isaiah 56:7b, "For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."

The joy of seeing positive changes takes place before your eyes, intercessor, Joy Dawson, saw a woman captured by the Cimbas in Congo, Africa. This woman was rescued by three nuns after she had been pronounced dead by many worldwide. A group of about 25 intercessors prayed over a period of two years in a town that had night clubs, prostitution, x-rated theaters, and no Church to preach the gospel. After two years, two Churches were established; missionaries from that town went to India, Scotland, England, Nepal, Guatemala, Mexico, and Russia. The night clubs closed down, prostitutes received salvation, X-rated theaters closed down and the Churches began to grow rapidly, as a result of much intercession. God will do the same for your city, nation and country if you intercede daily.

God preserves your families for the future; like Abraham's offspring were blessed from generation to generation so would yours. Abraham was known to be righteous, a man of faith and most importantly, a man of intercession. He prayed for Lot and his family in Sodom and Gomorrah. The city was destroyed only after they were delivered from it; all because Abraham prayed. His prayer and intercession protected his nephew, Lot and his family. God is no respecter of people, if he protected Lot and his family, how much more he will protect you and your family if you apply the principles of this art of prayer called intercession.

Let us intercede for our church, city, nation and the world as the lord places it on our hearts and watch God bless and preserve our future, children, increase knowledge, wisdom, health, wealth etc. etc. etc.

Chapter 10

Balancing the Anointing with Character

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It is very important for every one of us to develop godly character in our lives. These characteristics will serve as an internal compass that will guide and give us the ability to make decisions that will be beneficial to us personally and allow us to gain an abundance of respect with people in our communities. Good character enables us to be great citizens and sound contributors to society as a whole. We are recognized as nice people who would cause people to want to be around us. But while good character attracts people to our environment, it does not have the ability to heal anyone. Good character must be enveloped by the power of God in order for it to be effective.

1st Samuel 10:6

And the spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.

There must be a balance between character and power in order for us to be as effective as our Lord. Jesus had the charms and power to attract thousands around him and led them back to the kingdom of God through this great balance. I was surprised to read the statistics from a known Christian statistician who found that almost 80-90% of Church attendees in some of the largest Churches in the United States are not sure if they are going to heaven. They are not sure they understand the meaning of salvation. Why is this so? And how is it possible?

Character attracts people in the same way that a crowd attracts a crowd.

Character attracts people in the same way that a crowd attracts a crowd. People are automatically drawn to nice people, or what we may call good character and powerful people. When we have character without the power of God, the anointing, we accomplish a small amount of success for the

Kingdom. A lack of character with an abundance of power brings shame to the Kingdom of God later on in the life of your walk with God.

There was a young man from the town that I came from in Trinidad, whom I greatly admired; he was a preacher of great conviction. After preaching a very basic message of salvation, people would run to the altar to receive Jesus as their Lord and savior. He was one of the most powerful preachers I had ever heard in that time. In a recent visit to my home town of Preysal, I found him drunk and cursing every fowl language you could ever imagine. What happened to this once great preacher? He had power but never spent time developing his character.

In my book, *The Character of a King*, I explain some of the ways we can cultivate and develop character in our lives. We can face the trials of life and still be the king that the Lord designed us to be, if we develop godly character in our life.

When your character looks like the character of Christ, people will be drawn to it, for that is exactly what the character of Christ does. It takes the power of Christ to deliver people after the character of Christ has drawn them into your life. Love, kindness and gentleness are characteristics of Christ. People are drawn to love, kindness and gentleness, but are healed by the anointing of God. When the power of God passes through the veins of the fruits of the spirit, heaven immediately relocates itself to the spot you are standing on. The grounds change and God is glorified.

The world displays these characteristics of love, kindness, gentleness, and meekness just as good as the Church and sometimes better than some church folks. We see this kind of kindness displayed in a lot of rich movie stars and football players who give generously to charitable organizations. Sometimes their kindness is motivated by a moment of love or out of the genuine kindness of heart. But with all of these great qualities without Christ, none can operate in the power of God, the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

This balance is an honor that is only given to a child of God who is sold out to Jesus. In the book of Acts 19, we see how the sons of Sceva tried to do the works of the Father, destroy the works of the devil, but were overcome by the demonic spirits. I believe those sons were noble in their efforts, but they were not yet children of God, for even the devils knew this. They tried to duplicate the works of God, by taking a short cut and did not wait long enough to be empowered by the Holy Spirit, Who was given to us

by our heavenly Father. This kind of power is a privilege that is given to sons and daughters of God almighty. This privilege can bring healing to a hurt and dying world. While acts of kindness and generosity would help people for the moment; the balance of kindness and generosity intermingled with the power of God would bring permanent changes to our communities, families and nations.

Acts 19: 11-20

¹¹And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

¹²So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

¹³Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.

¹⁴And there were seven sons of *one* Sceva, a Jew, *and* chief of the priests, which did so.

¹⁵And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

¹⁶And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. ¹⁷And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

¹⁸And many that believed came, and confessed, and showed their deeds. ¹⁹Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all *men*: and

they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand *pieces* of silver.

²⁰So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.”

It is very important to know that the people, who are fed by the movie stars and superstars, become hungry again, because the crowds were attracted to their kindness, but needed the power of God to be delivered. I applaud these stars and kind people, who make these noble efforts, but I appeal to you to take the next step of being empowered by the Holy Spirit. We can set up program after program in our Churches, which we should. These programs will bring people to the house of God, but we must go one step further to expose them to the power of God, that will heal and deliver them completely.

There are not enough people to draw others by the acts of love, kindness, goodness through evangelism, so the Church remains small, but delivered. There must be balance in developing character with the anointing so that our Churches will grow and, at the same time, be delivered.

Dr. Cho from South Korea demonstrates this balance so beautifully. He has the largest Church in the world with people passionately excited for God. Prayer and cell groups are a major part of his Church's incredible growth. Prayer brings the power of God, while cell groups develop character in the lives of each believer. The cell groups are small enough to have personal interaction and discipleship, while corporate prayer in Church and the Prayer Mountains moves every obstacle that may stand in the way of what God wants to do in that region. Dr. Cho clearly demonstrates the balance between character and power in his Church. He preaches the full gospel and allows the Holy Spirit to demonstrate the works of the Father that brings the Kingdom of God on earth.

Christ in us shapes the character of the king in us; while Christ upon us demonstrates the King through us.

The world needs to see Christ in us, but it is just as important for them to see and experience the power of this Christ who comes upon us at the same time. Christ in us shapes the character of the King in us; while Christ upon us demonstrates the King through us. This is what it means when the Scripture says in 1st John 4:4 “...greater is he that is in me than he that is in the world” and in Acts 1:8, “Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit has come upon you”. He will shape your character while he is in you,

and he who comes upon you will give you power. When both character and power intermingles with each through the same spirit, results for the Kingdom of God are inevitable.

Jesus helped his disciples to shape their character through discipline, but he never neglected to train them in the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit. They were commanded to heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead and cast out demons and at the same time, Peter was asked if he loved Jesus three times. Jesus himself demonstrated a true balance of character and power for us to follow. He displayed such great character of self control through his silence in Pilate's presence when they tried to humiliate and crucify him, but on the other side of his character of love, he healed all manner of sicknesses, diseases, and those oppressed with demons.

We are really nice people, who stand by helplessly and watch people die, unintentionally, because we don't know we have the power to deliver them from their hurts and pains. I am letting you know today that there is an unlimited power from high to deliver you and others from any sickness, disease, depression or oppression; that power comes from the Holy Spirit.

The lack of character grieves God, while the lack of power quenches God.

The church has many people of good character, which we may say, are generally nice people who visit the sick at the hospital. They offer sincere prayers as an act of service to the Church and the person lying on their sick bed, for it is a nice thing to do. After all, nice people do nice things. But when they leave the hospital, the sick are still sick and remain in the same condition, getting worse. The sick persons felt the warmth of their kindness and good character for a moment, as they slip right back to their pains and suffering wondering if God is punishing them or whether this pain would ever leave. I believe it is very encouraging to have nice people around us when we don't feel well, for it helps to bring comfort. But, we need to go to the next level of the works of the Father and the manifestation of the Kingdom on earth, that the people we love so much would be healed. This can happen if we seek the power of God that Jesus taught his disciples through our prayer meeting and fasting. We can work the works of the Father and godly character, while we bring the nations into the kingdom of God.

Jesus was very effective, because he preached the message of the Kingdom. The message of the Kingdom is not of words, but of power, as

stated in 1st Corinthians 4:20. The same power you will receive after that the Holy Spirit has come upon you. Much emphasis has been placed on the development of godly character for a good reason. Many have seen the abuse of power and authority in the Church for years and so the need had arisen. It is equally wrong to develop one over the other and it hurts the heart of God. Let us examine the Scriptures to prove this point. God wants us to develop both character and anointing in our lives.

Ephesians 4:30

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”(*Underlined by the author*)

The command of not grieving the Holy Spirit shows us how sin affects the heart of God. It causes him great grief. If you have lost someone close to you, then you know how it feels to grieve over the loss of that loved one. If you have not grieved yet, you will sooner or later have the displeasure of grief. It is a horrible experience, but we all get through it to some degree or the other. This is what the Holy Spirit experiences when we grieve him; only to a greater magnitude of hurt.

The Bible tells us in James 4:17 “Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do *it*, to him it is sin.” When we move away from the character of Christ and do the works of the flesh, it grieves the Holy Spirit. This is why developing the character of Christ is so important, because none of us want to grieve the Holy Spirit. We would not like to cause grief to our spouse or someone very close to us, yet we do and we hurt them anyway. We sometimes hurt people intentionally and unintentionally due to ignorance, either way we cause great pain to them and ourselves. Nobody likes to stay around pain and grief, including the Holy Spirit, so we lose relationship with God when the Holy Spirit is grieved. We must make every effort to prevent this from happening by developing the right attitude and cultivating godly character.

On the other hand, while we develop character, we sometimes neglect the power of the Holy Spirit by quenching him. We feel it is good enough to be nice people, not realizing that at the same time, the world needs deliverance from the sickness of sin. God is interested in restoring his Kingdom back to earth and he can only do it through us, his representatives, and ambassadors of Christ. We equally grieve the heart of God when we quench the Holy Spirit.

1st Thessalonians 5:19

“Do not quench the Spirit.” (*underline by the author*)

To quench means to stop the flow of something that should have happened. We should flow with the Holy Spirit as he brings healing, miracles, deliverance and salvation to people as he chooses. This is the only language that the world understands. They see the word of God as foolishness, until they can see it in demonstration. Jesus said if you don't believe that he is the son of God then believe his works. He knew this was the only language they would understand, because they need to see in order to believe. You will know how to flow with the Holy Spirit when you spend a considerable time with him in personal and corporate prayer often with fasting.

I spent an entire year, every Thursday night, teaching a Bible Study on prayer and we have corporate prayer that the power of God would increase in the Church. I don't want a powerless Church with nice people and I don't want a powerful Church with ungodly character. I want a Church that respects people and has the power to heal them of all disease, sickness or demonic influence in their lives. It is the greatest opportunity to exercise character with the anointing of God.

The supernatural is a natural environment of the Holy Spirit.

We must bear in mind that the supernatural is a natural environment of the Holy Spirit. Pray specifically to God that he may use you in the supernatural and he will use you. It is just as bad for us to grieve the Holy Spirit, as it is to quench the Spirit, because God said “DO NOT” to both of them in the Scriptures.

We must develop Christ-like character and Christ-like power. The lack of Character grieves God, as much as, the lack of power that quenches God. Let us fight for balance in our walk with God, so we may please him everywhere and anywhere. Pray for the power of God to fall on you like with Peter, Paul, Esther, Deborah and Jesus Christ, our Lord; that the Kingdom of God would be established on the earth forever and ever Amen.

Chapter 11

The Works of the Father

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John 10:37

If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not.

1st John 3:8

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

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It is clear that the only works that can destroy the works of Satan are the works of the Father. Jesus had an understanding of this that he would not attempt to do anything on earth without consulting his Father. The son of God was a man and at the same time, he was one hundred percent God, recognized that he was helpless without talking with his Father. Jesus communicated this concept to his disciples during the course of his ministry. He knew that the heavenly father was the one who had the instruction and the gift of the Holy Spirit to complete any assignment on the earth. His assignment was clear, to destroy the works of the devil, but his strategy was even more specific and obvious, to do nothing without talking to his Father. To do anything without consulting with the Father was absolutely useless and empty. Jesus got his instructions very early in the morning through the art of prayer. He knew that any attempt to do the works of the Father without consulting the Father would be fruitless and powerless.

John 15:19

Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

For thousands of years the prophets spoke prophetically of the coming of the messiah. Jesus' arrival confirmed every one of these prophecies. Creation worked together to announce and comfort the arrival of this Christ child when the star appeared over the stable bringing warmth and direction to those awaiting his arrival. Even the angels announced the arrival of Jesus to some shepherds who were tending their sheep nearby: "For there is born to you this day a savior, who is Christ the Lord." found in Luke 2:11.

When Jesus was born, every prophecy concerning him in the Scriptures was fulfilled and yet, there was one statement that Jesus made that could have jeopardized the reputation of all the prophets, angels and creation. He

said ‘Unless I do the WORKS of my Father, DO NOT BELIEVE ME’. Jesus made this statement because he was confident in whom his instruction was coming from. He knew that his Father would back up anything he said, because it was not his words to begin with, but it was the words of his Father. Jesus knew that any word that has gone out of the mouth, his Father must be protected by the Father and it cannot return to him without completing the task it was sent to accomplish. As long as he was repeating the words of his father, he was safe. The works of the Father are MIRACLES. Our God is a MIRACULOUS God. The God of Abraham, Moses and Jacob is God, and when he does anything, anybody and everybody will know it was him.

The only works that can destroy the works of Satan are the works of the Father.

The vast wonders of creation, the heavens, the earth, stars and planets still confuse man. In our great attempts to explain the creation of this vast ever increasing universe with its many galaxies, we get more and more confused. For when we think that we have found the answer, new questions pops-up eliminating the first sets of answers. We go around and around in circles with a few positive answers here and there, but in reality, miracles can hardly be explained without including God in the equation.

The vast wonders of this world are perplexed enough to explain by our limited knowledge, yet we cannot deny the beauty of this unexplainable wonder. This is how it is when our God performs miracles in the lives of his greatest creation, man. All we can do is just be amazed without explanation. We cannot really explain God with our limited knowledge, but he has allowed us to see many of his attributes. I believe God wants us to know him and to know him intimately.

In order for us to know his creation, we must first know him. God has given great men and women of the Bible glimpses of himself. He has allowed his prophets to document the details of how they saw him just for us to know him. This documentation reveals the entirety of our infinite God that we serve. If we spend quality time in his Word, we would learn a lot about him and know exactly what the writers knew about him. The word of God is full of who our God is and he is absolutely a powerful, loving and miraculous God.

Jesus was rejected by humanity because he came doing the things that man could not explain-miracles. Even the Church today has a difficult time

accepting the works of the Father, his miracles. Man has a tendency to distrust anything he cannot explain. Miracles are the finger print of the true messiah and those who would do the works of the Father that will eventually destroy the works of the devil.

The works of the devil are sickness, disease, adultery, fornication, bitterness, family destruction, despair, unrighteousness, hopelessness, depression, mental illness, and the list goes on. Natural and social scientists have explanations of the works of the devil more than the works of God. The works of the devil are easily explained, because the devil is clearly a simple and easily explainable devil. Death is easier to explain, for it is the absence of life. But life embraces so much more, that we cannot fathom the complexity of all that is involved in its explanation. We need God to explain himself to us, for he is life. To understand life we must understand God. This is where Jesus spent all this time early in the morning.

Jesus was driven by an overwhelming passion to please his Father.

We can recommend medication for a sick body or predict the death of a patient, but we cannot accept the works of the Father, God, who can heal the sick, raise the dead and cleanse the leper. We have become complacent to the power of God, the works of God that we no longer fall on our faces at the altars to cry out to Him for a miracle. We are afraid of what people may say. We are afraid that maybe miracles and the works of the Father are not for today; they were done away after Jesus' disciples died. We no longer lower the sick from roofs and seek the prayer of the righteous. Many stay at home and when sick, they consult doctors more than pastors, because it is easier to believe the works of the devil than the works of the Father.

Our society only believes in what it can explain, but the real power is found in what you cannot explain. The Bible tells us that Jesus healed a blind man and the religious leaders of the day contested it. The man whom Jesus healed told the religious leaders that he could not explain what had happened, but all he knew was that he was blind, but now he can see.

Jesus was driven by this overwhelming passion to please his Father and would not start a day without consulting with him. Consulting the Father was not a five minute meeting that we commonly do each day or week with him. It was a daily meeting with his Father where he spent hours with him and never left his presence until he was properly instructed and satisfied. I believe that if doctors, lawyers, business people, scientists, laborers,

mothers, fathers, and people from all walks of life would seek God the way Jesus did, the results would be phenomenal.

Mark 1:35

“Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed. .”

A long while before day indicates that he spent many hours in the presence of God, the Father, before he did anything. Jesus reminded himself that he could not do anything of himself by the simply fact that he sought the face of God very early in the morning. He would seek proper guidance through his relationship with God before he would do anything that day. Each day demanded new prayer, because God said in his words that he is the Lord who does a new thing, you cannot operate on last week’s prayer. It just does not work.

Even at the early age of twelve, Jesus revealed his purpose to do the business of his Father. Mary and Joseph were looking for Jesus everywhere. You could imagine what must have been going through their minds, and then finally they located him. He was preaching to the adults in the temple and the people were so amazed. I believe the people listening to this child never asked for his parents, because they were so caught up by his wisdom. After three days, you would think that they would inquire about his parents, but they kept coming back to hear more. It is amazing that they wanted to hear more of him while he was a child, but when he grew up they were threatened by the same thing he was saying to them as a child. They kept coming back to hear more without any concern for who he was or the location of his parents. Jesus had this awesome effect on those people, because he was about his Father’s instructions. Our Father knows best.

When you are about your Father’s business, you can be gone for days not knowing how much time you have spent. The energy that you need to do the works of God will be given to you by God. You will never get discouraged doing the works of the Father. If you are discouraged, it just might be an indication that you have not consulted with the heavenly Father long enough. It is very tiring and frustrating to do your own pleasure, but you become tireless when you do the works of the Father. The works of the Father have all the energy, power and knowledge you would ever need. This

vast wealth of knowledge, power and energy is seen in the life of Jesus at the age of twelve, all because he was about his Father's business.

The message of the kingdom of God focuses on the Father's business.

When Jesus' parents finally found him and confronted him, his reaction was totally opposite to what was expected of a lost child. Jesus did not seem surprised or happy to see his parents. He did not apologize either; instead he was disappointed that they did not know what he was doing or why he was missing. He expected them to know what he was doing. After all, Mary knew that she had a miraculous conception and the angels told Joseph what had happened to Mary. But as good caring parents like anyone of us, they were concerned about their son being missing for three days. Look at Jesus' response in the Gospel of Luke.

Luke 2:45-49

⁴⁵So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. ⁴⁶Now so it was *that* after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. ⁴⁸So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." ⁴⁹And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.

You would find Jesus repeating this statement of his purpose throughout the Scriptures found in the message of the kingdom of God. This message of the kingdom of God focuses on the Father's business, bringing his residence of heaven to earth.

We can go into the entire world and preach this gospel, but without a personal revelation of the heart of the Father, we will be preaching a second hand good news; a story without a relationship. It will save the lives of people, because it's the truth and nothing else. The heavenly Father's business flows like living waters, only through his heart. It is here you would have the joy and passion to work the works of the Father.

Many are discouraged in the ministry and Church, because they are preaching a Gospel that they received second hand that is not straight from the Father's heart. They have not spent the time in a solitary place long enough with the Father to receive this first hand information. They keep learning and learning but never coming into a relationship with the knowledge of the truth. We must spend time in the presence of God to capture the heart of the Father. Meditation on the Word from reading, listening or otherwise, compels the Father to get involved and convert that knowledge into wisdom.

There is only one who gives the power to you to fulfill the heart of the Father and he is the Father.

John 14:16 & 26

16. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever 26. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

It is within the customs of the Jewish culture for a father to proudly bring his son before the community and announce that his son is now a man. The father announces to the public that his son is now equal to him in all his business affairs and they may now deal with his son the same way they dealt with him. In other words, when you see my son you have seen me. The Father made this same announcement at the Jordan River when Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. But notice the Father did not only publicly announce that this is his son in whom he is well pleased, but he poured his spirit upon him first before he made this announcement. Long before he gave his son his words of approval, he gave him the power to do his works, conduct his business and be his dearly beloved son.

Matthew 3:16-17

¹⁶When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and [£]He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. ¹⁷And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Why did the heavenly father give Jesus the Holy Spirit first, before he made the world know that Jesus is his son? So that Jesus would not be guilty of teaching and preaching words only, but he would confirm, illustrate and demonstrate every- thing he said in power. The message that Jesus came to preach had to be confirmed by the power of the Holy Spirit, for it was the message of the Kingdom of God. This message had to demonstrate life in the city of heaven; otherwise, the Father's reputation would be at stake. He told Jesus what to say and when the Father told him to tell the people the Kingdom of God was not in word, but in power, he had to prove this statement otherwise he could be legally accused of telling a lie or simply being puffed up.

1st Corinthians 4:19-20

¹⁹But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord wills, and I will know, not the word of those who are puffed up, but the power. ²⁰For the kingdom of God *is* not in word but in power.

The Holy Spirit came upon Jesus and the heavenly Father spoke words of affirmation that Jesus is his son. The purpose of the Holy Spirit coming upon Jesus was to do the works of the Father and destroy the works of Satan. We can only do the works of the Father when the Holy Spirit comes upon us just like Jesus at the river of Jordan.

Luke 4:18-19

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; ¹⁹ To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

The life of Jesus is the revelation of how the Father conducts business on the earth giving life to mankind.

John 10:10 says, The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

Remember earlier in this chapter, I mentioned that life had to be explained. Jesus' life explains life in its fullness. This life will always destroy the works of Satan, for this was the purpose of Jesus coming to the

earth.

1st John 3:8, He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Jesus had to confirm everything he said, because the people would not always believe what he said but they surely would believe what he did.

John 10:36-38

³⁶do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’? ³⁷If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; ³⁸but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father *is* in Me, and I in Him.”

THE WORKS OF THE FATHER ENABLE PEOPLE TO BELIEVE IN GOD.

The works of the Father have been demonstrated by his son, who made us children of God; sons and daughters. These works must be continued in us as the full Gospel. The same Holy Spirit that was in Jesus (Luke 1:35) and upon Jesus (Luke 4:18) is the same Spirit that comes into our heart at salvation (1st John 4:15, John 14:17) and upon us at our Pentecost experience when we wait for God in prayer (Acts 1:8). We must continue to do what Jesus began on earth, bringing heaven to earth through the message of the Kingdom and the works of his Father.

Jesus said “AS THE FATHER SENT ME, I ALSO SEND YOU”

He is not sending us anywhere, except the way the Father has sent him. To go into the world any other way is to go directly into defeat and bring dishonor to the kingdom of God. To work the works of the Father, we must first accept Jesus whole heart- edly as Savior and Lord of our life. We must then wait for empowerment from the Father above. This is where a lot of Believers get in trouble, because they do not want to wait upon the Lord. Waiting demands praying, fasting, studying the word of God and submission to a Pastor. It is a process and takes time, but the results are incredible. To work the works of the father is the greatest honor anyone can undertake, because it’s the same work that Jesus did. Lets us learn to wait

on God for his precious Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled with power to do the works of the father.

Chapter 12

The United Kingdom

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Matthew 12:25-28

²⁵He knew what they were thinking and said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is destroyed, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand.

²⁶So if Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How, then, can his kingdom stand? ²⁷If I drive out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your own followers drive them out? That is why they will be your judges!

²⁸But if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come to you.

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ur family trip to England was very interesting and enlightening. The ancient historic buildings, castles and beautiful landscapes are memories that I will treasure forever. I believe that my life has changed forever from this visit in light of understanding kingdoms, and I know that I will have to return to England someday very soon. My appetite for the concepts of kingdom has just increased and a return to England will be inevitable.

My visit and interior tour of the Windsor Castle was an eye opener to understanding the kingdom of God. You see England is a part of the United Kingdom. The United Kingdom is made up of Wales, Scotland and England and that’s exactly what it is. These three countries divided by borders, rivers and languages have a greater mandate in mind than just being neighbors. They all carry a great history of ancient kingdoms that are somehow connected to the blood lines of its citizens. They are united as one and the freedom to cross over to each one is very easy. We drove through all

three countries of this United Kingdom very easily, without check points and immigration. This was not possible a couple of centuries ago, when these kingdoms were divided and each king was looking for sovereign rulership and new territories. Today these countries enjoy the freedom and benefits of a United Kingdom.

Though England has become a democratic society the customs of the King, Queen and kingdom royalty are highly revered and respected. The locals and visitors seem to be very curious of her majesty, the queen and her whereabouts. The flag on top of the Windsor Castle meant that the Queen was in the house and security was at its highest. The guards march in a rhythmic pattern, yet maintaining their position of rank and security. This was a remarkable experience for my two sons, Matthew and Joshua, that they decided to take pictures with the guards standing in perfect attention. After the boys took their pictures with the guards, my wife and I, along with our daughter Leah posed for a picture with the same guard. These pictures will remain in our family collections for a very long time.

We entered the Windsor Castle through a narrow entrance that was filled with classrooms, then through a garden and court yard that led into the castle. The castle seemed to be built in such a way to accommodate the King and his interest only. There were many preparation rooms and such great order that led up to the King's bedroom. The Queen's room was similar, but not as immaculate. It seemed as though every thing was prepared and focused on the King that he had no need to ask for anything. The comfort of the King was of high urgency. Each room was draped with the finest of material with ceiling of drawings that can put anyone to relax and set the evening tone. The King's comfort and relaxation must have been of great importance for such emphasis on a ceiling and draperies on the walls.

The King had no need for things, because it was the duty of the servants to provide everything he would ever need. This reminded me of our King with his kings and the ministering angels that serve him. Much like the Queen when she is in the castle, we have that divine security as the banner waves at the top of the castle. God reveals himself as JehovahNissi when we lift our banners up to him in praise, dance and adoration. The banner alerts the ministering angels to be on guard to protect and serve those in the kingdom castle. The angels respond to this worship done with flags and banners. They march in rhythm to the beat of our worship protecting us

with high security and authority. Though these angels look beautiful in their uniforms, nothing can stop them from their duty to protect anyone in the kingdom castle under the banner of praise.

We are kings and queens in the kingdom of God. This divine privilege has earned us our own castle that our King has given unto us. This castle goes wherever we go and it brings its benefits along with it. Stay in the castle of the Kingdom and wave the banner at the top allowing the ministering angels to guard and protect you daily. As long as we stay in our castle, God will protect us. Every thing we will ever need will be provided by the castle host, the King of Kings and the Lord of lords.

Angels march to the rhythm of the beat of our worship protecting us with high security and authority.

I also noticed that each castle that we visited or drove by was built on a mountain top. They were built strong with great big stones etched out of the mountains and perfectly designed. The castles themselves had an intimidating look and sent a message to anyone around. This message was to stand clear, less the stone that you gaze upon crushes you into pieces. The castle had the look of war and was designed with compartments that would accommodate the archers, canon, and combat artilleries. Everything about the castle's exterior symbolized war, power and authority.

The Scripture tells us in Matthew 11:12 that the kingdom of God suffers violence and the violent takes things by force. I can see why England conquered and imperialized so many countries. Their thoughts were based on kingdom principles and they applied it with great military force. I am saying that everything the English did was good, but I believe the reason why they were conquering so many lands was that they understood the power of kingdom principles and concepts. The message of the kingdom of God is about a king working through other kings to take back territories that originally belonged to him. The kings of England believed that the land belong to them. As citizens of the kingdom of heaven, we are commissioned by our King to reclaim the earth and re-establish or imperialize the territory with the influence of heaven. We must believe that this land belongs to us and that we must subdue and conquer it for our King. We can only subdue and conquer, if we really think we are kings. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness of it, yet he gave it to man. God wants us to have this land so he can influence it through us.

I was born on the island of Trinidad and Tobago which was once under the rulership of England. As I visited England I saw how much Trinidad and Tobago had been influenced by the culture, politics and philosophy of England. The buildings, roads, education and governmental system operates the exact same way even after Trinidad received its independence from England in 1962.

Once the principle of the kingdom enters a territory, it is very hard to get rid of it. Jesus said that the kingdom of God works like yeast. When yeast gets into bread it is impossible to extract or remove it. It works silently within the bread and without being noticed. The bread does not rise quickly, but slowly without notice. Once the yeast is in the bread, it cannot be removed and the bread becomes tastier with a longer shelf life, for the yeast acts as a preservative.

When the kingdom of God enters a territory, life comes to that area and preserves it with the influence of heaven. That territory becomes peaceful and nations flock to it for a safe haven and rest. A nation that sets its heart on the Lord becomes the most powerful nation on the earth, because the kingdom takes up residence and interest in that area. The kingdom then brings all of its influences in politics, economic, education, riches, wealth, etc. to that region. I don't know if you are acquainted with the wealth, politics, education, military and culture of the kingdom of heaven, but it is absolutely perfect. God is interested in bringing heaven to earth and that means everything in heaven to earth.

If territories were conquered by the kings of England who had limited knowledge of the sovereign rulership of kingdom concepts, how much more would we be able to conquer the earth and its territories with our personal relationship with the king of all kings? We must go into all these worlds and influence them; for our King has commissioned us to do so. To neglect this great responsibility and commission is to disobey a direct order of our King. Special dungeons were built in England's castles for those who disobeyed the orders of the king. The dungeons of today's disobedience comes in the form of sicknesses, poverty, conflicts, mental challenges, demonic oppression, depression and the list goes on. Let the kingdom of God reign over the earth and do not allow yourself to fall into the dungeons of the life's castles. This is why it is impossible to put your hands to the plow and never turn back, for it disqualifies you from the kingdom of heaven.

The kingdom of God has all the military might that you and I could ever imagine, and our security is beyond our imagination and strategies. The commission that our Lord has given us, insures and assures us of his presence everywhere we go. For our King says that as long as we are taking territories for him, he will be with us even unto the end of our mission. We have the word of our King, so let us go forth and demonstrate the power of his united supernatural Kingdom on earth. Amen.

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” Amen.

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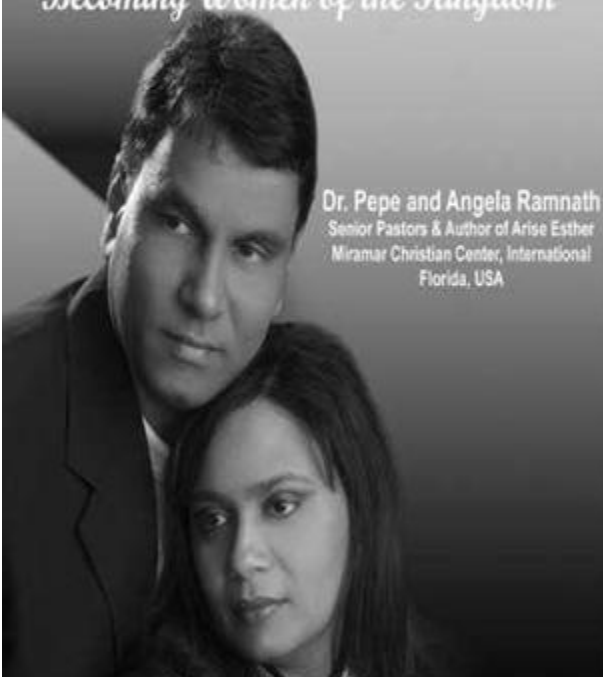
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