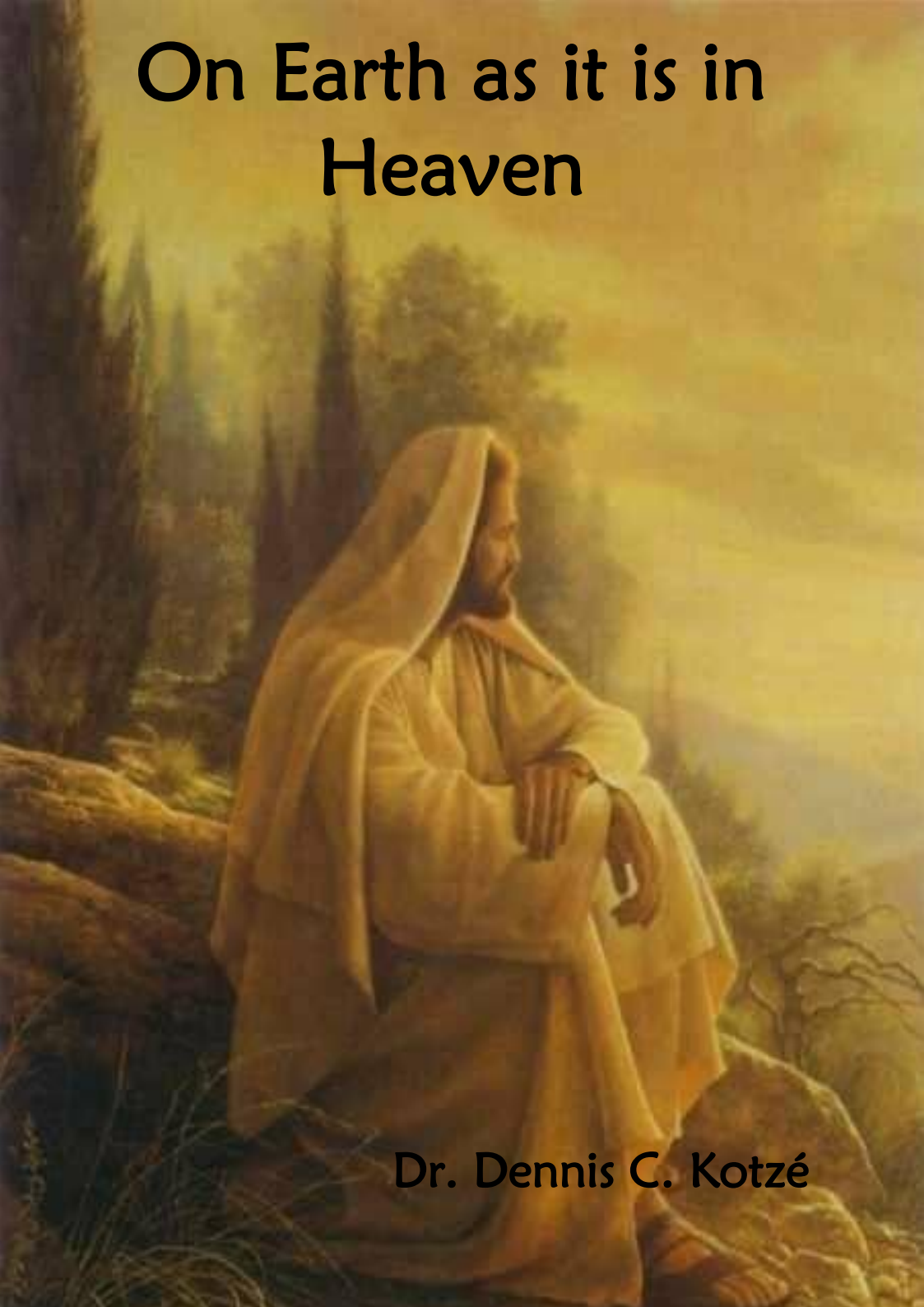


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Preface

I August of 2008 I was to asked to co-write a book with a prominent minister in South Africa and after much prayer and fasting I agreed. The Holy Spirit also agreed to this and for three weeks I was woken up every night around twelve to one o'clock to write what the Lord was showing me, I literally went to bed each night with a laptop next to me ready for use.

The publishing of the book never went through for reasons that only God knows and it has been lying on the shelf since then. Towards the end of 2009 I was prompted to take up the book again and prepare it for publishing.

The content of the book gives a deeper insight to the plans of God to prosper and not destroy mankind and how satan has tried to destroy it. It also looks at a way to help the children of God to transfer the wealth of the unrighteous to the righteous, WORKING TOGETHER. It gives guideline to a business structure that the Lord has shown me 4 years ago that will benefit and prosper the sons of God.

My prayer is that the Spirit of God will lead you and guide you throughout the book to show you the truth as revealed to me.

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Chapter 1

CREATION OF MAN

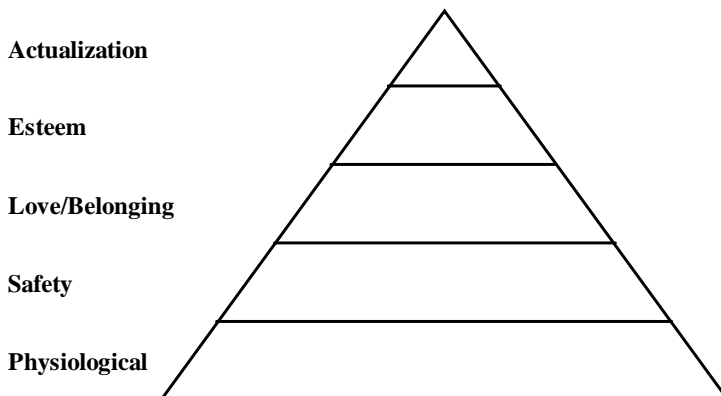
EVERYBODY is searching. You could be a politician, advocate, psychologist, housewife or even a drug addict, you are searching. You could be searching for truth, direction, love, security or money, the fact is you are searching. As far as I can remember I have been searching for something, what it was I did not know, but I was looking and mostly in all the wrong places with all the wrong people. I would find something that intrigued me but after a while it would lose its appeal and I would keep on searching. Many of you reading this book will associate with this immediately.

To prove the point even more let's look at the most common and most renowned psychologist's point of view in this regard, Abraham

Maslow and his hierarchy of needs. That is, each need has a specific ranking or order of obtainment. Maslow's needs pyramid starts with the basic items of food, water, and shelter. These are followed by the need for safety and security, then belonging or love, self-esteem, and finally, personal fulfilment.

Maslow's hierarchy of needs is often depicted as a pyramid consisting of five levels: the four lower levels are grouped together as deficiency needs associated with physiological needs, while the top level is termed growth needs associated with psychological needs. While our deficiency needs must be met, our being needs is continually shaping our behaviour. The basic concept is that the higher needs in this hierarchy only come into focus once all the needs that are lower down in the pyramid are mainly or entirely satisfied.

In summary, as we develop we are looking to other areas to fulfil our needs.



By looking a little deeper we can see that our searching is because we all sense something is missing, literally a missing link. If we had to look at our lives we see that no matter what we do, be that with

relationships, work, and life in itself something is always missing. There is just no total fulfilment. A good example is adrenaline junkies where they are always pushing the envelope looking for that something more or even business men always striving for a better income or result.

It has been man's drive throughout all the ages to put together an understanding of our existence and the origin thereof, finding the missing link. There have also been many different opinions with no factual evidence for e.g. evolution. Mankind has struggled with this question throughout history, the answer to the meaning of life. Without a meaning to life, what are we here for, are we meant to live to die?

In the engineering, computer programming, electronics environment we have a problem solving mechanism called reverse engineering. Reverse engineering looks at the end result and backtracks to the solution. By backtracking this way we will find some parameters that are fixed and cannot be changed, for example gravity: "*what goes up must come down*". By applying reverse engineering to Maslow's hierarchy of needs personal fulfilment is the end result or solution in this case. Personal fulfilment is where according to the Webster dictionary you feel satisfied at having achieved your desires.

When we look at personal fulfilment we see it is divided into two fields of study: self-actualization and transcendence. They are "being" or "growth needs" (also termed "B-needs"), i.e. they are enduring motivations or drivers of behaviour.

1. *Self-actualization*

Self-actualization (a term originated by Kurt Goldstein) is the instinctual need of humans to make the most of their unique abilities. Maslow described it as follows:

Self Actualization is the intrinsic growth of what is already in the organism, or more accurately, of what the organism is. (Psychological Review, 1949)

Maslow writes the following of self-actualizing people:

- *They embrace the facts and realities of the world (including themselves) rather than denying or avoiding them.*
- *They are spontaneous in their ideas and actions.*
- *They are creative.*
- *They are interested in solving problems; this often includes the problems of others. Solving these problems is often a key focus in their lives.*
- *They feel closeness to other people, and generally appreciate life.*
- *They have a system of morality that is fully internalized and independent of external authority.*
- *They judge others without prejudice, in a way that can be termed objective.*

2. Self-transcendence

According to Wikipedia, *“Transcendence is a condition or state of being that surpasses physical existence, and in one form is also independent of it. It is affirmed in the concept of the divine in the major religious traditions, and contrasts with the notion of God, or the Absolute existing exclusively in the physical order, or indistinguishable from it. Transcendence can be attributed to the divine not only in its being, but also in its*

known ability. Thus, God transcends the universe, but also transcends knowledge (is beyond the grasp of the human mind).

Christians pick up on the historical dynamism of the future-oriented plan of the Old Testament and follow the immanent workings of the transcendent God in the story of Christ. They too believe that God's existence is ontologically distinct and fully independent of the material universe, and yet that He interacts directly with it. As with the Jews, this distinction is articulated in the notion which some believe to be unique to the Semitic religions: creation. Jesus Christ is believed to be the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, but incarnate in the humanity received corporally from the Virgin Mary and a divinely-created human soul. Thus, transcendence and immanence interpenetrate in an exceptional manner in the Christian faith, practice and theology. The mysterious and paradoxical nature of Christ provides a bridge between the infinite Deity and finite man."

Dr Viktor Frankl expresses the relationship between self-actualization and self-transcendence clearly in *Man's Search for Meaning*. He writes: *The true meaning of life is to be found in the world rather than within man or his own psyche, as though it were a closed system....Human experience is essentially self-transcendence rather than self-actualization. Self-actualization is not a possible aim at all, for the simple reason that the more a man would strive for it, the more he would miss it.... In other words, self-actualization cannot be attained if it is made an end in itself, but only as a side effect of self-transcendence.* (p.175)

By looking at Self-transcendence we see that Self-actualization is only a side effect of the other. Thus one of the key elements for our solution using reverse engineering is Self-transcendence. As Self-transcendence is known as our spiritual needs we need to find the truth about our spirituality. In this case we will take a critical look at Christianity as our spiritual basis in life.

Christianity is not based upon evidence...but it is backed by evidence. Throughout the centuries many people have claimed to be the Messiah and obviously anyone could “claim” to be God. The difference with Jesus is that His life is completely backed those claims.

A quick study of Jesus will reveal that He fulfilled over 300 messianic prophecies written in the Old Testament scriptures. With the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls and the reliability of the Septuagint version of the Old Testament, both of which have been proven to exist prior to the time Jesus walked on the earth, we can be assured that these prophecies were not “conspired” after-the-fact. They were truly fulfilled by the Messiah, Jesus Christ. If we examine the probability of one man fulfilling just a handful of the most specific prophecies according to a mathematician Professor Peter Stoner in his book “Science Speaks” the chance of one man fulfilling just 8 of the prophecies of the Messiah is 1 in a 100,000,000,000,000,000. **Luke 24:44**“*And He [Jesus] said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning Me.*”

Another area of focus is to understand what Jesus said and did as a historical figure. No legitimate scholars today will deny that Jesus lived about 2,000 years ago, was a great teacher and doer of good works,

and that He was crucified on a Roman cross for the crime of blasphemy among the Jews.

Jesus said that He alone was the way to the Father **John 14:6** *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.* That He alone revealed the Father **John 14:6** *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.* **Luke 10:22.** Christians do not go around saying Christianity is the only way because they are arrogant, stupid or judgmental. They do so because, based on the evidence, they believe what Jesus said. Christians believe in Jesus, who claimed to be God **John 8:58** *Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am;* **Exodus 3:14**, who forgave sins **Mark 2:5** *When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.* **Mark 2:5; Luke 5:20; 7:48**, and who rose from the dead **Luke 24:24-29.**

Christianity is not really a religion; it is a relationship with God. It is trusting in Jesus and what He did on the cross for you **1 Corinthians 15:1-4**, not on what you can do for yourself **Ephesians 2:8-9.** Christianity is not about ornate buildings, flamboyant preachers, or traditional rituals. Christianity is about truly accepting Jesus as your Lord and Saviour.

The source of Christianity is the Word of God, the Bible. It is also known as Jesus, the Word that became flesh, encompassing the character, nature and desires of the Father in Heaven. **John 1:14** *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.* We should have no problem in establishing guidelines into

personal fulfilment. As a foundation for the rest of the book I submit the following basic Christian principles:

- Christ is the only way to salvation and eternal life - **Romans 10:13 Webster** *For whoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*
- We only have access to the Father through the Son - **John 14:6** *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.*
- The Bible is the inspired Word of God and it can be taken as the only true source of information.
- The Holy Spirit is a gift from God released to all those who believe in Jesus and it reveals the hidden things of God - **1 Corinthians 2:9-12 Webster** *But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them to us by his Spirit; for the Spirit searcheth all things, even the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is from God; that we may know the things that are freely given to us by God.*

To look at fulfilment we first need to establish who we are and what is our purpose for living to be fulfilled. The best place to look is right at the beginning with a new emphasis's, to establish what is missing. **Gen 1:26-31** *“And God said, Let us make man ... and God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.* The origin of mankind is clear; we were

created by God on the sixth day of creation. The following scripture emphasizes it best:

Psalm 139:14-17 *I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them. How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!*

All of mankind has one unique characteristic that sets it apart from the rest of creation, we are created in the image and likeness of God, **Gen 1:26** *“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:..“* No other animal or object can say the same. The fact that people give animals the same status or more than humans is beyond understanding.

When we look at the word image it has the following meanings:

- It refers to the representation of a person;
- General impression that something (a person or organization or product) presents to the public;
- Picture.

From the definition of the Word it says that we are created as a picture or impression of God representing Him on this earth. In **John 14:9 KJV** *Jesus saith unto him,he that hath seen Me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?* By looking at Jesus in the flesh we see the authority, character and love of the Father.

The word likeness means “resembles” for e.g. a daughter has certain characteristics that resembles her fathers although she is physically

shaped different. She has certain facial features that reflect the image of her father and also some personality traits. These personality traits are inherited and can be traced throughout the entire bloodline.

Some of these personality traits can also be seen in our Father in Heaven. An example of one is jealousy. **Exodus 20:5** *Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;*. We like to know God as the God of love through the scripture **John 3:16** *For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

From the outset we can see that everything we have in our personality comes from the Father in heaven. The rest of the verse also speaks of the authority bestowed upon us as children of God. **Genesis 1:26** *And God said ... and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.* That included the serpent.

Adam and Eve were created with perfectly formed bodies. The ability to talk and sing had been instilled in them. Adam was muscular and handsome. Eve was beautiful and graceful. From the moment Eve was created and given to Adam the institution of marriage was set up. Adam and Eve were commanded to have children and keep the Earth. **Genesis 1:28** *“And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, ...”*. They were taught God’s Law by the Angel who is known as the "Word of God". He was the spokesman of God the Father; speaking as the Father commanded him.

Adam was created at 20 years old (*taken from the chronology based on Ussher and listed in Appendix 50 of The Companion Bible, as prepared by Bullinger*). That is the age when we become an adult. It appears that for about 30 years Adam and Eve learned and followed God's Laws and lived in the Garden.

God made animals each after their own kind. But He made humans after His own kind, after the God family that He had created. He made man in the image of God. Animals have brains and animal brains have instinctive behaviour programmed into them rather like computers. A dog has an instinct to bark when someone is coming. The dog doesn't have to think, "Shall I bark?" and then decide whether to bark. Dogs often just bark because they were selected and trained for that fact, and they behave instinctively. But a boy or girl, or man or woman, has to think and decide what to do, and whether to do it within the terms of reference they have been given by their parents, as they themselves were instructed.

Humans have brains too, but instead of natural instinct humans also have to know and think and decide what to do. They have to make choices. Frequently this is referred to as free moral agency. This is the same for the angels. They too have the choice to listen and follow God's Laws or to disobey God.

God made man out of matter from the dust of the ground, just as animals were made of matter out of the Earth. Just like animals, man was made with only temporary physical existence. This existence comes only from breathing air, and a heart constantly pumping blood through the veins. Even this breath and blood circulation must be refuelled by food and water from the ground. Man needs this to live just like the animals.

God is different. God is composed of Spirit and has self-containing life eternally that never dies. God alone is immortal **1Timothy 6:16** *Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.* He gives this eternal life to the Host as He sees fit within His Plan of Life. There is and was, only One True God. He is the Father of all creation. He sent Jesus Christ so we might know the One True God and that we might have this eternal life. **John 17:2** *As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.*

God made the first man, Adam, with a mind that could learn to work with matter or things that grow from the ground. But in order to have a relationship with God and get along with and work with other people, man needs to have the Holy Spirit of God added to his mind. It was in this way that man was made in the image of God. In this way the Holy Spirit of God could be implanted on his spirit and man could become king or ruler as a son of God.

Chapter 2

ROLE OF MAN

First, we know man was created for a purpose: to tend the garden and take dominion of the earth. **Genesis 2:15** *And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the Garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.* His days were not full of idle wandering, admiring the magnificent view and partaking of the luscious fruit. These things existed, but as a fruit of his labour. It also significant to note: no man was set as an authority over Adam and Eve. Nor were Adam and Eve set as an authority over anyone else. Adam's ruling of his wife was a consequence of the fall. **Gen 3:16** *Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire*

shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. The ability for a man to govern another man otherwise does not appear to have existed.

So how is man to be governed? Government, according to Webster's 1828 dictionary contains four elements: direction, regulation, control and restraint. When God created Adam, He gave instruction. When man disobeyed, He regulated his access to the garden and the Tree of Life. Within the garden, man was never controlled nor restrained. His submission was voluntary. The government rested on His shoulders and, as we read in *Isaiah*, it will again. ***Isaiah 9:6*** *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.* This is the essence of Christian self-government, that we submit ourselves to the instruction of God. Or, stated differently, we are governed internally by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. We are directed, and at times regulated, but we are not restrained nor controlled. This is the model of liberty provided in Genesis one and two and has implication for our lives in Christ both now and in Heaven.

For the believer understanding spiritual authority is a vital revelation necessary to walk in victory and in the plan and purposes of God. God has chosen the believer to be His agent to propagate and establish His rule and blessing in the whole earth. Jesus came preaching, "*Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand.*"

For the believer understanding several incidence throughout history where a transference of authority took place helps us to understand the dynamics of spiritual authority and gives us confidence in who we are and what Christ has invested in us.

Luke 4:5-8 *'And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.'*

This is one of the great events where the cosmic struggle for power and control over God's creation, between good and evil, between God and the devil, occurred; the first being the struggle that occurred in the Garden of Eden when Adam succumbed to the deceit of the devil.

Satan knew who Jesus was and the authority invested in Him, and immediately challenged His authority by undermining His standing, saying, **Luke 4:3** *"If you are the Son of God?"* Satan had already deceived and coerced God's first son to deliver his authority over to him and for the second time was making a play for all authority. He knew that this was the home run, the grand slam play that would bring down God's entire rule and deliver God's supreme authority over to him. Satan understands the transference of authority and is the master usurper of power, and under miner of authority. When Satan said to Jesus, *"All this authority I will give you, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whoever I will;"* he was declaring the legal entitlement over the world that had been delivered to him; the transference of authority that had taken place in the garden of Eden.

We must understand the immense authority God had endowed upon Adam. Adam was a king, and God had crowned him with authority to rule the entire world. Remember, Adam was created in the image of God and after His likeness. Adam was not given a suit of skin like the

rest of the animals in the garden, but he was clothed with the glory of God; this is why the man and woman did not realize they were naked. It was God's purpose for the man to utilize the glory and employ the authority to spread the blessing of Eden into all of the earth. One can assume that darkness already covered the earth and that Adam's job was to reclaim and replenish the earth by restoring the blessing of heaven over all of God's creation.

Notice the words God used when He enthroned Adam as King of the Earth; "*Let them have dominion (over everything), be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth, subdue it, have dominion over ... every living thing that moves, God put man in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.*" If we examine the commission in the original language we can conclude that Adam was given authority to rule and to guard, and to spread the domain. The words, to keep and to guard, contain a militant connotation. Through Adam and his offspring God would recover His creation and perpetuate His blessings into all of the earth.

Adam's rule was demonstrated and established in the naming of the animals. **Genesis 2:19** "*And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.*" Adam used the power of the spoken word and his word was established. For the casual reader this statement seems to be insignificant; however, to the student of the word we can see the revelation of the power of the spoken word through God's anointed agents. It is through the spoken word through God's anointed agents that His rule is established and His will perpetuated. Adam's implementation of the role of a King was verified through his actions. We can further understand the extent of Adam's authority when

we see the vast extent of the kingdom of darkness in the entire world. Satan uses the same authority that was given to Adam.

Satan hates mankind because man was created in the image of God. When Satan sees man it infuriates him because he sees in man what he wanted for himself. In **Isaiah 14:13** *For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.* Satan declared his desire to be like God in the five “I wills”, “I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God, I will also sit on the mount of the congregation, on the farthest sides of the north, I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.” When he sees man he is enraged with jealousy and hatred and desires nothing but to destroy the image of God in man. This is why he takes pleasure in destroying the unborn before the image of God can come forth into the world. It pleases him to terrorize mankind, to destroy and disfigure the image of God in man through sickness and disease and destruction. Jesus said, **John 10:10** *“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: ..”* He also said in **John 8:44** *Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*

By taking the forbidden fruit Adam and Eve also took to themselves the right to decide what is good, and what is evil. They rejected God's spiritual Law and chose the way that transgresses it! They chose Satan's way of deciding what was good and right, instead of listening to what God our Father says and knows is best for us. **Genesis 3:22** *And*

the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

Because they had disobeyed God by doing just one of the things He had told them not to do, Adam and Eve committed the very first human sin. That simple wrong act changed the life of every human being who has been born since then.

Just as the super-angel Lucifer ran into trouble when he went against God's rules, human beings also fall into trouble when they break the rules they should live by for their own good. The Laws we obey come from those over us in power. The act of causing people to obey rules is called government. God's Laws and His government is love **Romans 13:10** *Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.* His rules are that people must first of all love God by obeying Him, worshiping Him, praying to Him, trusting Him and keeping His Sabbath holy.

Next to those most important laws are the laws that people should love other people. Children should respect and obey their parents (**Ephesians. 6:1-3**). People must never hate or kill or try to harm others. Instead, they should love everyone, including even their enemies (**Matthew. 5:44**). They must be loyal and honest to others. They must not want to take anything away from others. They should remember that it is better to give than to take (**Exodus. 20:12-17**).

Because Adam was the first man, God gave him the chance to rule the Earth (**Genesis 1:28**). The condition was that he had to remain obedient to God and have nothing to do with Satan's ways. Satan knew that if Adam failed in obedience, God would take away his chance to rule. Satan's scheme, because he hated Adam, was to trick him into

believing that the wrong ways were the right ways. If Adam could be made to fall for that, he would be in trouble. Satan has used this scheme to cause God's people to sin and separate them from His love and protection over time.

God had made the man to be the head of his wife and children (**Eph. 5:23, 25**). Just as God rules with love over angels and human beings, so must the man rule with love over his house. A man who fails to do this will also fail in becoming a ruler in the Kingdom of God. Satan knew that God expected Adam to be the head over Eve. That is why he waited to catch her alone. After he had tempted her to pick the fruit she wasn't to touch, Eve tempted Adam (**Gen. 3:6**). Adam wasn't strong enough to keep from disobeying along with Eve. This proved that he couldn't be strong enough to obey God in all things, and therefore wasn't worthy to be ruler of the Earth.

God let Satan stay on Earth, but he wasn't given the power to force anyone to sin. Satan has power only to try to lead or tempt people. As for human beings, God gave them minds capable of thinking for themselves and deciding whether to obey God or Satan **James 4:7** *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

Because of believing Satan instead of their Creator, the first human beings, and all following generations, lost the right to live in peace, happiness and good health. How different it could have been if they had obeyed God and eaten the fruit of the Tree of Life.

It would seem that the original Plan of God was for Adam and Eve and all their children to live in peace and happiness and be perfectly healthy. But sin entered into humans as it did with the spirit beings. The consequence of sin is death **Romans 6:23** *For the wages of sin is*

death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. But because our God is a loving and merciful God, humans now have the opportunity to be resurrected to a new life and ultimately we will all become sons and daughters of God.

As another result of their sin, God put a curse on the ground outside the Garden. For the first time since the Earth was made, weeds and thistles and thorns sprang out of the soil (**Gen. 3:17**). This was a hardship for Adam, who had to rely on farming under difficult conditions to obtain their food.

Adam lived a long time to see some of the results of his disobedience. He was nine hundred and thirty years old when he died. He was able to live so long because of being created with a perfect physical body. But he did die, just as God said he would if he ate of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil (**Gen. 2:17**).

When Adam succumbed to the treachery of Satan an occurrence of the transference of authority took place in the spiritual realm. It was at this point in time that all of the authority, the dominion, and anointing that God had placed on His son Adam were legally transferred onto Satan. Jesus called this "*The Foundation of the World;*" A legal action that took place founding the legal establishment of the Kingdom of the World under the rule and reign of Satan himself. The Greek word for foundation is *themelios* meaning the founding of an organization, company or entity. When Adam came into agreement with the serpent and rejected the command of God he legally handed over his Kingship to Satan and reduced himself to become a slave of the devil. Isaiah says it in chapter **60:2** "*For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people:...*"

When Satan declared, “*All this authority has been delivered to me, and I will give it to whoever I chose,*” he was enforcing his right over his domain, the authority he had usurped from the first son of God. In **Revelation 13:2** *And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority,* we find that all of the world follows the serpent, or dragon, and worships him, and he finally finds an entity called the beast who he delivers his worldly authority over to. When Satan showed Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, Jesus was seeing in the spiritual realm all of the kingdoms of darkness and demonic networks in the world; He saw the networks of terrorism, the networks of religion and idolatry, the networks of greed and riches, the kingdoms of tyranny and injustice, drugs and addictions, the epidemics of sickness and disease, death and destruction, hell and the grave. All of this authority Satan had corrupted and turned to be used to destroy God’s glory in creation. Jesus revealed the true nature and destiny of Satan’s kingdom in **Matthew 12:25** *And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:*

What the devil was counting on, since Jesus had come in the flesh, was for the mystery of iniquity that had corrupted Adam, to kick in. The devil had mastered the corruption of the nucleus of God’s desire. In the heart of God He desired to create an intelligent being who was capable of forming a relationship with Him, and that had the freedom to choose to love and worship Him. When God created man he placed within him the innate desire to worship his creator and the freedom to choose. The core nature of man is to worship and glorify God in perfect harmony and

union. Man can never be a complete being until he becomes one with His creator. Unfortunately, with freedom of choice, or free will, comes the right to make the wrong choices. This is the mystery of iniquity; the perversion or corruption of true worship. Because man was created with an innate desire to worship he will worship something whether it is God or something else. When this worshipping nature is turned to something other than God it becomes perverted. Iniquity and idolatry are synonymous throughout scripture; idolatry is the act of worshipping false gods, while iniquity is the nature in man that is adulterous and betrays his creator by giving his devotion to another. At the fall man turned away from God and he began to worship the creation rather than the creator, **Romans 1:25** *Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature.* When Jesus spoke to the devil He said **Luke 4:8** *“And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.”* Thus, declaring His devotion and allegiance to His heavenly Father. Only when we understand the missing link is the union we have with our life source, do we stop searching and start establishing.

What the devil didn't realize was that Jesus did not come to reclaim Adam's authority; He came in His own authority and to establish a new dominion. Jesus did not want power in the world; He had power over the world. **John 1:1-4** *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.* This power can also be seen throughout the Old Testament when the Jewish nation chose to walk in the ways of God as set before them. For

example the power over the earth **Exodus 14:21** *And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.* and the power over man **1 Kings 4:29** *And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore.*

From the above we note that God still had power and thus did not come to regain the power of the world but He came to destroy the works of the devil. Adam's authority was inconsequential to Jesus. His authority was greater. When Jesus declared in **Matthew 28:18** *"All power has been given unto Me in heaven and on earth,"* He was not saying all power in heaven and earth and the world has been given to me. He did not want power in the world He had power over the world. When Jesus said, *"Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy,"* He was declaring His authority over the powers of darkness.

Jesus came proclaiming the Kingdom of God. He announced a new rule, a new dominion, a new ruler, a new King. This Kingdom was not an earthly kingdom; it was the Kingdom of heaven, God's rule, God's authority. This was the white stone from **Daniel 2:34**, *"A stone was cut out, without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay and broke them in pieces and the stone that struck the image, became a great mountain and filled the whole earth."* This was Jesus, who came to destroy the powers of darkness and the tyranny that Satan had cast over the world and to restore the sons and daughters of God to their rightful positions **John 1:12** *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:.* As conformation of our son ship God sent us the Holy Spirit

Galatians 4:6 *And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.* The Holy Spirit is our guide or link to the Father and to our son ship **Romans 8:14** *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*

Coming back to the statement “we are all searching”. If we look at an orphan child we see a child who lacks support, care and supervision. We also see a child we does not have a sense who he/she is or where they are going. A lot of rejection, hatred towards society and is always trying to prove himself be that the actions are right or wrong. As human beings through the fall of man we lost who we are in the Father we lost our son ship. This has now been restored through the Spirit for the spirit of adoption **Romans 8:15** *For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.*

Something to think about

In this world we only adopt those outside our immediate family. God, however, only adopts those inside his immediate family, his own children. Adoption, to the Hebrew, means "placing as sons".

Jewish Ceremony:

The Jews had a beautiful ceremony for males reaching thirty years of age. Accompanied with fanfare, festivity, music, dancing, and ceremony, the priest in his garb stood before the young Jewish male. The father in his best robe stood behind his son. Neighbours, relatives, and townsmen watched. The young man knelt before the priest. Prayers were offered. Songs were sung. And young Jewish girls danced in circles, their banners flying in the wind. Yahweh was near by.

Then the pronouncement, "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased." The father placed his hands upon his son's shoulders and kissed him. The child had become a son, thirty years of age, adopted by the father-now with the same privileges and responsibilities. The son had taken on his father's name, could wear and use his ring. He no longer had to get permission to use the family name for transactions, purchases, or major decisions.

The father trusted him. His child had entered son ship. He had just been adopted and "placed as a son." After the ceremony had broken up, there was music in the air, even into the night.

Jesus too was adopted:

Jesus is standing in river Jordan, one of the most popular scenes in all of scripture. He's about to be baptized by John: **Matthew 3:16-17** *And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.*

God, the Father, had just adopted Jesus.

At thirty years of age, Jesus enters Jewish maturity, and enters his ministry with an unlimited anointing. John says he saw the Spirit descend from heaven and remain on Jesus (1:33). He also said that God gave the Spirit to Jesus "...without measure" (3:34).

That's Son ship: ministering with an unlimited anointing, without measure, and having the Spirit remain on you. After that day in Jordan, Jesus began a three-year ministry among his people, a ministry unparalleled in history. He was the firstborn among many sons-adopted

by the Father. He is the Pattern Son, entering behind the veil as our forerunner (*Heb.6:20*).

By being adopted as sons of God we also get the ability of unlimited power of Son ship as displayed by the Lord Jesus **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.:*

- power to transcend gravity
- without limitations
- unlimited vision
- unlimited knowledge
- unlimited anointing
- unlimited glory
- unlimited transportation
- unlimited authority
- all nature obeying

By embracing this truth about our spirituality as part of self-fulfilment we see that the points mentioned under *Self-actualization* become second nature as we accept our position in Christ and the authority that goes with it. **1 John 3:2** *Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.*

- *We will embrace the facts and realities of the world (including ourselves) rather than denying or avoiding them.*
- *We will be spontaneous in our ideas and actions.*
- *We will be creative.*

- *We will be interested in solving problems; this often includes the problems of others. Solving these problems is often a key focus in our lives.*
- *We will feel closeness to other people, and generally appreciate life.*
- *We will have a system of morality that is fully internalized and independent of external authority.*
- *We will judge others without prejudice, in a way that can be termed objective.*

In summary

Those who accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their saviour are not just saved but are adopted as sons and daughters of God. Thus our reason for living and self worth has been restored; we are children of the most high. And to love our Father is by choosing to have a relationship with Him through His Son; Jesus Christ is the simple and accurate truth about the meaning of life. There are many other ideas, definitions, theories and religions about the meaning of life that differ; however, if they do not include the above definition as the core truth, then they will ultimately be proven inaccurate and disappointing to anyone who accepts them. Sceptics that are separated from God throughout history have failed with their falsehoods of the meaning of life. However, knowing the truth is a very clear and easy answer. But, accepting and adopting the truth into your life is the ultimate life defining challenge that God wants to help you fulfil. The guide to helping us understand how to do this is the Holy Bible. The Bible clearly gives tangible examples and practical rules for living in accordance with God's plan for our lives.

The question is now why are we not walking in this authority? And if true believers are sons of God why are the four lower levels of deficiency needs not met? And how do we attain them?

Chapter 3

TREE OF GOOD AND EVIL

Genesis 2:16-17 *And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the **tree of the knowledge of good and evil**, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*

Good and Evil are headline news everyday be that good or bad. But the accounts of good and evil that are put before us seem to presume a knowledge of good and evil. They often lack the nuance we might find useful in trying to distinguish right from wrong. Even colour televisions reduce the complexities good and evil to black and white. Conflict is portrayed much as it was in old movies of the American West where good guys wore white hats and bad guys wore black hats.

We recognize that not everything called “good” is good; nor is everything called “evil” good. There is a fundamental human tendency to define “good” as that which is in the interest of the self and to define “evil” as that which stands in the way of self-interest. The consequences of such deception compel us to understand the root of our thinking process.

Genesis 2:8-15 tells about the Garden of Eden. God planted the Garden east of Eden. It was located in the Middle East, including what is now the area of Israel and north to the Tigris-Euphrates basin. It contained trees that were beautiful to look at and trees that were good for food.

The Garden of Eden was also a test of obedience for the new humans. If they took from the forbidden tree then it would be stealing. What does the Eight Commandments say? **Deuteronomy 5:19** *Neither shalt thou steal.* From every other tree they could freely take, but this tree was forbidden. Also if they desired to take something that belonged to someone else, they would break the Tenth Commandment also. The Tenth Commandment says: **Deuteronomy 5:21** “... *neither shalt thou covet...*” So we can tell from this, that from the very beginning, the Law of God was in place.

Most of the trees in the Garden of Eden were there for the education of man. They were not all there as physical food. The Bible does not tell us how many trees there were in the Garden, but there was only one that was not good for food. The tree, which was forbidden to Adam and Eve, produced knowledge of both good and evil. So if they ate from this tree they would sin and were told they would die. This tree of the knowledge of good and evil stands as the test that lies before every

individual on a daily basis. Do we eat from the Tree of Life “*Jesus*” or from the tree of Good and Evil.

Now the tree of life meant first receiving the Spirit of God, which would impart into their minds the spiritual knowledge from God of right and wrong, in a close relationship with God and with other people. This was spiritual knowledge, the way of love to God and love to man. Without this spiritual knowledge revealed through God’s Spirit direct from the mind of God, man could not learn by himself how to get along with other people in peace and cooperation and happiness. Neither could man have a close loving relationship with God.

So, the trees in the middle of the Garden represented two kinds of knowledge. One kind contained the knowledge of both good and evil and led to actions contrary to that commanded by God and contrary to His nature. This knowledge had been forbidden to Adam and humans in the Garden and, if consumed, resulted in death. The other kind, which was based on God-given spiritual knowledge led to eternal life.

The knowledge man and woman gained by eating of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil are the awareness of mortality. Homo sapiens were no different from the other creatures in the necessity to scrounge for food to forestall a death that was ultimately inevitable. Unlike the other creatures, however, this creature was aware of the death that was to follow. The import of this consciousness cannot be overstated. But at the same time it must be appreciated that life could not go on from day to day, if this central preoccupation of human existence were to remain at the forefront of consciousness. To capture the central insight of psychoanalysis, the fear and dread of death is repressed, stuffed into the unconscious as a way of trying to consciously create meaning in life, even as the awareness of and fear of

death is temporarily denied. It is through these attempts to create meaning in life that humankind tries to forge some sort of immortality, in essence a denial of death.

When Adam had sinned, God closed up the tree of life. That is, God shut off the Holy Spirit from Adam and all his children, the whole world, until Jesus Christ, the "second Adam," should come and pay the penalty of every person's sins so humans could be forgiven and then have the Holy Spirit offered to them. Otherwise, God would have been obliged to allow people to take from the tree of life, and gain immortal life in discontent, unhappiness, sorrow, and suffering which would last forever! **Genesis 3:22** *And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:*

To be like God is like going against the whole order of the universe, the reason we were created as it where, as we are currently doing. The entire universe was created with seasons and time lines from the moon and the sun. **Psalms 104:19** *He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down.* Everything has its place and time, by thinking and becoming like God with the authority He set before us in **Gen 1:26** we are disturbing the order that was created all around us for e.g. Al-Nino: the increase in the earth's temperature. We can also see this in certain leaders over the centuries for e.g. Napoleon, Hitler and Robert Mugabe who were/are god's in their minds and will destroy anything or anybody that stands in their way of achieving their desired will. This can also be seen on a lower scale in many abusive relationships in marriages and businesses.

Before Christ only certain people were chosen by God for His purposes. These people would normally be people who sought God's

will or high morals. They would be given the Holy Spirit to accomplish His purpose until the coming of Christ. These were usually the Patriarchs and Prophets and others such as David and Moses. When Christ ascended into heaven, the Holy Spirit was made available to all who accepted Jesus, **John 15:26** *But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: God determined this sequence from the beginning.*

By looking at good and evil from the viewpoint of a developing child we see that the child's fears are fashioned out of the way it views the world. It experiences confusion about cause and effect relationships, and the child experiences confusion about the limits of its own powers. In the state of self-loving bliss, the child in a loving environment has the power to make things right in the world. A simple whimper can bring an end to discomfort, hunger, and distress, laying the foundation for a belief in real magical omnipotence. A deprived child has reason for real anger, but even the most loving parents ultimately disappoint the child and give it reason for anger. Parents must set limits, they must sleep themselves; they must search for food and prepare it; they must tend to siblings and to their own needs. The infant does not understand the evil feelings and wishes it directs to the parents at this point, but it creates a mental impression that will impact its future.

Theologians distinguish two kinds of evil: moral evil and natural evil. Moral evil is the wrongdoing of human agents. Natural evil is the kind of pain and suffering caused to humans by natural events, floods, storms, pestilence, and illness. My personal feeling is that some natural evil is as consequence of moral evil for e.g. **Deuteronomy 28:15- 21** *“But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD*

thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:....The LORD shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it”.

Before addressing the question of moral evil, it is appropriate to consider the traditional understanding of natural evil. It would not be surprising to find not long after the Garden of Eden story, the story of a flood, and man’s attempt to come to terms with the meaning of such a natural disaster. The Genesis account of the flood is as much an account of God’s attempt to understand and come to terms with man: **Genesis 6: 11-13** *Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight, and the earth was filled with violence. And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth. And God said to Noah, “I have determined to make an end of all flesh; for the earth is filled with violence through them; behold I will destroy them with the earth.*

Another account of natural evil is the theme in the book of Job. Job’s suffering and the steadfastness of Job’s faith in face of what is inflicted upon him are almost incomprehensible to his friends, who can only conclude that Job must deserve his fate; he could not be blameless. They are confused about cause and effect. If Job suffers it is because he deserves to suffer. Job, on the other hand, is a new kind of being; he offers us a new vision of maturity, and mature faith. He suffers, but he does not assume that his suffering is caused by his actions or that it says anything about God’s intentions in relationship to him. But that it is God’s right to have him tested as God is his creator and provider and who is he, a mere man, to go against the will of God.

The stories of Adam and Eve, Noah, Job, Moses, King David and Solomon to name but a few pose for us questions of good and evil in relation to the moral choices we must make in face of the conflicts we will experience between self and other, desire and need. Questions of law and forgiveness and atonement will add to the complexity of these considerations. But already we see a tension of mutually contradictory beliefs, which have perplexed the faithful since at least the time of Job.

Moral evil, the evil of human cruelty, may be understood as self fulfilment gone wrong. Human cruelty has its origins in earliest human experience when the infant can't make the transition from a world in which self matters most to a world that fully includes others. On the one hand, evil is an aberration, which occurs in those individuals who cannot give up their unlimited power. In another understanding, it is rare to find individuals who successfully transcend that time of life. Everyone is striving throughout life to make sense of existence and to make life matter. The urge to make something of oneself and one's life comes at the expense of someone else. Evil is rooted in inequality. Inequality is an inescapable feature of human existence. **Matthew 26:11** *"For ye have the poor always with you;..."*

If evil is understood as the failure of self esteem to sustain the self, then goodness may be found in the transformations of self love: empathy, humour, creativity, art, and wisdom, especially in the appreciation of the finiteness of life.

Goodness is more difficult. Goodness does not come naturally to man, this creature who kills for sport, kills its own kind, and kills for vengeance. The imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth. Goodness requires something more. Goodness is an achievement of the conscious mind. It requires maturity. It requires an empathic

appreciation of the situation of the other. It requires that self put aside its own interest in favour of the interest of others. It requires a willingness to believe that one's own needs are sustained best when the needs of others are also considered. Goodness requires banding together and living in a social order with others. Some people can never reach this point, and few can always live by the demands that Goodness imposes.

Goodness is not the natural condition of man, which occasional rogues depart from. Goodness is one of the fictions we maintain to make it more comfortable for us to bear the truth of our existence. We like to think of what we do as good.

Evil is about probability. Goodness is about human possibility. Good is something we strive toward, the perennial themes of truth, beauty, and justice. Many people do good for selfish reasons: the expectation that doing good will be the way to get into heaven or avoid hell. We recognize this deferred selfishness as a stage of moral development, not all goodness is pure. Hope and fear can be part of the complex equation that keeps less noble instincts in check.

What is the effect then if we keep on eating from the tree of Good and Evil?

The effect will be a slow diminishing of values and standards across the entire spectrum of human understanding. Morals and values that were seen as abominations in the eyes of God are now becoming acceptable and are actually embraced. **Deuteronomy 18:10 - 12** *There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of*

these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee. If we look at “*maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire*” we see this applied on a daily basis through abortions when the fetes are destroyed. This has become legal and justified as a form of population control and the prevention of unwanted children. The negative is an increase in promiscuity and acceptance of lower moral values and most of all a curse from God.

Another area of a decrease in moral values is the degrading of mankind for advertising purposes, focusing on our sensual senses through half clothed men and woman and explicit slogans. By looking at the film and television industry since it began there has been a slow but constant decline in values to the extent that you can purchase or rent a movie according to your level of moral values or mood. These areas are more in your face and are clear for everyone to see but what about the areas that affect us the most that we cannot see. *Money.*

Money has power, ***Ecclesiastes 7:12*** “*For wisdom is a defence, and money is a defence:* It cannot be ignored and when it is there for the right purpose it removes wrong thoughts and desires and it has the ability to beautify all things. God has a plan for it that is why God created it. Someone will say, the Bible says that money is the root of all evil, the correct interpretation is ***1 Timothy 6:10*** *For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*

If were to look at some of the Christians of today especially the ones with money problems. They will say “*money talks again.... Can you talk to me about holiness*” Poverty has been one of the strongest reasons why we have not been able to live a holy life. I want to submit to you that our Father in Heaven is the richest, the wealthiest and the holiest.

Psalms 50:10 For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I also want to submit to you that our Father in Heaven is perfect even though He owns everything. ***Matthew 5:48*** Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Chapter 4

DECLINE IN DISCIPLINE

Let's look at the decline in discipline, especially among the younger generation, throughout the globe. The decline is mainly in part because of the lack of or no parents. Two of the major contributing factors are money and HIV/Aids. Because of the decline in the value of currency across the globe more people are forced to work and to work longer hours. This has put a strain on family relationships and values. Children are being left to their own devices without control and no value system of right or wrong. The saying "*monkey see, monkey do*" has impacted this generation to the extent that children are following every successful person be that right of wrong in their search for role models. Aids is leaving millions of households especially in Africa without parents and

any form of income. This disease is spreading because of man's decline in self which has increased due the breakdown of marriages and the increased need for money.

Now we cannot put all the blame on parents or society because they are only doing what they feel is good for the family but unfortunately it has developed negative or evil consequences. What is needed is a look at the core problem and to make corrective decisions.

I believe one of the main questions now is what is the core problem? Why are the sons and daughters of God suffering due to lack in every area of our lives? **Hosea 4:6** *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.* The answer is simple we have rejected the ways of God and are eating from the tree of good and evil. We are allowing our senses and personal desires to take control even when we are praying, prophesying and counselling one another. We are doing these things out of love (good) but with wrong motive (evil). **John 5:19 AMP** "... I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, the Son is able to do nothing of Himself (of His own accord); but He is able to do only what He sees the Father doing, for whatever the Father does is what the Son does in the same way (in His turn). We should instead be looking towards our Father and the example set by Jesus while on the earth for answers instead of worldly intellect. An example of this is provision, Jesus never lacked, He never begged, claimed pension, or sought refuge by others. Instead he fed five thousand men excluding women and children on one sitting with left over's. **Matthew 14:15-21**

Before we continue into the truth of the Word we need to allow the Holy Spirit to remove the veil of deception in certain areas of our current market or economic structure we have globally.

1 Sometimes you hear people talk about financial crises. Money or wealth is not lost during a financial crisis, it just passes from one hand to the other or sometimes it does not leave another to come to you. That is what is happening. The various financial crises that different nations have gone through did not mean that the wealth is lost; it just passed from one hand to the other. It can be in your hand, it is just for you to know what to do to get it.

2 **Proverbs 28:8** *He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor.* The financial houses of this world understand the principles as laid down in the Word better than we do. They are experts in it and they flourish in every way, but as the scripture says it is unjust gain and it will affect the poor. I ask the question now, how many of you are linked to the world financial system due to the buying of a new house or car because it was a good idea not a God idea? The effect of debt and interest to the poor and middle class can clearly be seen as they that are really struggling to get free from the bondage of debt. *There as three categories of unjust gain.*

2.1 The debt-based monetary and investment assets created by dishonest gains of our modern banking or currency/credit market.

2.2 Artificial price increase (inflation) that results from debauchery of currencies. The more dishonest money we have in circulation, the more inflation we have.

2.3 The tangible assets obtained unjustly through debauchery. This can clearly be seen in the artificial increase of house prices and normal daily living expenses.

The first two categories are already been shaken by the financial crises that is enveloping the world, but it will be completely destroyed when Babylon the great or mystery Babylon is judged in the days of our Lord. **Rev. 18:15-21** says, *“The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city! And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate. Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her. And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.”*

John the apostle described mystery Babylon as a symbiotic relationship between a woman and a beast. It further goes to identify this relationship as a demonic blend of economics, politics and religion

that come together to form the last empire for the anti-Christ. You remember that the mark of the beast tries to make people neither buy nor sell. Most of the believers believe more in this demonic system or Babylon than in God's system.

You believe in the devil's financial system, because as a creation of God, the devil created the financial system of this world and he controls it so that the righteous or the believer can never get rich without compromising his or her godly values, and some of you know what I am saying more than I do.

If the believer has to get rich within the system that the devil created, he must compromise the rules of God, he must compromise the values of God. And we see it happen every day. We believe in the financial system of the devil because we can see it, and we can get involved in the transactions. The financial system of the world thrives on unjust gain through dishonest scale. Satan has corrupted the business world; it didn't start today. It started from the beginning.

God is a business man, He is enterprising in nature. And Satan was a merchant; he is still a merchant but he was a godly, righteous merchant then. There were business activities going on in the kingdom of God before the fall of Lucifer. **Ezekiel 28:12-18** says, *"Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon*

the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee." What this means is that there was trading before the fall of Lucifer. The Bible says that *the love of money is the root of all evil*. We know that pride brought him down but that began from the love of money. Through the multitude of his trading, he made money. You know what money can do for you. Money is powerful. When he was created, he was created to control both anointing and money. He traded and made money; he made gain.

And so money entered his head like it has entered some people's heads, because money is powerful. That's why the Bible says that you cannot serve God and mammon. It is either you are serving God or you are serving money. But if you know what the Bible is and understand God's financial system, you will choose to love God because His system is more reliable, trustworthy and strong. But the system of the devil, the Bible tells us, will fall. I don't know about you but I am a Bible believer. God is enterprising in nature; that is why there is a principle called 'giving and receiving'. It says, if you give, it shall be given back to you.

And this verse that we read reveals the business activities that were going on before the fall of Lucifer. It was his attitude that led to his fall. After his fall, he perverted and corrupted the economic system of the world. That's what we see today.

When we were growing up, if your parents sent you to buy something, they would tell you to watch well because sometimes the sellers would want to use dishonest scale. By sleight of hand, they would use the back of the cup to measure it or they would use a cup of which the bottom was beaten in so that you cannot get the real value for your money. It is called dishonest scale.

In **Leviticus 19:35-36**, God told His children, do not get involved in business with dishonest scales. It was a commandment. **Leviticus 19:35** *Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in meteyard, in weight, or in measure. Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have: I am the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt.* That's one thing that can bring you down fast, especially if you are dealing with people who have a covenant with God, covenant of wealth, and you are ripping them off through your dishonest scale; you will come down because **Proverbs 13:11** says that wealth gotten by dishonest scale shall diminish: NIV translation puts it this way, *"Dishonest money dwindles... but he who gathers money little by little makes it grow."*

Somebody trusted you and said, *"Can you go and buy me something (you work in that office)?"* After you discussed business, the sellers would call you aside and ask how much you want them to add on top of the actual price, for yourself; because the devil has it set up that way. If you were corrupt and you wanted quick money, you would say, *"Add x*

amount for me.” They would set you up. Anywhere you go, it is the same, because that is the way that the system is set up.

God’s judgment of mystery Babylon will bring an end to worldly prosperity. Our lust for financial gain can seduce us into seeking after unjust prosperity of the world. There are some people to whom money to them is “*anywhere they can get it.*” These people have been caught by Babylon.

In God’s financial system, you will have to meet some requirements if you want live in abundance and that is the kind of abundance that will endure forever. There is nothing like functioning within God’s financial system when He brings you up, you cannot come down again. But when Babylon brings you up, they can bring you down again. God is opposed to their system and said, “*I will bring it down.*”

When you go and bring in expired drugs to sell to people, you will not prosper. Much as prosperity is God’s will for us, God frowns at dishonest gains. Some of the commodity traders buy things, sell them to people and increase it by 300%, because the people they want to manipulate do not have a chance of knowing that they have been ripped off, it is dishonest gain and it shall diminish. The Bible says that judgment shall come upon it and any asset you acquired through it, judgment shall come upon it.

Psalm 73:2-20 says, “*But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped. For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. For there are no bands in their death: but their strength is firm. They are not in trouble as other men; neither are they plagued like other men. Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them as a garment. Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish. They are corrupt,*

and speak wickedly concerning oppression: they speak loftily. They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth. Therefore his people return hither: and waters of a full cup are wrung out to them. And they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High? Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches. Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency. For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning. If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend against the generation of thy children. When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me; Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end. Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction. How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors. As a dream when one awaketh; so, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image.”

The Bible says that the wisdom of the world is demonic, sensual and spiritually bankrupt. The Bible says to me that God uses His wisdom to make the wisdom of the world naught.

What does that mean for us? Jesus gives us the answer in the parable of the good and bad fruits. He tells us to judge a person, be that a minister or a business man, by his or her deeds, not by his or her claims. Just as a fig tree produces only figs, a good teacher will advocate only good deeds and will live a life of good deeds. Just as a tree that produces poison fruit, a false teacher will advocate evil deeds and practice evil deeds, even while claiming to give godly advice.

Matthew 7:15-23 TLB *"Beware of false teachers who come disguised as harmless sheep, but are wolves and will tear you apart. You can detect them by the way they act, just as you can identify a tree*

by its fruit. You need never confuse grapevines with thorn bushes or figs with thistles. Different kinds of fruit trees can quickly be identified by examining their fruit. A variety that produces delicious fruit never produces an inedible kind. And a tree producing an inedible kind can't produce what is good. So the trees having the inedible fruit are chopped down and thrown on the fire. Yes, the way to identify a tree or a person is by the kind of fruit produced. "Not all who sound religious are really godly people. They may refer to me as 'Lord,' but still won't get to heaven. For the decisive question is whether they obey my Father in heaven. At the Judgment many will tell me, 'Lord, Lord, we told others about you and used your name to cast out demons and to do many other great miracles.' But I will reply, 'You have never been mine. Go away, for your deeds are evil.'

The true teachings of the Bible will be consistent with the two great themes of the Ten Commandments and the Greatest Commandments of Jesus: Reverence to God, our Creator, and respect for all persons, everywhere. **Luke 6:45 NIV** *The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.*

False teachers will preach a doctrine filled with prejudice, hate, greed and covetous desire which is distorted to sound as if these things were virtuous. False teachers will take truth out of context and convolute their meanings to serve their own ends. The Apostle Paul warned the people of his churches to be wary of those who teach a false gospel. **Romans 16:17-18 NAS** *Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them. For such men are slaves,*

not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.

The prophet Isaiah and Jesus both warned against misleading others into sin. **Isaiah 5:21-22** *Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: **Matthew 18:6-7** But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!*

Learning the wisdom of the Bible helps us discern good from evil and good teachings from evil teachings. Even when evil teachings are disguised as good, and argued shrewdly, we will not be easily fooled. There is no better application for the wisdom of the Bible than to be able to distinguish good from evil, and to practice good in our own lives.

Proverbs 2:6-13 *For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path. When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh froward things; Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness; Wisdom is a buffer against life's constant battering of conflicting ideas and desires. Wisdom frees us from the tyranny of popular opinion and from the emptiness of a status-*

seeking existence. The wisdom of the Bible is a solid foundation on which we can base our attitudes and actions. It is the key to making the best choices throughout our lives.

To quote from the Apostle Paul to the Corinthians **1 Corinthians 4:14-20** *I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you. For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers:... who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.... For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.*

Summary

The Word of God is life to those want to adhere to it, it will bring safety and security, it will bring self fulfilment. By living according to the ways of the world we are trapped in our selves and we are looking towards our circumstances and we are not looking towards God. We make decisions based on human intellect, emotions and the opinions of man. These decisions have short term advantages but long term disadvantages. They will give you a false sense of security in the short term but enslavement in the long term. An example of this is the new refinance plans of the banks in South Africa: *For people who cannot afford to pay their home loans they are extending the bond period to forty years with a decrease in monthly payments. This will bring short term financial relief but long term obligations. The bank will be making more than double of what it was supposed to make on the refinancing of the debt instruments.*

This is a subject that we must choose to believe. You see, believing is a matter of choice and it is so important that you believe, because you cannot attract what you do not believe; you can only attract what you

believe. If you don't believe in prosperity, you will not attract prosperity. If you don't believe in healing, you will not attract healing. You can only attract what you believe. So it is important that you believe this subject.

Proverbs 18:21 *Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.*

Chapter 5

TREE OF LIFE

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

As mentioned in chapter 3 God shut off the Holy Spirit from Adam and all his children, the whole world, until Jesus Christ, the "second Adam," came to pay the penalty of every person's sins so humans could be forgiven and then have the Holy Spirit offered to them. The Holy Spirit is our link to our son ship and also the revealer of the hidden things that God has in store for us. ***1 Corinthians 2:9*** But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love

him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

Throughout the Eden story, the Tree of Life remains tantalizingly in the background. It is created, but then virtually disappears from the discussion. What role does this second tree play in the story, and how are we to understand its meaning?

Although the Tree of Life may be out of sight, it is not out of mind. Towards the end of the story, after Adam and Eve have eaten the forbidden fruit, we once again hear of the mysterious Tree of Life: God said, **Genesis 3:22** *And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: We have here God's reason for exiling Adam and Eve from Eden. They are sent away to ensure that they will not eat from the Tree of Life.*

From the story of the Garden of Eden we see that it was a place where man was precariously placed between life and death, depending on his choice. It also foreshadows another great moment of Jewish history. It speaks of a time when the Jews were neither here nor there, and the Father offered them a similar choice between "life" and "death": **Deuteronomy 30:19** *I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:*

When Moses uttered these words, the people stood in the wasteland of a desert, not yet possessing either the "life" or the "death" that lay before them. Once again, man was asked to choose. In this case, "life" was identified as embracing the Torah and its principles, while "death" meant rejecting them. The choice to embrace the Torah is painted with the same brush as the choice to embrace the Tree of Life. It might be

just a coincidence; a convenient choice of metaphors. But it might also signify something deeper.

Another point of consideration, the angels holding a flaming sword who God sets up to "*guard the way [back to] the Tree of Life*" (**Genesis, 3:24**) are of a very particular kind, they are cherubs. The next time the Bible speaks of cherubs we find them placed atop Holy Ark in the Tabernacle, two cherubs, fashioned out of gold: **Exodus 25:18-19** *And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat. And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: even of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof.*

What were the cherubs guarding; they were guarding the Ten Commandments that were inside the ark, they were guarding the Torah. In Jewish custom as part of "service" on a Sabbath the Torah is raised aloft from the *bimah* so that all can see and the following words are proclaimed "*It is a tree of life to all who grab hold of it*" (**Proverbs 3:18**).

The only other time we meet cherubs in the entire Bible, they are once again guarding a "Tree of Life".

Only this time, they are not keeping us away from the Tree of Life; they are ushering us towards it, shielding both us and the Torah beneath their protective wings. What are we to make of all this? Why is Eden's choice between life and death echoed once more as a choice between the embrace of Torah or its rejection? Why are the cherubs who keep us away from the original Tree of Life trying to give us access to a second such tree? What does it even mean to call the Torah "a Tree of Life" what is the essential similarity between the two?

As we know the Old Testament is foreshadow of things to come for e.g. the messiah, a new covenant, and eternal life. We also know that

many of the prophetic utterances by the prophets speak of detailed actions that God is going to do at appointed times. One of those actions is that God will write the law on our hearts as part of the New Covenant **Jeremiah 31:33 ESV** *But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.* In the book of Hebrews Paul declares **Hebrews 10:15-17 ESV** *“and the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”* From this we see that God not only fulfilled the promise He made with the New Covenant but that the law placed in the tabernacle was a symbol of the new man with the Gods laws written on our hearts and minds.

In the book of John we find that Jesus proclaims that He is the Vine and without Him as the source we can do nothing **John 15:1-5** *I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.* Jesus is also the source of our eternal life not the scripture **John 5:39-40 ESV** *You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.*

All the characteristics of the tree of life are portrayed through Jesus, provision to bear fruit and eternal life.

To understand it deeper we need to go to **Proverbs 3:13-18** *Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her.* Here we see that Godly wisdom not worldly wisdom (knowledge) is the tree of life. And wisdom comes from the Lord **Proverbs 2:6** *For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.*

By bringing the above points together we see that Jesus is the restored tree of life and all who come to Him will have eternal life. We also see that Jesus is the source of all wisdom and instruction and “*without me ye can do nothing*”, therefore we need to look to Jesus for wisdom. Should we refrain from looking towards Jesus (Wisdom) we are seen as fools **Proverbs 1:7** *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

Let's consider the following verses:

1. **Hebrews 13:7-8** *Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.* The Word, Jesus, has never changed, His statutes and commandments have never changed and they have never fallen away. If any teacher,

- teaches anything that is in conflict with the Word, Old or New Testament they shall be “called least in the Heaven”. **Matthew 5:16-20** *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no way pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.*
2. **1 John 3:1** *Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: ...that has now entered those who believe through the Holy Spirit. The commandments and statues have become more forgiving of nature because of the Love of God. **Matthew 18:21-22** Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.*
 3. **John 14:15** *If ye love me, keep my commandments. With the love that the Father has bestowed upon us we also have the ability to love the Lord Jesus. But as an act of love He asks us to follow the commandments.*

4. **John 14:21** *He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.* It's pretty clear that by following and keeping the commandments that Jesus will manifest Himself to us and make an abode with us. **John 14:23** *Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*

The message going out to the Body of Christ has one central element, we are saved by grace **Ephesians 2:8** *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:* A gift to mankind, what does it mean for us? According to the Strong's Dictionary; *to grace, that is, indue with special honor: make accepted, be highly favoured.* It means we have become acceptable to God to do His work. We are set apart from the other non-believers because we are highly favoured. Does this mean we can do as we please?

In the book of **Hebrews** we read the following about grace **10:28-29** **ESV** *Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has spurned the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?* The Apostle Paul struggled with this same problem when talking to the **Romans** *"For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey;*

whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? (6:14-15).

Let me make a statement here, the Jews were not saved by the Law in fact the laws were so strict it cost them their lives if they did any form of deliberate sin. The only sin that was forgiven was sin out of lack of knowledge or normal day to day failures. The Bible clearly states that not one person could fulfil the law but that they were accounted to as righteous those that tried. All Jews were saved through the shedding of blood by the sacrifice of lambs for forgiveness of sins. The law cannot forgive you your sin; it is a guideline to the blessings from Father. That is why the Jews cannot wait to rebuild the temple so that sacrificial offerings could start again for forgiveness of sin. What Jesus did for us is sacrifice His own life as the spotless lamb so that all mankind can be saved to fulfil His covenant promise to Abraham **Genesis 17:4** *As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.* All mankind have now being established as part of the lineage of Abraham through the lineage of Jesus. That is grace, because we never had an inheritance with God, through His grace He made a way for us.

The law that was given to Moses is an instruction manual to the management of the earth and its resources. Whenever the Jews followed the law they were blessed: they had protection from their enemies and they had provision in abundance. The law also provided instructions to the management of relationships and our bodies so that we could be fruitful and multiply. Going against God instructions cost them hardship and pain in every area.

Satan knows this because he is angry of what God did to him because of his disobedience. God loves obedience and He blesses

obedience, He hates disobedience and punishes disobedience. Satan also knows that he has got 6000 years on this earth before he will be bound. **Revelation 12:12 KJV** *Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.* Satan has one thing in mind and that is to pervert everything and to turn every truth into a lie so that mankind will suffer. What better way than to make us discard to the instruction manual to blessing through misunderstanding.

Because of the eating of the tree of good and evil, the teachers of the Word have relaxed their teaching so as to preach a message pleasing to man. Sin has become acceptable, standards and moral values are relaxed because God will not judge us anymore, we are saved by grace. We have eternal life through Christ and everybody that believes in Him will go to heaven. **Romans 6:1-4** *“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”*

When asked a question three years ago to give an example of a man whom I can look up to as somebody that permeates good leadership qualities without using any biblical figure as mentioned in the Bible as reference, I battled. Being a man who compared everything to scripture, if it was not written it does not go. I started looking for people who did not compromise on the Word or who showed leadership qualities that exemplified Jesus. From the outset and my personal experience with

pastors, teachers and business men every body compromised. I finally settled on somebody who lived 500 years ago *Thomas A Kempis*, who wrote the book "*Imitation of Christ*". The book is called the best-loved widely read religious book in the world, after the Bible. His entire live was structured around the teachings of Jesus and this can be clearly seen in the revelations as set out in the book. There is only one person we should all look up to and that is Jesus, man is known to fall and place himself first. If we do want to trust a person we need to trust the Spirit in the person to bring conviction and correction in that person's life. That is why unbelievers cannot change no matter how hard they try, a spirit of conviction does not abound.

What we need to question is our righteousness or right standing with God, not measured by the standards of man but by God. **Mat 5:20** "*That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven..*"

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Romans 12:1-2 *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

Galatians 2:20 *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.* Our old selves were crucified with Christ, Christ took the old self to the cross with Him and it died there with Him. The cross was God's way of doing away with the old "me". We walk by faith, not by sight. We govern our

lives by faith in the Word of God and who He says we are and what He says we have in Christ. **Romans 6:6** *Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.* We are no longer a slave to the tree of good and evil, we are united, have become one with the tree of life. We are in the world but not of the world. The world holds no delusions and holds no sway over us. The cross with its shame and reproach meant absolute separation from the world and its deceitfulness.

Romans 6:8 *Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Colossians 2:20* *Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,* We have parted company with worldly principles we are no longer led by the world under the world's control. We died to sin, sickness and poverty.

We have died and our lives are now hid with Christ in God. We died with Christ to this world and the things of this world. Our desires for this world died with Christ. Our real lives, true self, are hid with Christ in God. We have entered with Christ into the secret life of God. Our new self is hidden from human sight in union with Christ, in the being of God.

Romans 6:10-11 *For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.* We died to everything that Christ died to, just as Christ died and passed once for all out of the sphere of sin, in the same manner we consider ourselves to be to sin. We regard ourselves, count ourselves, and think of ourselves, we see ourselves actually to the power of sin. Since Jesus died to sickness as well as sin, and we died with Him, we

also died to sickness. We are fully alive to serve God in union with Christ, we are alive to righteousness, and we are alive to health.

Ephesians 2:5-6 *Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: God gave life to us in giving life to Christ because we were identified with Him. God saw us, God saw us buried. He saw us made alive. We were made alive with Christ. That same new life has now been breathed into us, into our spirit. He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him. The same life that made Jesus the master of hell's dark forces is in us.*

Hebrews 2:14 *Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; Satan has been rendered powerless toward the sons of God by Christ's victory. He has been dethroned, defeated, put to naught, made of no effect, overthrown, neutralized, paralyzed, crushed and put out of commission as far as we are concerned in our lives.*

Ephesians 1:19-21 *And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: The same power that raised Christ from the dead is at work in us. His resurrection power is overwhelmingly great, unlimited, immeasurable, infinite, resistless, stupendous, and tremendously mighty.*

Colossians 3:1 *If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. We have been raised with Christ to enjoy the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father. The rich eternal treasures of that heavenly sphere are ours to grasp and enjoy, all the things of God in Christ are ours.*

John 4:14 *But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. We have a well full of eternal life springing up inside of us. This well is watering us with eternal life; the water is springing up inside our spirit, refreshing our being. It quenches our spirit's thirst for reality. It satisfies our inner longings because it is the life of God Himself. We are satisfied by God Himself. Our interior is filled and running over with the life of God.*

John 8:12 *Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. The life of God gives off light. That life is in our spirit giving off light to our intellect. Our minds are not bound in the darkness of sense knowledge, but have light permeating it from our spirits. Our minds are being spirit taught and spirit directed, our minds are being spirit led. His wisdom is in us because of His life is in us. The understanding of Jesus Christ is gaining ascendancy in us. The personality of Jesus is forming in us and the eternal life will enlighten our intellect and enhance our personality. We will not walk in darkness, but we will have the wisdom of Jesus Christ to direct our affairs.*

Romans 8:19 *For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. When reading this scripture I thought funny: many of us are all waiting for the second coming of the*

Lord Jesus Christ, yet the heavenly creatures are waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God. Do we have the order wrong or do they. **1 Thessalonians 4:15-17** *For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.* From the above text it is clear that the Lord is coming to fetch the dead in Christ and those alive in Christ from the earth. In the book of John we see that we shall be like Jesus when he appears **1 John 3:2** *Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.* Clearly it can be seen that the sons of God those dead in Christ need to become Christ like first before they will be taken up into the clouds. The sons of God are called to be **Philippians 2:15** *..... blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;*

As we noted: the sons of God are clearly those that believe and follow the Lord Jesus Christ. Even this does not come from us and we can take no glory in that. **John 1:12** *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:* The question then is what is expected from us as sons of God. The first thing I would do in any new environment is to establish what is the regulations governing the environment, what are the rules. When you go to any holiday resort, they have set times for

breakfast, lunch and dinner. The same applies to our heavenly home and this is also confirmed by Jesus in **Matthew 6:33** *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.* What Jesus is saying to the sons of God is to seek the ways of God before we can be entrusted with things. This coincides with **Matthew 24:14** *And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.* We need to understand and preach the gospel of the Kingdom of God so that the sons of God will manifest.

Chapter 6

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

According to Wikipedia, *The Kingdom of God or Reign of God is a foundational concept in Christianity, as it is the central theme of Jesus of Nazareth's message in the synoptic Gospels. The phrase occurs in the New Testament more than 100 times, and is defined almost entirely by parable. According to Jesus, the Kingdom of God is within (or among) people, it is approached through understanding, and entered through acceptance like a child, spiritual rebirth, and doing the will of God. It is a kingdom peopled by the righteous and stands in stark contrast to another realm people serve: the kingdom of Satan.*

The word "kingdom" is a translation of the Greek word "basileia" which in turn is a translation of the words "malkuth" (Hebrew) and

"*malkutha*" (Aramaic). These words do not define kingdom by territory but by dominion. Jesus said of the Kingdom of God that one cannot say, "Look here it is!" or "There it is!" **Luke 17:20** "..... *The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.*

More study shows that the phrase "*within you*" has been replaced with the term "*among you*" or "*in your midst*". The New King James margin says, "*in your midst.*" The New English Bible reads, "*is among you.*" The Revised Standard Version says, "*in the midst of you.*"

The reasoning behind it comes from the first part of verse 20: "*And when He was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, He answered them and said...*" Christ was talking to the Pharisees, not His disciples! Christ answered them: "*The kingdom of God is within you.*" The statement is seen as wrong because Christ could not have meant that His kingdom was within the Pharisees, men He called "*hypocrites*" and "*blind guides,*" who "*omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith,*" who were "*full of extortion and excess,*" who were like "*whited [tombs], which appeared beautiful outward, but...within [were] full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness*" (Matt. 23:21, 23-27).

The translators of the Bible see that Christ was referring to Himself because He represented God's kingdom. While Jesus was a flesh and blood man, He was also the Messiah. Born to become a king, He never sinned or went against His Father's will. He was, quite literally, the perfect representative of God's government.

From the understanding of the restored son ship of all God's children according to the Word it is quite clear that Jesus was talking of things to come. Even if the translation should read "*among you*" it is only a matter

of time before it became real that those who believe understood that the kingdom is now *"in you"*. This applies to every human being, even the Pharisees, once a sinner has been restored in Christ, he is not only set free, but his authority is also restored through Christ.

If we investigate this a little further we see that what ever the condition of the heart is, is what will come out of the mouth. **Luke 6:45** *A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.* If your heart is not righteous and does not bring forth righteousness your will not enter the Kingdom of heaven. **Matthew 5:20** *"For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven."*

The Bible also clearly states that even thou one understands the authority over the demons and does many wonderful works you will still not enter the Kingdom if you work iniquity. **Matthew 7:21-23** *Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

The Apostle Paul also receives this revelation in His letters to the Corinthians, Ephesians and Galatians:

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 *Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with*

mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

Ephesians 5:5-7 *For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them.*

Galatians 5:19-21 *Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*

As children of God we need to understand that God is serious about sin He will not allow it back into His Kingdom again. I always teach, God will not have another Satan situation. **Ezekiel 28:14-15** *Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.* Satan was also perfect at point of creation until he thought that he could become like God. Many a man will fall into that trap before the second coming of the Lord Jesus.

As children of God those led by the spirit we need to walk in the spirit **Galatians 5:22-25** *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also*

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

And it is only with the aid of the Holy Spirit that we can walk in the new precepts as commanded by the Lord Jesus in relation to our human nature. **Mark 12:29** *"....The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:"* the same is said in the Gospel, *"That they might know Thee, the only true God."* and, *"Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself,"* says in the Gospel, renewing the same precept, *"A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another."*

Some of the new precepts of human nature laid down by the Lord Jesus in the book of Matthew are as follows:

- Not only is murder forbidden but causeless anger.
- The forbidden act of adultery is now not only the physical act but the lust of the heart and mind.
- The act of stealing, now pronounces him most happy who supplies those that are in want out of his own labours.
- Where we were forbidden to hate our enemies, we are now pronounced blessed if we love our enemies.
- Where revenge was forbidden long-suffering is now commanded; not as if just revenge were an unrighteous thing, but because long-suffering is more excellent.
- When Jesus commanded us to honour our parents, He Himself was subject to the command.
- The command to keep the Sabbath, by resting thereon for the sake of meditating on the laws, we are now commanded to

- consider of the law of creation, and of providence every day, and to return thanks to God,
- The law for swearing rightly and forbidding perjury, has now charged us not to swear at all.
 - Jesus has in several ways changed baptism, sacrifice, the priesthood, and the divine service, which was confined to one place: for instead of daily baptisms, He has given only one, which is that into His death.
 - Instead of one tribe, He has appointed that out of every nation the best should be ordained for the priesthood; and that not their bodies should be examined for blemishes, but their religion and their lives.
 - Instead of a bloody sacrifice, He has appointed the sacrament of His body and blood as reminder of the atonement He made for our sins.
 - Instead of the divine service confined to one place, He has commanded and appointed that He should be glorified from sun-rising to sun setting in every place of His dominion.

Jesus therefore did not take away the law from us, but the bonds. For concerning the law Moses says: "*Thou shalt meditate on the word which I command thee, sitting in thine house, and rising up, and walking in the way.*" And David says: "*His delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law will he meditate day and night.*" For everywhere would he have us subject to His laws, but not transgressors of them. For says He: ***Psalms 119:1*** *Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law*

of the LORD. **Matthew 5:48** *Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.*

There is scarcely any sin against which our Lord Jesus more warns his disciples, than disquieting, distracting; distrustful cares about the things of this life. **Matthew 6:25-32** *Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?... for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.* This often ensnares the poor as much as the love of wealth does the rich. But there is a carefulness about temporal things which is a duty, though we must not carry these lawful cares too far. We are to take no thought of our lives, not about the length of it; but refer it to God to lengthen or shorten it as He pleases; our lives are in His hands *Gal 2:20*, and they are good hands. We are not to concern ourselves about the comforts of this life; but leave it to God to make it bitter or sweet as He pleases. Food and raiment God has promised, therefore we may expect them. We are to take no thought for the morrow, for the time to come. We must not be anxious for the future, how we shall live next year, or when we are old, or what we shall leave behind. As we must not boast of tomorrow, so we must not care for tomorrow, or the events of it. God has given us life, and has given us the body. And what can He not do for us, who did that? If we take care of our souls for eternity, which are more than the body and its life, we may leave it to God to provide for us food and raiment, which are less.

We must reconcile ourselves to our worldly estate, as we do to our stature. We cannot alter the disposals of Providence; therefore we must submit and resign ourselves to them. Thoughtfulness for our souls is the best cure of thoughtfulness for the world. Seek first the kingdom of God,

and make relationship with God your business: say not that this is the way to starve; no, it is the way to be well provided for, even in this world. The conclusion of the whole matter is, that it is the will and command of the Lord Jesus, that by daily prayers we may get strength to bear us up under our daily troubles, and to arm us against the temptations that attend them, and then let none of these things move us. Happy are those who take the Lord for their God, and make full proof of it by trusting themselves wholly to His wise disposal. Let thy Spirit convince us of sin in the want of this disposition, and take away the worldliness of our hearts.

I believe very strongly that this principle applies today for every person and Satan knows it. By keeping us focused on the problems and cares of the world we do not fulfil what we are called to do. That is where the saying comes "*there is more unearthed wealth in the graveyard, than all the minerals in the globe put together, because of the untapped potential in humans not released.*" The talents that are given to us by God are stifled by systems put into place to only promote those who are controlled by power and greed. These systems are put into place to *steal, kill or destroy God's work* on this earth. By stealing our joy and keeping us enslaved in our minds we are restricted from developing our talents building our eternal treasure. **James 2:5-7** "*Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you and drag you into the courts? Do they not blaspheme that noble name by which you are called?*"

If we take a look at the parable of the "*nobleman*" in Luke 19:12-23 we see a man going away to "*receive for himself a kingdom and to*

return". We also see that he gave "his ten servants" "ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come." I am sure that we all can agree that the noble man represents Jesus and the servants represent the children of God over the ages. Each one has been given a gift **Ephesians 4:7** *But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. "But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, we will not have this man to reign over us."* This is the message that the world and a vast majority of the body of Christ is sending to the Father and Jesus right now. "And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading." The same will apply to all the sons of God everything that we build in our lifetimes will be judged by fire and whatever is left will be our eternal reward. **1 Corinthians 3:12-15** *Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.* What we do on this earth with the talents given to us will be the measure by which our eternal reward will be measured. *The first came before him, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.'* And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.' And the second came, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made five minas.' And he said to him, 'And you are to be over five cities.' If we should squander those talents or not use them at all they

will be taken away. *And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.'* *And they said to him, 'Lord, he has ten minas!' 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.*

Some brief history is needed to better understand the setting of this parable. Christ was a Jew who was preaching this parable in the land of Judah. Judah was merely one of twelve tribes in ancient Israel. Ten of those tribes had become lost over 700 years earlier, because they had rebelled against Solomon's son, Rehoboam. They had been taken into captivity by the ancient Assyrians and had later migrated into North-western Europe, becoming the democratic, primarily English-speaking peoples of the United States, Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and certain other Western European nations. Only some of the tribes of Benjamin and Levi remained with the Jews, whose capital was Jerusalem.

When the Parable of the Pounds speaks of the Noblemen's citizens "*hating Him,*" and states that they said, "*We will not have this Man to reign over us,*" it is a reference to the Jews. History plainly records that they rejected the authority of Jesus Christ. This is what **John 1:11** means when it states that "*He came unto His own, and His own received Him not.*" The "*ten servants*" (those Christians called today) are then a reference, in type, to the lost ten tribes of Israel. Christ offered them an opportunity to rule, because the Jews rejected His authority over them.

Sadly, some do not want the true Christ of the Bible to tell them what to do. They do not want Him to rule over their lives and conduct. But they do want salvation, with no strings attached.

No one will be given ruler ship before he has proven that he can be ruled! No one can be part of God's world-ruling government unless he has learned to submit to the government of God and to be ruled by God and Jesus Christ in this life. This is the all-important lesson of the parable of the pounds!

When Christ called His servants into account, He was showing that all people will one day stand and give an account before the judgment seat of Christ. Like the reward of the twelve apostles, who will be put over the twelve tribes of Israel (**Matt. 19:27-28**), some will be given tremendous authority to rule over cities with Christ "*in the throne of His glory.*"

From the above we can clearly see that we have all been given a measure of grace (talents) to grow in certain areas as destined by God. The problem lies with the following question: although Satan has through the ages put a system in place to keep God's work to a minimum, are we as sons of God not going to held accountable for not fulfilling our destiny or calling?

Before I close with this chapter I would like us to go back to the questions asked in chapter 1. Why are we not walking in this authority? And if true believers are sons of God why are the four lower levels of deficiency needs not met? And how do we attain them?

I believe that the true sons of God are not seeing financial release because of compromise and lack of understanding of the ways of God. This can clearly be seen in the morals and values as portrayed by our Christian leaders, not to mention the rest of the Body of Christ.

Our deficiency needs are not met because our focus is not on God but on the ways of the world. If we revert back to Maslow we will see

that he starts with deficiency needs and ends up with self fulfilment. As per the model discussed so far God starts with Self fulfilment and deficiency needs do not feature as a form of concern. **Matthew 6:31** *Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?* This is just another conformation of the deception that is in the world today, keeping the sons of God in bondage.

Summary

The Kingdom of God, also referred to in Scripture as The Kingdom of Heaven, is an everlasting kingdom which spans the mighty universe. Currently invisible to the human eye and unheard of by the vast majority of human beings, the Kingdom of God is, nevertheless, more real and abiding than all the earthly kingdoms and empires this world has ever known. It is a spiritual kingdom into which only those born of the Spirit of the Most High may enter. And these will enter by the divinely appointed way, which is by faith in Jesus Christ who is the only begotten Son of YAHWEH the Almighty God of Israel. No other means of entry is possible.

The Kingdom of God is a holy kingdom; a kingdom governed in accordance with the perfect law of the Most High. Yahweh's law, the irrevocable constitution of the mighty universe has been rejected by the inhabitants of this planet for millenniums.

Nothing is more certain in an earthly empire or kingdom than the fact that sooner or later it will deteriorate and fade into insignificance. All the mighty empires and governments of the past, which one by one have dominated the stage of time, tell the same old tragic story. And that is, that man's efforts to effectively rule himself have all miserably failed.

The main reason for this catalogue of failure is that earthly governments have persistently rejected the laws of the Almighty God in favour of countless, impotent human regulations.

The Kingdom of God is a Kingdom of Power, divine power, holy power, purifying power. Unlike the gimmick manifestations of Satanic power, which can only dazzle, delude and destroy mankind, the Power of God moves like a mighty soul-cleansing river bringing life, peace and health wherever it goes. We are, even now, expectantly waiting for Yahweh to again demonstrate that kind of power.

God is reproducing Himself! That's the glorious Good News that Jesus boldly proclaimed! The Gospel of the Kingdom of God announces the God Kingdom: a Spirit-Born Kingdom of God-Beings! A Royal Family that we can enter **Revelation 3:21** *To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.* A Divine Family that will administer God's Government throughout the universe and eternity (*Isaiah 9:7; Daniel 7:18*).

We will actually become God-Beings? **1 John 3:9** *Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.* Will God be our literal Father? Will we take on His family name? **Revelation 22:4** *And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.* Yes! Because it's revealed that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him, **Philippians 3:21** *Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.*

Mankind created after the God kind, born again at the resurrection, Spirit-composed and Divine! This is the whole plan and purpose of God!

Soon it'll be mission accomplished in our lives and we'll experience the "finishing touch" to our spiritual creation ***Philippians 1:6*** *Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:* We're actually the Kingdom of God in embryo, the pioneering community of an advanced civilization, who'll soon help establish Heaven on Earth! Meanwhile, may we need to continue to develop and reflect the holy, righteous character of our Father in Heaven in joyous anticipation! (*2 Peter. 1:4*).

Chapter 7

ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

As we have seen throughout the book what Jesus came to do is to re-establish our spiritual identity in Heaven and earth as sons of God and to give us specific guidelines as new creatures in Christ. We also know that the Word is a guideline to our guaranteed salvation and eternal life for those who follow it. But what about our life on earth now?

When Jesus walked the earth He commanded us not to pray using “*vain repetitions as the heathens do*” but to pray in the following manner:

Matthew 6:9-13*Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive*

our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

The *Our Father* is a prayer of faith and a statement maker because by faith we are declaring that we believe we are children of the most high. We are indicating that we accept what Jesus has done for us and that we understand that we have been restored to our creator / Father. It also indicates clearly who our Father is: that He is our source of forgiveness, protection and provision. In the book of Hebrews we read that ... *without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*(11:6).

The right understanding of our heritage and the mechanics in Heaven sets the platform for the prayer because it declares our status in the Heavens before the throne of God. When we pray the *Our Father* we believe that our Father in Heaven has heard us and that He has already made arrangements for the fulfilment of our request. **Matthew 6:8** ... *for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.* Once we get to grips with this we will see major things happening in our lives. The Word says it so clearly **Hosea 4:6** *“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee....”*

Another fundamental issue that needs to be addressed is what we are praying for, we are praying for the Fathers will to be done. We need to lay our personal desires and judgments aside for a higher more intelligent way of doing things. We see in the book of John that even Jesus declared that *“I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me. (5:30)”*. It was once again

confirmed in **John 5:19** *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.* We also need to take note that Jesus learned obedience by his death on the cross. **Hebrews 5:8** *Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;*

The other very fundamental mistake made in the body of Christ in relation to the *Our Father* is that we are praying without knowledge of what heaven is like and what Father's will for us is in Heaven. Let me explain: If we pray for a yellow Lamborghini we can visualize the car, maybe even test drive one, get the feel for it. But when we pray for Father's will to be "*done in earth as it is in heaven*" we have got no idea what Father's will is even if it stares us in the face because we have not heard from Him or sought His face on a specific area of prayer. Because of this we have no expectation, no desire, no hope; and our prayers have no effect. And even when we think we have got everything worked out, God reminds us in **Isaiah 55:8** *For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.*

The Bible does however give us a more complete picture of heaven and the will of the Father than we might guess. First, let's take a little look at what heaven won't be. In heaven, there will be no negative emotions like; hate, fear, jealousy, anger and lust etc There will also be some jobs that will become obsolete; crime, hospitals, police, psychologist, lawyers and prostitution to name but a few. The main facet about heaven that we all long for is there will be no lack or death.

Now let's take a look what is waiting in heaven for the children of God:

- Fellowship with Jesus: **Isaiah 65:24** *And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.*
- Heaven will be a place to worship God. When Isaiah speaks for the Lord of the new heavens and earth, he prophesies that "*all flesh shall come to worship before me*" (**Isaiah 66:22,23**). The Apostle, John, also predicts the same thing saying: "*For Thou only are holy: for all nations shall come and worship before Thee*" (**Revelation 15:4; 21:24**).
- Heaven will be a place work: **John 5:17** "*My Father worketh hitherto, and I work*". Imagine a place where you fulfil those visions that has been lying dormant that you have always wanted to do but could not because of lack. Isaiah continues to show us it will be a place where one can labour and see ones labour bear fruit. (**Isaiah 65:21-23**).
- Isaiah describes it as a place of joy where there will be no tears nor the sound of crying. This is in **Isaiah 65:19**, and also in **Revelation 21:4; 7:17**.
- In Heaven there are mansions: **John 14:2** *In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.*
- Heaven will have a beauty beyond our imagination. The best John could do to describe heaven was to say it was like an entire city of transparent gold. He says: "*The walls of the new city are precious jewels. The gates are twelve single pearls. The city itself and its streets are pure gold, yet like transparent glass.*" This is found in **Revelation 21:18, 19, 21**.

- And the whole city is lighted by the glory of God. Heaven
- Great treasure is stored up for us; in fact, the saints "will inherit all things" (**Revelation 21:7**).
- In heaven we will be given new names; new imperishable bodies and we will be clothed in the white robes of righteousness. We will be glorious living stones; pillars in the eternal temple of God (**I Corinthians 15:52; I Peter 2:5; Revelation 3:12**).
- Best of all, heaven with God and Jesus will be a place of love. God in tender love will wipe away all our tears (**Revelation 21:4**). The angels will rejoice as heaven fills with righteous Christians (**II Peter 3:13**). Those spirits who have hungered and have thirsted to humbly live with God; those with pure hearts; those who have willingly endured persecution; and those who have lived for God's peace, will live together in life and love forever and ever.

The will of the Father was always to make a way for mankind to get back into relationship with Him. **John 3:16** *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.* It was also always the Father's will to not just restore us to our former position but to place us in positions of authority higher than even Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. **Revelation 20:4** *And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had*

received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Scripture also clearly indicates that we are citizens of the household of God (Heaven). **Ephesians 2:19-20** *"Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit."* As citizens of Heaven we have certain rights that are conferred onto us and also certain resources.

Scripture mentions only one other human being that had the same right as we do now as sons of and God called him a prophet **Genesis 20:6** *And God said unto him in a dream, ... Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet...* in fact he was also called possessor of heaven and earth. It was the father of all nations, Abraham, **Genesis 14:18-19** *And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:* This is part of the Covenant that God made with Abraham throughout his life time. A quick look will reveal the covenant promises as follows: **Genesis 12:2-3** *And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.* **Genesis 17:4-10** *As for Me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations... And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will*

establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

Abraham and the house of Israel were possessors of heaven and earth until the arrival of the redeemer of all mankind. **Galatians 3:13-14** *Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.* Thus the blessing that was reserved for the righteous among the Jews has now been made available for the sons of God.

The Prophet Hosea prophesied this event of the house of Israel being renamed as sons of the Living God **Hosea 1:10** *Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.*

As we can see from all the above scriptural proof we have access to all heaven and earth through Jesus as fulfillment of the covenant promise to Abraham. Therefore we have all the provision, protection and multiplication with the knowledge that all the blessings of Abraham are upon us through Christ. As children of God we need to portray the same faith that our father Abraham showed going after a promised inheritance, which he could see in his mind's eye as described by God but not in the natural. **Hebrews 11:8** *By faith Abraham, when he was*

called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

Was it easy for Abraham to obtain his inheritance? Was it easy for Jesus to accept the cup that was dealt to Him by the Father? No. Therefore it won't be easy for us neither in fact the Word says in **1 Peter 5:8-10 AMP** *Be well balanced (temperate, sober of mind), be vigilant {and} cautious at all times; for that enemy of yours, the devil, roams around like a lion roaring [in fierce hunger], seeking someone to seize upon {and} devour. Withstand him; be firm in faith [against his onset--rooted, established, strong, immovable, and determined], knowing that the same (identical) sufferings are appointed to your brotherhood (the whole body of Christians) throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace [Who imparts all blessing and favor], Who has called you to His [own] eternal glory in Christ {Jesus,} will Himself complete {and} make you what you ought to be, establish {and} ground you securely, and strengthen, and settle you.*

Let's recap before we continue

Every man, woman and child that has accepted Jesus as Lord and savior of their lives is reborn into a new heritage. An eternal heritage of son ship to the Father, God. **Galatians 4:6** *And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.* To guide and lead us into our predestined destiny should we be obedient to the will of the Father. **Ephesians 1:11** *In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:* We are also called to be firm in our faith like our father Abraham before

us, to stand against the onslaught of the enemy until God himself settles us.

From all the above we can all truly agree on one thing, the body of Christ has suffered and I believe it is going to suffer even more according to the book of Revelation. We can however take confidence that certain prophecies need to be fulfilled before the happenings of the book of Revelation will take place. One very detailed prophecy for the entire body of Christ is Isaiah 60: 1-17, it goes as follows:

*Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the **darkness shall cover the earth**, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the LORD. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory. Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows? Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the LORD thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee. And the sons of strangers shall*

build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee. Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought. For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted. The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious. The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel. Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through thee, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations. Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob. For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness.

Many theologians believe that this specific scripture will only come to pass in the millennium and beyond. I would like to differ on two points. Darkness (**Isaiah 60:1**) will not be able to arise during the millennium: **Revelation 20:2** *And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and he will only be released at the end of the millennium for a period. **Revelation 20:7** And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,* There will be no evil in the millennium and definitely not into eternity. The scripture speaks very clearly that the gentiles will

be bringing their treasure to the children of the light and that the children of the light shall suck the milk of the Gentiles. This passage of scripture speaks of a time now before the imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Father, God wants to put resources back into the hands of His children. We could make ourselves a candidate as we open up to it. Many of us struggle to believe that the wealth of business tycoons and the wealth of vast international bankers who use dishonest gains to rob nations can be transferred to us. As sons of God we should believe in the impossible because none of us knew the Father, yet in all His love He made a way for us to know Him, not the other way round. **1 John 3:1** *Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.* He chose us we did not choose Him.

The Father we serve is in charge of everything **Daniel 2:21-22** *And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.*

How? This is the first question that comes to any intelligent mind, how will it happen? The glory of God will be the vehicle that will bring it to the just. **Haggai 2:6-9** says, *“For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine (or the precious things, or the wealth), and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts. The glory (or Kabod, wealth or splendour) of this latter house shall be greater than of the former,*

saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.” Now, it tells us that it is talking about material and financial wealth because He brought it down to silver and gold. The monetary system of any nation begins with silver and gold.

It is clear from the Word of God that there will be a transfer of wealth from the sinners to the righteous in the end-time and beyond. The full measure of this transfer of wealth will not happen until Jesus returns to establish His kingdom on earth, i.e. the new heaven and the new earth. But a part of this wealth transfer will happen now to finance global evangelism.

The advancement in technology is not for the world, it is for the gospel. Babylon is set up to form the last world empire of the anti-Christ, to finance his activities. That is why the body of Christ needs to own wealth. We don't have to play their tricks to get it. We will get it just by walking in the glory of God. God will always keep His Word.

We have seen a measure of the glory of God through different revivals namely the Welch revival during 1904-1912 and the Azusa Street Revival during 1906-1908 and now currently while the book is been written in Lakeland, Florida, USA. From an extract taken from *Moriah Calvinistic Methodist Website (www.moriah.org.uk)* we see what the effect is when the glory of God comes down:

Not only were individual lives changed by the power of the Holy Spirit, but whole communities were changed indeed society itself was changed - Wales was again a God-fearing nation.

Public houses became almost empty. Men and women who used to waste their money in getting drunk were now saving it, giving it to help their churches, buying clothes and food for their families. And not only

drunkenness, but stealing and other offences grew less and less so that often a magistrate came to court and found there were no cases for him.

Men whose language had been filthy before learnt to talk purely. It is related that not only did the colliers put in a better day's work, but also that the pit ponies turned disobedient! The ponies were so used to being cursed and sworn at that they just didn't understand when orders were given in kind, clean words! The dark tunnels underground in the mines echoed with the sounds of prayer and hymns, instead of oaths and nasty jokes and gossip.

People who had been careless about paying their bills, or paying back money they had borrowed, paid up all they owed.

People who had not been friends for a long time because of something that had happened in the past, forgot their quarrels and were happy together again. In fact, Evan Roberts used to say that there could be no blessing on anyone who had unkind thoughts about anyone else.

The question then is why did everything go back to the way it was? Because the people that experienced the glory were not founded in the Word but were drawn by the light. When the glory started subsiding they had no Word foundation to fall back on to maintain their walk with God. **Luke 6:48-49** *He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.*

I believe that is why we as the body is in such turmoil and distress, God is drawing us closer to Him so that we can be founded on the Word

and not on miracles. So that when the glory of God does pour out, as it is already starting, we will not turn back to our old ways but we will be totally transformed through our renewed mindsets.

When will this come to pass? When we all come into unity of the faith and the divisions created by different doctrines are put aside for the advancement of the Kingdom. **Ephesians 4:13-14** *Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;*

It is happening. God says “*I will shake all nations and the desires of all nations will come to me.*” Has He ever said anything that He didn’t do? He said, “*I will shake all nations and the wealth of all nations shall come...*” (*Haggai 2:7*). If you don’t know, the shaking is on already. That is why economists can no longer keep pace with what is going on. The best economists of our days are confused. The financial system of every nation upon this earth is being shaken. Wall Street is confused; the experts there can’t hold it together. It is called the Shaking of Nations. Who is doing it? God is the One remote-controlling it, because it comes under the prophetic event of the last days, Shaking of Nations. So the way that we can beat it as God’s people is to apply godly wisdom of economics.

When God created you and I, He imparted into us His enterprising nature and also His work ethics, based on honesty and integrity. In **Genesis 2:15**, He told Adam, “*Work this garden and keep it.*” So don’t think that work and labour came because of the curse, no! There was work and labour before the fall of man. The only difference is that before

man sinned, his work and labour was bringing him joy and fulfilment. But after his fall, it became a painful experience. But there was work.

From the beginning, it was and is God's plan that gain would be produced when man applies labour to natural resources. All these natural resources in the Garden of Eden, it was God's intention that as soon as Adam applied little labour to them, wealth would be produced. But sin thwarted it! So man will work and work and work with little profit. That is why we need a breakthrough; that is why people are running from pillar to post looking for breakthroughs, because they are working and it seems to be diminishing.

God said to Adam, "*thorns and thistles shall this earth bring to you. In the sweat of your face, you shall eat.*" But before the fall, the moment he applied labour to natural resources, money was produced. That is why you see all of that sapphire, topaz, beryl, all of the natural resources. It was for man to work them and cultivate them. That is what NIV translation of **Genesis 2:15** says "*that God told man to work it and take care of it.*" So work is not punishment.

Labour is supposed to bring man joy and fulfilment. How many of us would feel that we have been punished when we labour and see the results? *When the man who has laboured sees the results coming home, he will be whistling, because he has not laboured in vain.* Man is a restless creature and we see any man or woman who doesn't want to produce, who doesn't want to work but only wants to eat, he or she is sick. Man was created to work and we received our work ethics from God. So if you see a man coming back and whistling, he has made it. But if he is coming home without any expression of joy or excitement, you know he has not made it. Many of us don't want to hear this message because part of the problem we have in our family is poverty.

Things that are not supposed to create problems are doing so; people are fighting because they are struggling and the devil knows that poverty will frustrate man, that's why he brought it in. And when Jesus showed up, He said, "*the Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor*". So that became His number one assignment, to set man free from poverty because man was created and set in affluence. God said, "*work this garden, take care of it, eat from it, just keep it from the devil but enjoy it.*" It is called the Garden of Delight.

When a spouse is succeeding, they will automatically treat the other party with respect, because it is adding up. Money has an anointing. No matter how much you hide it, it will show. Money carries an anointing the same way poverty carries an anointing, it has unction. Poverty makes you not to smile, you are angry; you will misunderstand everything that is said.

When the poor woman has not done anything to her husband, he would shout, "*you are going back to your parents!*" The woman is not the problem. It is the devil that has set up a system that is frustrating us. We can break through it with the wisdom of God. The wisdom of God is superior to the wisdom of this world.

God's financial system is more sophisticated but very simple compared to that of the world's system. It is big, it is reliable, it never goes bankrupt. Solomon said that "*money answereth all things, it is a defence.*" The devil knows that; that is why he is making you financially poor. He is making us believe in the world's financial system that has got no advantages to us. We think it would; it can not, because the Bible has told us that it would come down. One of the signs of the end-time is that commercial Babylon would come down.

God's financial system really works; John D. Rockefeller would tell you that it works. If you go to the Rockefeller Foundation, they would tell you that it works; that tithing and giving to God work. They take a man to the top, and they are no respecter of persons.

If you walk into a bank now and say you want a loan, they would assess you; they want to see your credit history; they want to see what you have; they want to see collateral. But in God's system, once you qualify for it by participating in the system, there is no respect of persons. You can be an usher, if you qualify for it, you will be blessed. That there are charlatans does not mean that God's system is counterfeit. Because counterfeit makes us think that there are no real currencies. People are abusing giving and receiving, hypnotizing people, but that does not change the Word of God.

According to the Scriptures the wealth of the world acquired through dishonest scale will be transferred to the believer, to the Church. He said, "*I will shake all nations and the desire of all nations will come to me.*" He said, "*Gold is mine and silver is mine.*" What He is actually saying is '*Money belongs to me. I created money.*' God is saying that He has a legal control over money. Satan is a rogue! He is the one that has converted and corrupted it. But wealth belongs to God.

God is not telling you to love money. He says, "*Love me and I will give you money*". Think about Jehovah, the Monarch over the universe. He says, '*The earth is mine and the fullness thereof. The silver is mine and the gold is mine.*' What God is telling you is '*fall in love with me, not gold, and I will give you gold.*' The misplaced priority is that we love the gold instead of the One that owns the gold. Once you love the One that owns the gold and He sees that your priorities are right, He will trust you and place the gold and the silver in your hands.

God has introduced Himself and made Himself known through the Bible and you can read from cover to cover men that he made great. He told Abraham, move from your kindred, move from your family to an unknown destination, there I will make you rich and the Bible says in Genesis 13 that God made Abraham so rich in gold, in silver and in cattle and livestock until Abraham said, *'No man will say he made Abraham rich but Jehovah.'*

There are men like Job. God bragged on Job. He said, *'Have you seen any man like this man in this entire east?'* God can make rich. He can make healthy. His financial system is less sophisticated, and is more reliable in this end-time. One of the end-time events is the transfer of this money, the money that they have looted from different treasuries and piled somewhere. He said, *'The wealth of the Gentiles is laid up for the just.'*

In order to participate in this end-time transfer of wealth, three factors are fundamental:

1. *There must be a revelation of the reason for wealth:*

Deuteronomy 8:18 *But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day. Zech. 1:17.*

Child of God, do not go after wealth, without having this revelation. Any man with this revelation will once he has forgotten about poverty become a candidate for divine prosperity.

Any man that will prosper within the system of God's economy must understand it; that the reason for wealth is for the gospel. So you ask, *"Does it mean that I should give all I make to the gospel?"* No! What He is saying is that the gospel will be your priority. How many of you know

that God is not a taskmaster? He wants you to use it so that the Gentiles will see you and call you blessed.

But He said that as you go after the prosperity that He gives, you must know that you are not the reason for it, so that you do not squander it upon your lust. But you should understand that His kingdom, through the money that He is giving you, will yet be spread abroad. If you are not going to be a reservoir, He will give you the money; if He knows that you will make the money flow. What is this life all about really? The true legacy you leave is what you committed to the House of God. The Bible says in **Psalm 49** that as soon as they bury you they will forget all the good things that you have done, but there is one that cannot be forgotten: The account that heaven keeps. It is eternal. So, there must be a revelation of the reason for wealth.

2. *There must be a revelation of giving:*

Child of God, you must not think that you are giving to pay bills; you are giving to be blessed. **Proverbs 10:2-4** says, *“Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death. The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked. He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.”* ‘Araldite hand’ shall be made poor. Show me a giver, and I will show you somebody that can never be poor.

Proverbs 11:24 says *“There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.”* ‘Araldite hand’ shall tend to poverty, a liberal hand will attract money. What you believe you attract.

2 Corinthians 8:7 says, *“Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.”* What grace? The grace of giving! What it means is that you have to grow in the grace of giving; your level of giving this year should not be your level of giving next year. You continue to grow.

So giving must be a revelation. You must not grudge, you must not whisper, you must not be angry. You must give it willingly, because when you understand it as a revelation, as an opportunity to be blessed, you will not grudge.

3. *You must learn how to receive from your giving and you must expect to receive from your giving:*

Galatians 6:6-9 says, *“Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”*

There is a due season. Don't give up on your receiving. If you have been giving, you ought to receive. You must believe to receive, you must learn to receive, and you must expect to receive. The word cannot be complete except you receive. God cannot lie.

Malachi 3:10 says, *“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”*

What He is talking about is un-containable material and financial blessings. Everyone that is a giving must expect to walk in the blessings that accompany givers. Anyone that is giving must believe to receive. Don't just give. **Luke 6:38** says, *give and it shall be given back to you...God Almighty will command men to give to you.*

Because we are getting little or nothing from the Word of God we need to consider our ways, not God's ways, God is perfect. The Bible says in Psalm 19 verse 7 that *"the law of God is perfect, converting the soul.* The Word of God is perfect, so if we are not receiving what God says we should receive when we give, we should consider our ways. That is what Haggai says. **Haggai 1:2-6** *"Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD'S house should be built. Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying, Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses, and this house lie waste? Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways. Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes."*

We give but we do not receive, I believe the scripture is talking to all of us. What the Bible is saying is that if we are giving and doing what the Bible says we should do and we are not receiving from it, it says we should sit down and consider our ways. May be we have done things to give place to the devil when we give, that can rob us of our blessing. **Ephesians 4:22-25** *"That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man,*

which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another."

Put away lying; lying is a sin, it is not trendy. We need to stop lying to ourselves and to others, our pride has kept us in darkness, our opinions have shut the doors. It was not God's will be done but my will be done. What it means is that if the sun goes down upon your wrath, you have given place to the devil; you have given foothold to the devil in your life. It affects every area of your life. That was why as soon as you and your wife got into that controversy, you noticed that your financial life began to go down. There was struggle in the house; the children were becoming more disobedient; they were going their own ways; they were forming their own mind. They were looking at us as parents, knowing that we are not obeying the Word of God. They come to Church and hear the Word but they are not obeying it. First, they look at us as hypocrites.

We have to know that our children that we are sending to school are smart, this computer age children. We are giving them all of our resources, but if we are giving place to the devil through our lifestyles that stops our receiving.

"Friendship with the world is enmity to God." **James 4:4** The Apostle Paul confirms this when He states that he is *"separated to the gospel of God."* **Romans 1:1-2**

We need to declare the Lord Fast over our lives as a lifestyle, **Isaiah 58:6-8** says, *"Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? "Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house?"*

when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward."

God is more impressed about how his people conduct themselves during a fast than the length of the fast and the day of the week the fast is declared. When a specific goal is set of a lifestyle fast from the old ways, the group of people that are involved will see a tremendous increase in power made available to them. The result will be quick answers to the problem that face us know.

The requirement, the reason and the reward.

Requirements:

- Remove oneself from the ways of the world
- Put the will of God first before yourself
- Fast for the right reasons

This is the demand of God for fasting; but here, the people of God fasted but not according to God's demand. Therefore, it was unacceptable to God. God is not impressed with any labour that is not done according to rule. We will be amazed to know that some of our services that have man's approval do not have God's approval. God's value system is not the same as man's. God will always accept obedience in place of sacrifice (*1 Samuel 15:22*).

Reason:

- To loose the bands of wickedness
- To undo the heavy burden
- To let the oppressed go free
- To break every yoke
- To share the food you fasted with the hungry so as to witness Christ to them.
- To do the aforementioned will require the power of God, the anointing. *Isaiah 10:27* “*And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.*”

Fasting certainly does not produce power, but helps to release the anointing or power of God within us. Naturally, when we go without food we are weak physically, not strong. But fasting from a spiritual standpoint, helps to bring our bodies under control so that we are more spiritually conscious, and the power of God flows through us unhindered by the flesh.

According to **1 John 5:4**, *the victory that overcomes the world, the devil and his cohorts, is our faith*. Therefore, as we fast, we need to meditate on God’s word and pray, the force of faith in the recreated spirit must be allowed to be operated unhindered. Faith overcomes the world, not fasting. Our greatest problem or hindrance in our Christian walk is not others but self, the flesh; and fasting help’s to control the flesh so that God can manifest His power through us, unhindered.

Reward:

Isaiah 58:9-14 Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday: And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

The reward speaks for itself; God will answer when we cry if we live a lifestyle that honours Him and not ourselves. We need to strongly consider our daily actions how they are effecting our reward now and eternally. It is not going to happen overnight, but it will happen and we need to support each other to make it happen. There is enough proof out there by certain individuals that are walking in God's blessing because of obedience to not ignore this, imagine what we can do as a body together. In closing this chapter I would like to give you some prominent scriptures to think about before we go into the application of all the above in our daily lives.

Your choice for Eternity:

- **Psalm 50:5** *Gather together to Me My saints [those who have found grace in My sight], those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.*
- *"Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming". **Matthew 25:1-12***
- *"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of*

God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled." **2 Corinthians 10:2-6**

- "...the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth." **Matthew 13:45-50**
- "Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." **2 Peter 1:10-11**
- "...since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire." **Hebrews 12:28**
- **Proverbs 13:22** "A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just."

Chapter 9

KINGDOM STRUCTURE

HISTORY

In 2002 I recommitted my life to Lord, during one of the most painful times of my life, this time I meant it. To cut a long story short the Lord almost immediately started taking me on a journey, a journey into the ways of God. The journey started as it normally does when God takes charge by the removal of all idols in your life and the creation of dependencies on Him.

Then came the questions why me, why do I have to go through all this and with time the answers. The answers showed me the faults in my life, how I was holding onto worldly things for security and the way I was running the businesses God had placed in my care. One of the

businesses was actually aiding other people in the structuring of their businesses and their personal estates.

I quickly realized that I would not be able to give advice anymore unless I was 100% sure it was inline with the perfect will of God. I would like to say God agreed because the business almost came to a standstill as I began to seek God's face on structures and the application thereof in an environment of strict rules and regulations established for control. God opened new doors and I was led into assisting and managing businesses according to the ways of God, of which one of them was my Dad's business, a business struggling for over 20 years.

The first years were very tough with lots of challenges and obstacles mainly because of the radical decisions made directly opposite to market standards. Within three years my Dad's company is reaching new targets and salaries for the key staff have increased with over 200%. All overdrafts, suppliers and hire purchases have been settled and outstanding bonds are 90% paid. The business is now running on cash basis and business is constant no matter the current global economic climate.

The key ingredient focussed on was getting the order of the business inline with the Word of God. Structures and strict procedures where implemented and all administration was done timelessly so that up to the minute status of everything could be obtained in a short space of time. New business procedures where implemented with one of them being all new business deals, cash upfront with no exceptions. Better prices where negotiated with suppliers for cash accounts and the business almost immediately became more competitive due to lower overheads.

A couple of points that need to be mentioned relevant to the growth in the company:

- God has opened doors all over Africa without one rand been spent on marketing.
- One month before the load shedding started in South Africa the Lord led us to purchase a generator, big enough to run an entire factory; we lost not one day of production.
- As the work increased the right staff for the job made their appearance.
- Because of the influx of work, some of the deadlines for installations could not be met, but God intervened and weather played a major role to bring delays on the side of the clients and we did not once have to go back on our commitments. In fact they came to us and apologized for the delays on their side due to unforeseen circumstances.

TRAINING GROUND

Six years ago I felt the urge, I believe the Holy Spirit, to investigate putting together a new system that encompassed all your day to day business on one system for e.g.: Banking, ID, loyalty etc. I started looking at technology, existing systems and everything that I thought would be required for the structure to work.

A year later I was asked to investigate the possibility of putting a smart card system together for a sporting environment. This was the first time I had the opportunity to apply that which I had learned. For the children of God this is the perfect example of how God works, first understand the system and when you are ready God will make the way.

In that time I woke up with an idea for an entire business community and structure. About 10 minutes later I got a call from a man of God who I had only met once before and then only briefly, enough to exchange contact numbers. He asked me if he could see me later that day in connection with a business structure where the entire body of Christ can be involved. When I got there later that morning I explained to him what happened that morning and I showed him the structure. Needless to say we have been praying about it allowing the structure to literally be birthed inside of us before it was time to be released.

Now why did it take so long? A few reasons:

1. I was not ready to do things God's way, I was still doing things my way. God still needed to work on my character and certain strongholds that I was entertaining.
2. I believe maybe one of the biggest reasons was timing, God's timing. Everything had to be perfect for e.g. when Jesus was born and crucified the Roman Empire had the best road structure in the world for its time. This enabled the gospel to spread quicker in a shorter space of time.
3. The wrong people, the unity among the people involved as to the Vision, Mission and purpose. The businesses that I aided and that are still a success today are so because of because everybody had the same Vision.
4. With all the turmoil in the global economy and the confusion in the stock markets it is the perfect timing for a change in the economy to the benefit of the Body of Christ. One of the ways that God is going to bring change is by bringing the entire body together. Even if He has to put economic pressure on some of us to make the change for life. We can see that happening

already; more people are getting saved daily, globally than ever before. God's is preparing the platform for a transference of wealth for those that want it, remember we are called to manage God's resources not watch it.

HOUSE OF OTSAR

That solution came in the form of a structure, the House of Otsar, which will make a way for all mankind to have a level of ownership.

I believe that the House of Otsar is the answer to many prayers and we give God all the glory for what was revealed to us, for what He has done already and what He is going to do in the future.

The success of the House of Otsar will change the economic environment of the body of Christ, the shareholders, and will benefit the entire globe. It will aid in the reduction of the price of goods, the establishment of new God inspired businesses, and the transfer of wealth from the unrighteous to the righteous. It will assist in the stimulation of rapid and sustainable economic growth, creating employment and reducing poverty.

There is biblical evidence of a "wealth transfer". The Bible tells us that the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous (Proverbs 13:22), that "to the man who pleases Him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner He gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God" (Ecclesiastes. 2:26).

God tells us that the wealth of the seas and the riches of the nations will be brought over to us (Isaiah. 60:5), that we will feed on the wealth of the nations and boast in their riches (Isaiah. 61:6), and that our gates

will always be open so that men may bring us the wealth of the nations (Isaiah. 60:11).

Some examples from the Bible:

- "The wealth of surrounding nations was brought under Joseph's control in Egypt (Genesis. 47:13-26);
- "the Israelites "spoiled" or plundered the Egyptians when they left Egypt under Moses (Exodus. 12:36),
- "using four lepers God transferred massive wealth from the Syrians to the Israelites in one day, ending a terrible famine (2 Kings. 7:15-16);
- "and the people of Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir were miraculously destroyed, leaving the righteous King Jehoshaphat with a three-day job to collect the wealth and treasure they had left behind (2 Chronicles. 20:22-25).

From the above examples we note that God always used existing wealth to prosper His children. We also note that before the transfer took place the children of God went through a lot of suffering and preparation.

As a company structured on biblical values and standards we realize that we are immediately on strict scrutiny because of negative sentiment toward Christian organizations. By God's grace we see this not as a hurdle but as a challenge to right the wrongs of the past through the promotion of open communication and full disclosure at all times.

At the House of Otsar we recognize the importance of accountability and excellence as way to establish credibility and acceptance in the market place. We look forward to the challenge of establishing a company that will set a standard that has never been set before.

Our focus is to look at a broad spectrum of industries and with the specialized knowledge provided by God; we are able to offer valid and appropriate assistance to a wide variety of individuals and companies.

Since I have been saved all I have been hearing is that in the end-time God is going to prosper His children to accelerate evangelism across the globe. I believe the time has now come that God has prepared the hearts of the children for the new thing that He wants to release. From the way the structure is put together we also see that it is not just for the raising up of certain individuals but the entire body of Christ.

Name and Logo

Malachi 3:10 *Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.*

- Storehouse - a depository for goods; depot, entrepot, storage, store, depository, repository, deposit - a facility where things can be deposited for storage or safekeeping.
- Otsar - From H686; a depository: - armory, cellar, garner, store(-house), treasure (-house) (-y).

God is a God of covenant and He is not a man that He should lie. By the acceptance of the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ we have the promise that through faith that we are children of Abraham and co-inheritors of the covenant promises made to Abraham.

Galatians 3:7 *Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.*

The storehouse is a place where assets and provisions are stored and managed to provide for a nation's daily needs but also to provide surplus for times of shortage. A biblical example of this can clearly be seen with Joseph as recorded in Genesis 41.

The logo is significant because of the symbolism of a store house and the tabernacle. But there are also very significant meanings to the structure and layout of the Logo:

1. The five pillars represent the five posts as mentioned in Exodus for the screen that marks the way into the tabernacle. For the screen, make five posts of acacia-wood; overlay them with gold; and cast for them five sockets of bronze. (Exodus 26:37 CJB).
2. The four entrances represent the four gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John as it is only by their truths that we will walk in the fullness of Christ.
3. The golden street represent the Kingdom on Earth as it is in Heaven as declared in the Our Father (Matthew 6:9-15)

Vision

One of the obstacles mention earlier in businesses is vision, everybody has different agendas or direction. That is why I believe to overcome this obstacle of unity the vision of the company will be encompassing one main principle namely: *"The establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven to the full extend that will be allowed us before the second coming of the Yahshua"*. If everybody can agree with this vision we will have unity and we can command a blessing because of this.

Mission

The mission of the business will be to fulfil the fast that the Lord has chosen, Isaiah 58, namely by His Grace:

1. Loose the bands of wickedness that is holding the body of Christ captive.
2. To establish a mechanism that will undo and remove the heavy burden of debt and other financial yokes placed on the body of Christ.
3. To assists in helping the oppressed get free from their current circumstances.
4. To re-distribute the wealth of the unrighteous to the righteous.

If we take a look at the above mission on the outset it looks impossible because of current circumstances. But let me remind you of the following verse **1 Corinthians 3:18-19** *Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 AMP* *But, on the contrary, as the Scripture says, What eye has not seen and ear has not heard and has not entered into the heart of man, [all that] God has prepared (made and keeps ready) for those who love Him [who hold Him in affectionate reverence, promptly obeying Him and gratefully recognizing the benefits He has bestowed]. Yet to us God has unveiled {and} revealed them by {and} through His Spirit, for the [Holy] Spirit searches diligently, exploring {and} examining everything, even sounding the profound and bottomless things of God [the divine counsels and things hidden and beyond man's scrutiny]. By trusting on the Holy Spirit who is our "Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengtheners,*

Standby)” we shall testify of the victory that is manifested in the natural to those who believe.

When we break down the mission we see one common thread, remove or break oppression. This can be done quite easily in a small family environment with everybody working together as I have shown in the example above. The question now is how do we do it corporately, how do we control the finances, who gets what and the most important how do we get the programme of the ground once all the points have been answered.

Let me make one observation before we continue ***Isaiah 60*** is for the entire body of Christ not one individual or a group, we are all called to prosper as long as you believe. If we take a look at the world in 2006, 497 people were worth over \$3.5 Trillion dollars (over 7% of world GDP) enough to buy South Africa 10 times over. Therefore whatever strategy that is to be employed must involve everybody and the growth of the entire body not individuals.

Aim

By the leading of the Holy Spirit we aim to establish the Kingdom of God on Earth as it is in Heaven through a unified body working as one.

- Righting the wrongs in society using the Word of God as our measure.
- Identifying and supporting opportunities not addressed or prevented by the market;
- Providing capital and assistance to all industries in order to remove debt burdens and bad business practices;

- By having interest or ownership in strategic businesses we aim to remove super profits and thereby help in the reduction of inflation.
- By providing a better quality of service we aim to uplift education, healthcare, and social services as part of our commission from the Lord.
- Establish an independent financial network that will be self-sustainable in difficult financial times.
- To maintain our financial independence and apply sound business principles to everything we do.

Strategy

- By establishing a large base of shareholders we aim to have enough free capital to transfer ownership of certain business sectors back into the hands of the children of God.
- Restructuring businesses to comply with the Word of God and provide assistance with day to management in order to increase profitability and promote accountable to God.
- Providing the current market sector with strong competition to compel a reduction in prices and subsequent reduced inflation and less financial pressure on individuals.
- To establish a new formal Christian education structure to improve the attitude of the children and workers to increase productivity and reduce poverty, crime etc.
- To transfer ownership into the hands of the Children of

Values

Christ Centred - *Hebrews 12:2: Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Sustainable - *Philippians 1:6: Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:*

Excellence - *1 Corinthians 10:31: Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.*

Justice - *Zechariah 7:9: Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother:*

Servant hood - *Philippians 2:3: Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.*

Compassion - *1 Peter 3:8: Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:*

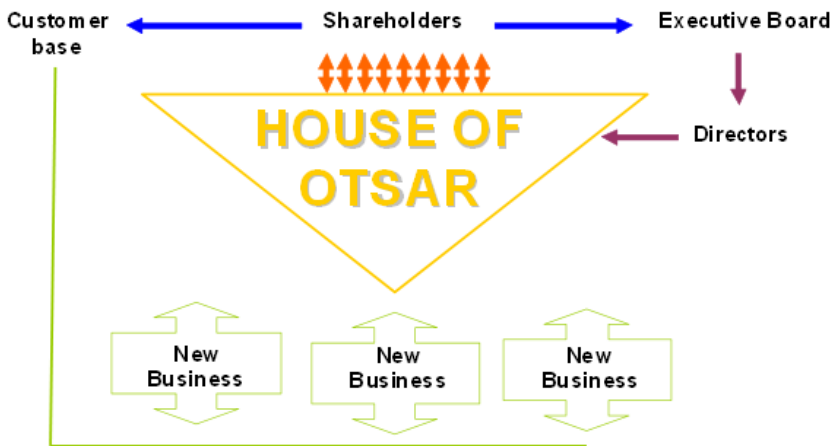
Community - *Matthew 5:13-16 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his flavour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

Love - *Matthew 22:37-40 NKJV Jesus said to him, 'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.'* This is the first and great

commandment. And the second is like it: 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Structure

The House of Otsar (Ltd) is a public non listed company where shareholding is restricted to prevent a majority rule by an individual or institution. The reason for this is so that the company will not be open to market manipulation and control as can be currently be done on the stock exchange.



The structure gives ownership to every member of the body of Christ. Everybody will have the opportunity to benefit according to the amount of shares owned.

The House of Otsar will strive to set a new standard of excellence within the business community, provide a level of security for the

shareholders without compromising values whilst creating a sense of ownership within the community.

The House of Otsar will provide the following functions:

- Shareholder accountability;
- Management of the sale and purchase of shares and the allocation of share certificates;
- Distribution of profits;
- Monthly reporting via web on the following areas:
 1. Status of company: Shareholders, distributed shares and available shares.
 2. Status of businesses linked to The House of Otsar with up to date financial statements.
 3. New potential business ventures.
- Business advice and guidance for all businesses;
- Internal bookkeeping and auditing function for all businesses for internal accountability;
- Marketing assistance.

Executive board and directors

The company will be managed by an Executive Board of 12 directors who have specifically been appointed through the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Appoint of executive board and management.

- Must belong to a local fellowship (church);
- Spirit Filled and be able to pray in tongues;

- Monthly thither, based on total earnings (earnings defined as gross receipts before anybody takes a cut even tax - first fruits)
- Appointed on full consensus of the entire board by the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- Supports God's Holy Day, the Sabbath.

Board and Management

An executive board will be appointed by the leading of the Spirit over time as oversight into the following areas:

1. Appointment of 12 people responsible for the day to day management of the company.
2. Protecting shareholders interest
3. Accountability of the management
4. Strategic decisions

The management of the corporation will have the following functions:

1. Appointment of staff
2. Allocation of funds to projects, new businesses and other areas as deemed necessary to fulfil the vision of the business.
3. Accountability of the different businesses
4. Protecting shareholders interest
5. Accountability of the staff
6. Strategic decisions

Management will also be highly skilled individuals in their respective field of expertise. They will be people that God has specifically schooled for the work needed to be done. They will be chosen on unanimous approval of the board after prayer and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

All board members, management and staff must comply with the following:

1. Born-again
2. Spirit filled
3. Tongue talking
4. Monthly Tithers
5. Accountable to a church group or body
6. Compliance to the laws of the land

Let's see what the Word says about this. The best description I could find to the business model the Lord showed me was as follows: **Acts 4:33-37** *And with great strength {and} ability {and} power the apostles delivered their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace (loving-kindness and favor and goodwill) rested richly upon them all. Nor was there a destitute {or} needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses proceeded to sell them, and one by one they brought (gave back) the amount received from the sales And laid it at the feet of the apostles (special messengers). Then distribution was made according as anyone had need. Now Joseph, a Levite and native of Cyprus who was surnamed Barnabas by the apostles, which interpreted means Son of Encouragement, Sold a field which belonged to him and brought the sum of money and laid it at the feet of the apostles.* **Before I continue we are not asking anybody to sell anything.** The business principle in the scripture is what I am after, everybody came together and nobody lacked after distribution.

Vision Holder business

Defined as an entrepreneur that has an inspired business idea but lacks the expertise and the capital to get it up and running.

The buy-in potential is calculated taking the following into consideration:

- Setup capital
- Monthly expenses (Rent, salaries, communication etc.)
- Marketing
- Existing debt
- Company potential / existing turnover

Maximum ownership of House of Otsar of these businesses will be 49% to ensure the ownership stays in the hands of the vision holder. Vision businesses will be specifically excluded from future listing and if it is listed it will be de-listed

House of Otsar businesses

These businesses are defined as a business owned outright by the House of Otsar

- The business will be managed by a management team appointed by The House of Otsar.
- If the business was a listed company it will be de-listed so as to not incur any manipulation of ownership or asset value.

All new businesses

The focus of the House of Otsar will be to make sure that the businesses are free from any debt or burdens that will influence the growth of the business through biblical curses.

Structure of business will be changed to make sure that it does not yoke any shareholder, e.g. through the charging of interest.

The new businesses will be under the management of a specific portfolio manager.

Customer base

The customer base for all the new ventures is guaranteed through public ownership and the incentive to grow the company. Shareholders will be regularly informed of new additions to the structure to maximise the purchase power.

Members/Shareholders

Members / Shareholders will be given the option to purchase shares monthly, annually or once off, subject to the principles guiding the purchase of shares.

Shares

- The shares are made available to the public at a par value price of R50.00 a share. (Currency Conversion for offshore buyers on purchase).
- There is no minimum amount of shares that can be purchased although the maximum allotted shares per individual portfolio will be 10,000 shares. (*To prevent outright ownership*).
- The 10,000 shares are restricted to an individual or a company. Individual family members can each hold 10,000 shares.

- Volume of shares purchased can be changed at anytime according to shareholders requirements, subject to maximum allowed.

Sale of shares

- Should the shareholder at any given time decide to sell his/her share the company (House of Otsar) will have first option to purchase those shares.
- Should a shareholder leave his shares to a beneficiary on his/her death the beneficiary will still be subject to the maximum allotted shareholding of 10,000 shares. Any balance of shares will be repurchased or distributed to another beneficiary as stipulated in the will or purchased by the company.

Proxy

On first time purchase of shares, a proxy will be signed indicating that the company has the right to issue more shares at any time, should the need arise. This is to prevent the time consuming and costly exercise of notifying every person in writing and receiving consensus. We will however be posting notifications should we need to issue more shares.

Dividends

Dividends will be derived from the profits received from various ventures and will be distributed six monthly.

Business strategy

The corporation will apply the funds in the following manner in order to establish the vision and fulfil the mission.

1. Purchase existing businesses, as led by the spirit, for restructuring so as to benefit the individuals on a day to day basis. These businesses might be providers of grain for bread or print media. Either way the reduction of food prices or removal of porn is to the benefit of the body of Christ.
2. To help Christians who have God inspired ideas make them a reality. Many people have been prepared with specific skills but with a lack in resources and skills in other areas it never came to pass. The corporation aims to assist these people by buying into the vision to a maximum of 49% to keep the vision alive. This will give the vision holder support and capital without yoking him to debt and investors with wrong intentions.
3. To establish a financial hub within the corporation that will change the way we do day to day purchases and finance assets. This innovative new product will break the yokes that are currently applied by financial institutions.
4. By having a large group of owners the corporation will be targeting the shareholders as its main source of marketing to drive business, improve sustainability and increase profits.
5. By taking advantages of property prices decline and insolvencies we aim to establish a property portfolio that will reduce rentals and cut overheads of our businesses to improve price to market.
6. To look at alternatives that will benefit the body of Christ on a daily basis for example: alternative fuels.

7. To setup the businesses in such a way that we leave a legacy and a inheritance for our children's children should the Lord tarry. The structure will also provide backup and support for the Christian community left behind after the rapture to provide for the needy and take of refugees escaping the wrath of the beast (*Rev 13*).

Accountability

The main focus of the strategy will be the establishing of Christian businesses that will bring about reverse inflation and good sowing ground for it shareholders. The way we are going to achieve this is as follows:

1. All businesses affiliated to the corporation either by total or partial ownership will comply with the Word in all matters; a no compromising attitude will be taken. This will create an environment where every purchase will be a seed sown into good soil, so that a hundred fold return can be claimed in the hands of the purchaser. Currently we are sowing into businesses owned by people with other god's, this needs to change.
2. By looking at strategic businesses we can create a network of businesses providing services to each other with fair profit structures. This will lower prices and promote sustainability of all businesses.
3. Using internal businesses like attorneys and auditors we aim to establish businesses that are compliant to the laws of the land and also provide internal accountability to our shareholders.

4. The distribution of funds will be declared to the shareholders via a monthly internet publication. This will include all funds allocated for projects, new purchases, intended strategies and salaries. The company will become an open book for scrutiny and all suggestions for improvement will be given full attention.
5. The focus will be the improvement of the lives of the shareholders and the impoverished first and foremost. Everybody in this category will be treated equally. As in the parable of the labourers in the vineyard **Matthew 20:1-16**. Everybody was given equally even though some people worked the whole day and some only one hour.

Time frames

Short term goal:

The focus of the company in the next six months from public launch date will be to establish a large base of shareholders; our target is 1 million shareholders for the first six months. Our marketing strategy will be churches and Christian organisations only. This will be a permanent feature in the business so that the message of what we are doing goes out to everybody.

The corporation will also start putting structures and people together for the different departments for e.g. Banking, property investment, social development, new business, and existing businesses buy in etc.

Medium Term:

Strategic purchase and buy in of businesses as led by the Spirit and the restructuring thereof. Integration of businesses will take place to create sustainability and immediate price advantages to market.

This period will also see the rollout of new wholly owned structures for the benefit of the body of Christ. Some of the initiatives already planned are the new banking structure and refinancing house. Details of these and other exiting new business to be will be released in due course.

Conclusion

In conclusion I would like to bring everything together. The end will not come until the Gospel of the Kingdom of God is preached throughout the entire globe. There is work to be done and to do this the body needs finances and infrastructure. If we look at our friends and family that are not saved, how we long to get them saved and into eternal life. How much more don't you think that it is important for God that all the people who do not even know Jesus and what He came to do for us are also given the chance of eternal life. As sons and daughters of God we have the responsibility to our brothers and sisters caught in the trap of the world to help set them free. I implore you to pray about this and allow God to open your hearts as to your involvement as to what we feel is a divine strategy to bring the wealth from the unrighteous to the righteous.

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