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# **PREFACE**

This book has been prepared with the believer in mind. It has been processed through of a number of life events, personal experiences, and spiritual journaling. The Spirit of the living God has mandated that I would present a continuum of thought concerning how the born-again, Blood-washed, Spirit-filled, and Word-declaring believer might appropriate their Kingdom privileges without acting as though they were existing under a dark cloud of global suspicion, simply because they are Kingdom-minded and Bible-principled.

Friends, we're talking about a complete reassessment of how we do Kingdom—through the Church—in this earthly arena. We're talking of expressing God's intentions for the anointing in the earth, of His desire to bless His children without them running around pretending to be "walking wonders" in the earth today. To be sure, God is awaiting the waking Church to rise from obscurity to a place of resting in the finished work of Christ, and thereby accomplishing what this world has waited for eons. No longer groaning and waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God, the world is now rejoicing and releasing to God's earthly ambassadors its increase. Dare to be one of them. So, let's learn together what it means to be a Kingdom Dominion-Heir, mastering our world—from the top down.

God has greater expectations for what He releases in the earth. Our God is greater than our feeble attempts to capture or manage Him through the polluted filter of human perspective. The God we serve never shares what will not return to Him with interest.

Our God is the Eternal Kingdom and Resource Investor: Honor, Love, and Respect Him.



# CHAPTER 1:

## “And God Said...” (Kingdom Distribution by Divine Inspiration)

“<sup>7</sup>Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath *or* spirit of life, and man became a living being. [I Cor. 15:45-49.]”

Genesis 2:7. In this verse we discover that God “distributed Himself to every one of His dear children.” Now we exhibit His nature, character, intelligence, and compassion. The fact that God breathes into us all that we need is an amazing concept to wrap our minds around. So much has been said about our futures, but little has been shared about how God imbeds or implants our futures within us. Without wasting any more of your time, I want you to know that God has imbedded an undeniable, yet-to-be-lived-out purpose in each of us. There is absolutely nothing the enemy can do to avert what God has already done for us; in fact, that which God has initiated for us can never be altered... purpose is part of our God-given spiritual fingerprint and internal makeup.

This “imprint of purpose” is the thing that produces a drive in us; the type of energy that remains undaunted in the face of your greatest adversity. This purpose, sent from God Himself, is actually what has aided in your ability to overcome obstacles in life and be a success—even though you didn’t know how to classify it or define it.

Romans 9:11 hints at this hidden process of God because it talks of God implanting the world (or a Kingdom system of administration and distribution) in us. Look at the words herein: “For *the children* being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth...” (KJV) The Amplified Bible quotes the same verse with these

words: “And the children were yet unborn and had so far done nothing either good or evil. Even so, in order further to carry out God’s purpose of selection (election, choice), which depends not on works *or* what man can do, but on Him Who calls [them]...”

Hence, without provocation from anyone else, God has determined that you enter into life pure and with Kingdom purpose imbedded deep within. What you do with that revelation is entirely up to you.

This scripture is extremely important if we are to comprehend our importance in God’s plan of redemption and eternal pleasure. Observe, if you will, a number of interesting features on display herein: The first thing we take note of in this passage is that it is entirely up to God the individuals He chooses to place in strategic positions of influence. The reason for this is so that He might observe how those individuals administrate what He has determined to be important for them to manage in life. The second thing we notice here is that our placement is directly connected to our purpose, that being God’s predetermined will for the exaction of His desires in the earth. The third thing we discover is that since God has strategically determined our placement, and that, by His immeasurable wisdom, He has also calculated that our portion of delegated authority would necessitate a certain type of influence and respect in the earth and carry out a distinct purpose in the earth that will glorify Him, He has determined that the success of His Kingdom operations in the earth are linked with your dependency upon hearing from Him. Once you lose that, we’re in trouble.

Another interesting note about this particular verse in Romans chapter nine is that we must carefully assess the importance of celebrating the voice of God reverberating throughout all of eternity and finding its destination in our inner man. For God to “choose” to converse and tabernacle with us in our lowly human estate is an amazing revelation. Father God has overridden all taunts of the enemy concerning our disqualifying past, has turned a deaf ear to the tirade of legal evidence mounting against our present status in Him, and has blatantly covered us with His love and brought us into His courts to celebrate our oneness with Him through all that His Son has accomplished on our behalf. While untold millions suffer the terrorizing and oft-times mind-numbing

assaults of the enemy's taunts, we rest in the finished work of Christ, and celebrate our fellowship with God through the Holy Spirit.

Once again, I must reiterate that we are highly privileged to experience the wonder of hearing the voice of God—even in the midst of a noise-calibrated humanity. You ought to rise up right now and thank the Lord your God for having the ability to simply “hear” Him. Go ahead, and do it right where you are. Praise the God who made you and the God who loves you enough to keep right on speaking to you. Friend, despite the enemy challenging you to remain distracted from listening to the ministry of the Holy Spirit giving you directions for your daily success, you are headed for peace, safety, and security... all because you know how to recognize, develop, and live by your ability to hear from Heaven. Hallelujah to God in the highest.

Now I know I just said a mouthful. What God has allowed on our behalf is definitely *not* what the enemy had charted for our lives. Let me give you an interesting fact to solidify my point here: The medical field is acutely aware that the first experience a fetus has is in the realm of its soul. By that, I mean that of the five senses of every human, the first one the fetus experiences and exercises without instruction is that of hearing. Hearing is the first thing we as humans develop, and even that becomes operative in the womb... long before anyone can get to us and pervert our skill set for life. Others in the psychological and medical community have also concurred that that same sense of hearing is the last one to go before someone succumbs to the strains of death. We must, therefore, conclude that hearing is extremely important for our very lives.

Be careful as to what and how you hear; in fact, even Jesus warned to guard our ear-gates. Guard your hearing before you lose the art of listening to the voice of God your Father. Dare to believe that what you hear from the Throne of God is life to you right here on earth. Hear only what you are willing to embrace as a life mantra and success course.

Even more importantly, we must understand this one fact: the devil was never really in charge of the earth; ***God has always been in charge of everything.*** In fact, even though He is seated in His throne in the eternal, He is yet orchestrating time, event, and purpose through the

Holy Spirit working and administrating His government operating in His sons and daughters right now. So, there is absolutely no way for us to fear our futures because God has already sowed it all up, confirmed, and affirmed it in Christ Jesus.

Church, we have all been brought nigh unto God through the efficacious work of Christ on the Cross, the familial embrace of the Son to all other sons of the Father, and the joint-heirship we are to share in by way of a corporate dominion in all affairs in the earth-realm. The Body of Christ can no longer embrace a poverty mindset as it relates to how we are to live in the wealth of the Kingdom of God; neither is any member to be ashamed of their celebrated joint position in Christ through that same Body (the Church worldwide, whose members have been placed therein at the pleasure of the Most High God).

Kingdom distribution cannot fully be experienced unless there is a full complement of disciplinary instruction and mentorship concerning how the Kingdom of God operates in the earth. *If we do not submit to an ongoing tutelage of Kingdom truths, promptings and activations by the Holy Spirit, we may never properly administrate or steward over the seeds, increase, harvests, resources, and fullness found only in the Kingdom of God.*

It is, therefore, imperative that you press yourself into Kingdom truth; you are to drive yourself back into the very face of God for instruction and impartation. You can no longer “wing it” in terms of doing “Lone Ranger” ministry. No longer is God tolerating this isolationist mentality that separates one part of the Body of Christ from the whole; He is in the business of unifying His House, His servants, and His Kingdom... and you are part of that process.

*There is nothing worse in the Kingdom than to see novices attempting to do what they were neither authorized or qualified to do.*

When we talk of how God initiates and perpetuates His Kingdom administration in the earth, we must certainly consider our import in His overall management calculations. It is no small matter to think of the honor of having been called forth by God Almighty to serve as His ambassador, His viceroy, His ministering servant, and His son in

the earth. We are talking of a concept that many have overlooked; and that concept of reality is that of servant-hood unto God our King and eternal Father. True servant ministry unto God entails more than merely performing cute feats of temporary authority and prophetic spewing forth of lukewarm ego-pampering; we are dealing with a lifetime of serving God to the point that we daily please Him in our every endeavor, in our every pursuit, in our daily assault upon His altar.

### *Contemplating Kingdom Distribution by Divine Inspiration*

- ◆ God's intentions in the earth should mirror that of His administration in the heavenlies, where there is absolutely no attempt at selfish gain or personal agenda-mongering.
- ◆ God's intentions in the earth have to do with a conscious and respectful aggressivity that moves the believer from standing or intellectual faith into ethical, situational actions that glorifies God at every turn.

So, as we learn how to sublimate our wills and entire lives to Him, God then begins a wonderful interaction with our spirits by releasing seasonal impartations for present and future administration of what He has assigned into our capable hands. Who wouldn't want to serve a God who continues to hover over and incubate our Kingdom desires; one who only releases these desires in the form of a vision or Kingdom task when we have come to a place of individual spiritual maturity within the context of time and purpose? Who wouldn't want to please the Father who continues to give such good gifts to each of His dear children? Why wouldn't we reciprocate His love by returning it in the form of daily worship, daily word, daily prayer and daily fellowship?

I've got a few questions for you to consider before you jump up and run outside shouting the Good News that you are wonderful and grand...

- ◆ Can you truthfully say that you are a Kingdom Distributor?

- ◆ If so, how did you qualify for that position; or, did it just happen because you were born into the family of God, washed in the Blood of the Lamb, sanctified by the continual washing of the water by the Word of God, and anointed, in-filled, and saturated by the Holy Spirit of God?
- ◆ Do Kingdom Distributors ever return to the King's House to receive updates, instructions, and empowerments at all; or do they actually believe that once saved, always saved, therefore, once anointed and always empowered?
- ◆ How can you become a steward of the resources of God's Kingdom, of this earthly kingdom... without first having receiving something to steward over? Listen... if you have nothing in your hands to start with, how can you give anything away? How do you bless others with what you never received in the first place?

From a logical perspective, one must grasp the reality that all we have has been granted unto us as a gift from the Father of lights in whom there is no variableness or turning. Try to understand this:

Your "stuff" is really yours "on loan" from the Father. What you have received in the past should have been administrated and/or distributed with a Kingdom-mindset, a thought process that brings God into every decision. There is a joy in knowing that you have fully embraced the Word of God as a guide in matters spiritual, that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is your daily compass, and that you have all things by Christ Jesus.

### *Contemplating Your Realm of Distributorship*

If we were to think of God's earthly administration, we can easily grasp this concept by using business models already in place in the earth today. For example, the world (earthly system of operation) is full of raw material, environmental needs, and social expectations. Anytime

someone or something experiences a need, they go into something called “search behavior,” and will not stop until they have experienced what is called temporary satisfaction.

Search behavior involves a number of obvious factors:

- A) An Unsatisfied Need
- B) An Urge to Search
- C) Search Behavior
- D) Needs Discovery
- E) Need Satisfaction

And the cycle starts all over again.

Just as soon as one “need” is fulfilled, another search begins.

You cannot pervert or change this cycle simply because you are experiencing any part of it; it remains the same everywhere you go and with anything you say you so-call “need.” The business world has captured this concept and done a good job of profiting from it. They have made exorbitant amounts of money just by controlling how we “hunger and thirst” for stuff.

When a manufacturer produces a product, it is in the business of satisfying its own “needs,” such as overhead, salaries, raw material purchases, logistics, travel and shipping, marketing, etc. That company has spent large amounts of money on getting an inside scoop on what drives you to want what you think you want. Let’s take a look at some of the things a manufacturer does before getting that product to you. The manufacturing company must consider at least these things before releasing products to you:

- ◆ The company must use the right raw material for product.
- ◆ The product must comply with the design for utilitarian usage.

- ◆ The company must have qualified employees engaged in the making of the product.
- ◆ The company must be ready to deliver the product to market in a timely fashion.
- ◆ The product should be made within the strict guidelines of the manufacturing company so as not to incur overspending on production costs.
- ◆ The product should be packaged in a way that entices the customer to believe that they got the very best for the price.
- ◆ The product should have a manufacturer's warranty on it.
- ◆ The product must pass its own in-house inspection before being shipped out.
- ◆ The product must be shipped in a reputable cargo-carrying vehicle.
- ◆ The product has to arrive at a place where it is easy for the customer to get to it.
- ◆ The product must have a reasonable price attached thereto to entice the customer to buy it from them.
- ◆ The customer may not always be right, but they should be satisfied. A satisfied customer creates a solid, trustworthy customer-base from which the manufacturer can forecast future profits from.

Now, all of this does not really guarantee that your product will totally satisfy you, but it goes a long way in helping maintain you as a returning customer. You must remember that God allows us the use of history and present-day models to give us a better grasp at what He is doing for us, in us, and through us. If we are unaware of how the kingdom of business operates in the earth, we may fall short of understanding how the Kingdom of God operates in the earth.

Even though the realm of earthly business is only one of seven global influencers, your understanding of the part you play as a Kingdom-Distributor being in control of the realm of Kingdom expression that God allotted to you is vital for the health and wealth of the world, its systems of governance, as well as your success in the future as we know it.

Distribution is very important in this process because not only should the owner be concerned about product delivery, but also in how the distributor markets or places the items on display for the customer as well.

Distribution companies are big business nowadays.

So, now what do you think about becoming one of God's Kingdom Distributors?

### ***Defining Distribution***

The word distribution has several meanings: It can mean the act of dividing among a number, or dealing in parts or portions; dispensation; and the act of separating into distinct parts or classes. In general, the word distribution has to do with the division and disposition of the parts of a thing. So, distribution carries with it the notion of an administration of whatever has been placed at one's disposal.

God has determined that the Body of Christ is now mature enough to administrate and superintend over all that the earth is capable of producing as a harvest. Not only that, but He has also initiated an ongoing course of enlightenment concerning our place in Him through Christ as well as understanding how we are to represent Him in the delivery of the anointing and Kingdom authority allotted to our generation.

Friend, you can no longer "wait for the green light" to engage your world for God. You can no longer idly stand by and watch the enemy ravage your family, finances, friends, future, or faith. God wants you to take charge of your life, submit your entire being to Him, and allow His Spirit to guide you into experiencing life to its fullest.

***So, go ahead and say it: “I am a Kingdom Distributor.  
And, I am Living the Abundant Life through Jesus Christ.”***

Kingdom distribution is nothing to sneeze at. God only calls those whom He has qualified (through obedience tests and submission sessions). We are duty-bound to seek the Lord’s wisdom on matters having to do with right Kingdom administration, resource-allocation, and Kingdom distribution. Ask the servants who worked with only a talent or a pound in the New Testament. The Owner returned to give just rewards to those who knew how to produce after the Kingdom-kind. They knew how to work with what they had in order to receive what they never thought possible.

Ecclesiastes 5:12 speaks to the issue of proper and improper labor: “The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much, but the fullness of the rich will not let him to sleep.” While we are to achieve success on earth, we are not to bide our time worrying and stressing over what little we have accrued to ourselves. God expects us to enjoy life, but not to the extent that we lose health, strength, vitality, our families, and joy over it.

***True Kingdom servants do not question what is placed in their hands; they only ask for grace from the Owner.***

***True Kingdom servants never attempt to short-change their Owner; they only work until the Owner returns.***

***True Kingdom servants press into God’s work as though it is their own property, their own finances, their own future. True Kingdom servants know how to occupy until their Owner comes. Kingdom distributors are Kingdom stewards of the highest order.***

### ***A Few Contemplative Points***

- ◆ Divine Inspiration is the stimulus your world needs in order to experience change for the better.

- ◆ Kingdom Distributorship implies that God is about to grant you enough resources so as to cause you to have to make quality decisions as to how your harvest should return unto you with interest.
- ◆ Divine Inspiration demands the recipient to honor the Giver before you dishonor Him with impropriety.
- ◆ Kingdom Distributorship says that your realm of influence is increasing in value because you know exactly how to bless others around you.
- ◆ Divine Inspiration says you have imbibed the breath of God, and become insulated against defeat.
- ◆ Kingdom Distributorship speaks volumes about your character: God would never allow your prodigality opportunity to override your humility.
- ◆ Divine Inspiration chooses you before you submit to God.
- ◆ Kingdom Distributorship shouts to the world that God has blessed you to the extent that you are now looking for new venues to release the river of His good pleasure.
- ◆ Divine Inspiration never resuscitates; it lives to activate that which is capable of responding properly to God.
- ◆ Kingdom Distribution marks you for life; what you do after it is initiated is entirely up to you.



## CHAPTER 2

### Dilemma in the Garden (Where is Adam's Coat?)

“<sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves apronlike girdles. <sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the lord God among the trees of the garden.’ Gen. 3:7-8

“[But weary from a day in the vineyards, I had already sought my rest] I had put off my garment—How could I [again] put it on? I had washed my feet—how could I [again] soil them?” [Isa. 32:9; Heb. 3:15.]’ Song of Solomon 5:3

Many years ago, I read these two passages of Holy Scripture, and discovered some powerful things. The Holy Spirit opened my eyes to grasp the import of being covered, and of a respectful submission to a God-ordained leadership whom the Holy Spirit Himself has so anointed and confirmed to shepherd over my soul. You will notice a number of things through Genesis chapter three, verses seven and eight:

- ◆ Illegal consumption eventually leads to constipation of character and loss of refined focus.
- ◆ Whatever opened your eyes should have received its sanction from God first—before attempting to divert your attention away from Him and His ways.
- ◆ Reliance on sense knowledge is dangerous and should be monitored and recalibrated by the Holy Spirit.

- ◆ Whenever mankind dismisses himself from the operations of God, he sadly opts for a mechanization and attempted replication of the original plan God initiated for his life.
- ◆ Never refuse audience with God—even if your flesh makes enough excuses to “tempt” *Him* to leave you.

### *Scriptural Setting No. 1*

- ◆ So, where is Adam’s Coat?
- ◆ What does Adam’s Coat have to do with me and my Kingdom assignment?

These two questions must be addressed if we are to understand the importance of being covered, mantled, and held accountable to not only God but those whom He purposely has set in our lives to aid in monitoring and measuring our lives and ministry callings. Throughout all of human history, mankind has made a good business of “clothing” itself. Clothing has been used to help identify one tribe or group from another; it has been used to be a qualifier for inclusion in special group; and, clothing has also become a way by which one can “feel” significant as they ambulate among others in the world.

### *Everybody’s Playing the Power-Dressing Game*

Did you know that the entire world is yet playing the Power-Dressing Game? Let’s take a look at what the New Testament writer Luke has to say about the issue of clothing: “And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee. And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs.” St. Luke 8:26-27 KJV This “wearing of no clothes” is what caught my attention lately. The title given to those who presently run about with no clothes on is called a streaker.

- ◆ Streakers qualify for mental institutions and jails cells—and not necessarily in that order.
- ◆ Streakers have a need for something just beyond their grasp—it's called An Identity.
- ◆ Those who “streak” leave an indelible imprint on the minds of those who observe them. Although the initial impression may not be the best one, it leaves everyone in suspense as to who that “streaker” was and why they did what they did.

### ***Going Naked is not the Norm. Right? Right!***

If you think about it, the very thought of seeing my neighbors walking around naked all day is extremely scary to me. If the notion of being naked was such a priority, one should only limit themselves to the confines of their private house chambers, amen? But when the Holy Scripture takes note of this phenomena of going naked, it seems to indicate that nakedness is to be exclusive to the very sanctity of intimate relations between husband and wife, and that their private expressions of love and affection for each other were to remain honorable and lovely in the sight of God and in the bonds of marriage, amen?

We have also noticed that advertisement companies of late have launched a desperate campaign to attract your dollars to them by displaying flesh and sex and immorally sexual distortions of that which is beautiful. They are now using sexual entendres to sell nearly everything nowadays. Many companies are capitalizing upon your ignorance of this, and now using sex as an enticement for you to purchase new products. All of this has resulted in an avalanche of mixed messages and reactions from within our society.

The latest and largest target audience for this infestation of distorted morals is our youth culture. But even sadder than that... the blatant show of flesh and sexual acts is now not only limited to our youth—now we've got the elderly in the same predicament. The elderly are now seen doing things they had before blamed and condemned.

Some years ago, there was a newspaper report that showed an elderly man being arrested for killing his “live-in” girlfriend. Why did he do this? His answer was that she wouldn’t listen to him when he continued asking her to go and put on some clothes. Oh, did I mention that his live-in girlfriend was in her seventies? And, that he was in his eighties? So, since she wouldn’t put on some clothes, he simply and quietly went out to his back porch, found an old pipe, went inside, and beat her to death.

Now *that*, my friends, is the result and/or consequence of what I call Stubborn Nakedness.

Now I know that the subject of nakedness is not on the list of your favorite conversation starters, but the summer is here and some folks just don’t get it yet. There will be some people in your circle of influence who have no idea as to how important their coverings are.

***Many people simply dress to impress, when they need to dress to invest. Your presence anywhere ought to be viewed as an investment from God to the increased value of what you enter into.***

It is often said that “Clothes Make the Man.” And, even though some people are trying to promote all types of nudity, immoral freedoms, and perversity, I just want you to remember that it really is true: ***Clothes Really Do Make a Person.*** In such a business-and-opinion-conscious society as ours, some folks wouldn’t be caught wearing the wrong attire. ***Everybody’s Got Something To Wear.*** Even waiters, bartenders, and waitresses have got their outfits. Nurses, doctors, and hospital staff have a dress code. And nowadays, even janitors, trash collectors, and window cleaners have their specialty clothing. ***There’s a new game craze going on around here... and it’s called: The Power-Dressing Game. Everyone is playing this game.*** Masons and racers have their outfits; so do ski clubs and glee clubs. Gangs have got their colors, and the military is working on their stripes. The KKK is yet making sheet-robos, while priests are custom-designing their stoles. Cloggers have their shoes, and

mountaineers and sheriffs have got their boots. *I want you to know that Everybody's Playing The Power-Dressing Game.*

**Even church members have keyed into this strange phenomena...**

Missionaries now buy only white, and deacons are all buying the same tie. Some preachers put on their collars, while the wannabe's jostle in line just to holler. And while our choirs have robes that match the color of the pews, some of their hearts are so dark and gloomy they have no joy. Have you got the message yet? *Everybody's Playing the Power-Dressing Game.*

Let's return to our Genesis account for now. We cannot remove the fact that *this travesty of flesh-covering-ignorance has more to do with our ill-informed consent to listen to the voice of the enemy.* Did you notice that the enemy was never in the garden, but that he became the world's first ventriloquist, throwing his voice into the foray of attention-getting speech for the man and the woman? Did you also notice that once we succumb to the subtleties of the smooth deceptions of our mutual and arch enemy, we tend to lose clarity, focus, and faith?

- ◆ God covers His own; the challenge is for His own to “remain clothed” with what He is offering.
- ◆ God is in the business of mantling; and we are in the business of discovering, embracing and becoming identified with what He covered us.

While God is not embarrassed about how He created and fashioned us, He has not become so engrossed with nakedness to the point of disregarding His eternal duties. Even in the Bible we find God covering us over and over again with...

### *Garments of our Humanity*

Let's look at a number of coats and coverings in the Holy Bible:

- ◆ Adam's Coat: A Coat of Dominion and Wisdom (Genesis 3:21)

- ◆ Joseph's Coat: A Coat of Authority and Mastery (Genesis 37:3)
- ◆ Jesus' Coat: A Coat of Seamless Regality and Sovereignty (St. John 19:23-24 with Psalm 22:18)
- ◆ Peter's Coat: A Coat of Prosperity and Management (St. John 21:3-11 [7])
- ◆ Our Coat: A Coat (or Robe) of Authority, Prosperity, and Eternal Kingdom Royalty... A Coat of Inheritance and Kingdom Dominion

### *Scriptural Setting No. 2*

Song of Solomon 5:3 says, “[But weary from a day in the vineyards, I had already sought my rest] I had put off my garment—how could I [again] put it on? I had washed my feet; how shall I defile them?” Here we find a young lady struggling with the reality of having to deal with her intended husband visiting her at an inopportune time. The young man has decided to visit her in the middle of the night, and she has already dressed for bed.

- ◆ She hears his voice, but questions—not his motives—her present state of being.
- ◆ She hears him, but chooses rather to leave him out in the dark.
- ◆ She hears him calling her name, but she chooses not to respond—as if no one is at home.
- ◆ She finally gives a weak excuse for not opening to him.

Church, how should the Lord deal with us when He comes calling for us? How is He to deal with a bunch of folk who choose not to respond when He comes calling their names? Church, the Lord is calling us at a new time and season in our lives, but have we decided not to respond to Him? Church, how should the Lord deal with us when He comes calling for us? Is He to simply and ignorantly visit us and find

us continually preoccupied with small matters, only to turn right around with His hands full of purpose and provision, and go back home—simply because someone in the Church was too busy to recognize His voice, His fragrance, His time of visitation, and His expectation of embrace by the Church?

*So, what's a God to do with us, now that we're too busy to serve Him?* What is a God to do with people who say with their mouths that they love Him, but with all of their actions, wallets, iPhones, and date books—have scheduled Him right out of their lives? Jesus wept over Jerusalem because they did not know how to respond to their time of visitation. Somebody ought to want to say, “Jesus, don't cry over me. Lord, I know exactly what to do at the sound of Your Visitation: Celebrate.”

*Others may act like no one's home when Jesus comes calling, but I'm about to open the door for my Savior and Lord. What about you?*

Sadly, others choose not to open up for their God and King. Christ calls us to open to Him, and we pretend that we have no mind; we're either too lazy or too sleepy to rise up and embrace what He's about to say and do for us. We act like we have no strength to rise up to meet His Royal Visit, and we say to our collective selves, we have no time for Him this hour of the night.

*Church, poor excuses will always exclude us from impending Kingdom blessings, favor, promotion and honor.*

Let's look at Song of Solomon 5:4-6... “My beloved put his hand by the hole of the door, and my heart was moved for him. I rose up to open for my beloved, and my hands dripped with myrrh, and my fingers with liquid [sweet-scented] myrrh, [which he had left] upon the handles of the bolt. I opened for my beloved, but my beloved had turned away *and* withdrawn himself, and was gone. My soul went forth [to him] when he

spoke, but it failed me [and now he was gone]. I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer.”

Look at the persistence of our God; He not only knocks and waits for our response, but now He moves to the next level of getting our corporate attention: Our Lord proceeds to put His hand through the hole of our door, and checks the locking mechanism for us. Could it be that God is thinking that maybe, just maybe, someone has recently illegally entered into our places of rest with Him and placed in dome type of bondage that we are now unable to free ourselves from. Or, maybe, someone unknown to Him came to our places of rest and changed the locks He originally placed for our protection.

I can imagine what was going on in the mind of God... “Now, just this morning, I stopped by, and the Church opened up to Me like She always does. We spent a little quality time together and I shared with Her what the day held for us. I left to go to work on Her behalf, and everything seemed fine then. I then stopped by around lunchtime and we had lunch together, celebrating all the successes the day had already brought to us for our future together... and even then, everything seemed to be fine. But now I come in the middle of the night... I come Home to Her with news of something glorious coming to My Church tomorrow... and I find the door closed. I look about and cannot find entry into what I designed for Her. She’s not answering My calls; She’s not answering My text messages; and She’s not checking in on our joint website and email accounts. I wonder what’s wrong.”

Friend, how is the Lord supposed to deal with a bunch of folk who have decided to no longer respond to Him when He comes around? How is God to handle your life when you chose not to answer when He calls? What has happened to the Church, where we have laid aside our authority for a few mere morsels of temporary pleasure? What’s an Almighty God to do with this situation?

The young Shunamite girl was soon to become the bride of this prince named Solomon. When he comes calling for her as was his usual practice, she does not open the door to him, and she answers him

through an obstruction. She states that she has laid aside her coat, and cannot open the door nor allow him entry. WOW.

What has happened to the Church lately... where our preachers, pastors, priests, apostles, teachers, and evangelists have laid aside our Kingdom authority and God-breathed agendas for a celebrated moment on television, a new helicopter, and boat, while the members of the Body continue to suffer spiritual anemia and dyslexia because of having received a poor menu of toxic, tainted messages that border on manipulation and mass control tactics?

What has happened to us when our prophets only prophesy health and wealth but not an impending shift towards spiritual integrity? Why aren't our anointed teacher ranks teaching us on how to maintain the blessing and the prosperity headed our way? Why are we expecting the world to come into our church when we won't even participate in enhancing the building, the Sanctuary, nor the grounds?

***Friend, Have You Put Off Your Coat?  
Have You Laid Your Mantle of Inherited Mastery Aside?***

Have you given any thought to being a servant, ready to rise up and respond at a moment's notice to the Master's command to rise up and influence your assigned territory with your power-laced words? Some of you have the right to do so right now, but you're not using it. Some of you have the power, but you're not releasing it. You have the authority, but you have opted not to appropriate it. So, whose fault is it that we are not successful in our daily pursuits and ventures?

“My beloved put his hand by the hole of the door, and my heart was moved for him. I rose up to open to my beloved, and my hands dropped with myrrh, and my fingers with liquid [sweet-scented] myrrh, [which he had left] upon the handles of the bolt.” Song of Solomon 5:4-5

We're forfeiting our right to reign by lowering ourselves and our standards through an ignorant submission to the power of suggestion from a lower system of existence: the system of this world. The system

of this world says—You can open, but only if you think it benefits your flesh; or, only open if what’s being offered looks like something from your past.” The system of this world says—“Never assume that you’re free enough to venture into the new without my social permission and prideful approval.” Jesus said, “My Kingdom is not of this world.” He also said, “I am from above, ye are from beneath.”

*Church, from which position are you speaking? By whose authority will you operate in from now on? But, what was He really saying though?* In essence, Jesus was speaking from a position of Kingdom authority, ownership, influence, and mastery. He was speaking from a place and state of sovereignty in God. Friend, Jesus did much of His speaking from a platform of Kingdom Superiority.

One of our greatest challenges as sons of God is to replicate what the Son does on behalf of His Father. Our fear of failure and limiting faith can often disengage us from experiencing the benefits of living in the Kingdom. We have shouted our frustrations, but have grown quiet at times when it was necessary for us to open our mouths, use our speech as sharp, penetrating weaponry, and change our environ by what we say.

Saints, I therefore, command that you open up your “doors” (mouths and hearts), and begin speaking forth from your positions in the Kingdom, where you have been seated in the heavenlies with Christ in the Dominion Realm of God.

*Open your mouths and begin to prophesy to your earth (your assigned territory) what kind of harvest you expect from it.  
Now, tell your kingdom how you want it to operate.*

**Far too many of God’s sons and daughters are living far below what their Kingdom identity qualifies them for.** They are experiencing defeatism at an all-time high. This is simply because no one told them of their inheritance in Christ nor have they been apprised on how to appropriate their delegated authority in the earth. Ask Mephibosheth. Others were never released from their recent dark pasts, and have

stumbled along in life never enjoying the abundance of life intimated by our Lord Jesus in St. John 10:10. Church, this travesty must stop right here and right now. God is commanding someone, specifically all of His dear children, to arise to their places of influence and affluence. He is making sovereign demands upon all of creation to realign all earthly resources and make increase appear at their doorsteps.

Creation is groaning; God is waiting, and your future needs you to one simple thing:

open your mouth and declare the works of God.

***Church, God wants you to operate in your Kingdom-Dominion-Heirship, and master your world—from the top down.***

- ◆ Question is: Are You Ready for a Tsunami of Favor and Blessing to Hit Your House?
- ◆ Question is: Have You Built any Barns Lately?
- ◆ Question is: Who's in Charge of Your Increase Right Now?
- ◆ Question is: When Will You Ever Command Your Heart to Receive Treasures from Others?

### ***What Are The Heavenlies?***

The heavenlies is that realm of Kingdom reality that only responds to a word released from one employed in Kingdom thinking and Kingdom building. The heavenlies is that portion of your mind in which the thoughts of God reside and wait for release by your declaration or command. The heavenlies is that territory never to be forfeited for anything in this world. The heavenlies is that strata of spiritual consciousness that only an eternal God can minister to.

So, after all that we have discussed in this chapter, what does it have to do with “The Dilemma in the Garden?” How does what Adam

experienced in the Garden have to do with what is happening with me right now? How can the Holy Spirit help me navigate through the treacherous waters of life's turbulence and unplanned-for frustrations? ***Am I experiencing a dilemma of faith while God is experiencing a dilemma of truth-seekers?*** Who wins in all of this? Or, how do I come out victorious in what I disrupted, corrupted, or disturbed?

“<sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves apronlike girdles. <sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the Lord god walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.’ Gen. 3:7-8

This is, in fact, a dilemma of sorts. And, it is going to take intelligent minds to bring about a sound conclusion to all that is not well in life. Surely, God is desirous of seeing His children prosper and be in health, even as their soul prospers, amen? Then, how does God rectify what He never corrupted? How does He heal what He never polluted or poisoned? Should He operate in blaming or simply go about reclaiming? This is truly a dilemma.

Before we end this chapter, we should at least explore what the dilemma was in the first place. Remember, *everything in the Bible can be seen as a model, a pattern, or symbol of allegorical proportion*. If we are to fare well in life, God intends for us to learn from the life lessons portrayed in the Holy Script. Well, *a dilemma is a state of affairs in which either obstacles or opposing forces present themselves on either side, making it therefore difficult to determine which course of action to pursue*. Someone would argue the point that there is no dilemma for God because He knows all things; however, no matter how wise God is, even He must wrestle with exacting divine wisdom in the reality of the moment.

You see, in order for God to promise you that He will be with you whenever and wherever and whatever you go through, He must also calculate when, where, and what you could possibly encounter. His perfect love and power has already predetermined just how much of

His authority should be released on your behalf—long before you enter into the situation. Glory to His name! I am celebrating the fact that God is always with us, even when we think that He is nowhere to be found by us. Despite our foul-ups and stumbles, God is with us. Isaiah's Gospel of Good News says that He is with us when we go through whatever opposes our forward movement. Well, bless God for that timed revelation.

Now let's examine this scenario from God's perspective. Not only is there a dilemma that stands before You, but a part of what You made ignorantly attempting to 'hide' from You; and You know exactly where they are? So, as you can plainly see, there are a few philosophical challenges in the text:

What do you do when Your highest creation goes against all that You have commanded? How do you handle what is now mishandling Your stuff—without Your permission? To whom do You turn, when all that You have created is bowing to things other than You, and not waiting with baited breath for Your next command? Who is Your counsel when Your counsel is *Your Mind and Eternal Intention*?

Since God is supreme in the administration of resources and servants, He is also supreme in the wise administration of His intentions. The dilemma in the text is no match for the perfect orchestration and administration of His perfect will. There is absolutely nothing that gets past the purvey of His all-seeing, all-knowing, and ever beneficent love and will for all of creation. We shout to the heavens for the matchless wonder of His love and grace. Thank You, Lord, for all that you do for us. Even when we were dead in sins and trespasses, Christ died for us. That's the reality of how God determined to deal with the dilemma put before Him in the Garden: He knew that time would bow to Him as well as everything else He created. Well, bless God now, because the dilemma never thwarted the expression of God's love toward us.

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