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THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY

A REVIVAL OF DISCIPLESHIP

Ephesians 4:12

There is a revival of discipleship throughout the earth

- Jesus the Son of God made disciples

John 17:4

- Jesus prayed to the Father
- Mistakenly has been called the "High Priestly" prayer of Jesus
- Is actually the prayer of Jesus the Apostle (**Hebrews 3:1**)
- We need to consider Jesus as the Apostle
- Apostles make disciples
- High Priests offer sacrifices – Jesus became the Perfect Sacrifice for us, redeeming us with His own blood (**Hebrews 9:11-15**) this is wonderful
- But what about Jesus the Apostle?
- **John 17:4** – Jesus said He had accomplished the work the Father gave Him to do (He had not been to the Cross yet)

What was the apostolic work Jesus accomplished?

John 17:6 -They kept Your Word

v.8 – Jesus gave them the words the Father gave Him

v.10 – Jesus was now glorified in them

v.15 – Jesus prayed against the rapture, asking the Father to keep them in the world, delivering them from the evil one

Jesus is reporting to the Father of His apostolic ministry of raising 12 apostles

- He did not talk of all the miracles, healings and deliverances that He performed
- He did not boast of His teaching ability
- He spoke of the ones that the Father gave Him to disciple and shared what He had made out of them
- Jesus mentions a number of times that He was "Sent" = Gk "apostello" – sent on a mission with delegated authority to accomplish the mission

Jesus prepared His disciples to be "sent" as He was

John 17:18 -

- 1 was a failure but there was another waiting to take his place (**Acts 1:25-26**)
- Jesus had 11 sons, 11 "Timothys" that were ready with a 12th also about to come
- Jesus made disciples, only 12
- Jesus concentrated and consecrated His time to make disciples

These disciples were normal, real people with lots of problems

They had arguments about who would be the greatest

But still Jesus said, "Because you have persevered, remained loyal, not run away, I will give you a kingdom" – **Luke 22:24-30**

He had disciplined them; they were able to successfully carry on after Jesus left

The work of the ministry is to raise sons

- You can preach to crowds, see miracles etc; but when you are no longer able to do the work, who will carry on the ministry?
- So many of the senior ministers in the church today are not disciplined, and therefore cannot discipline others; they do not model a lifestyle that others can follow

The ascended Lord Jesus gave gifts

Ephesians 4:7

- Each one of us in the Body of Christ has received grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ
- Christ is given as the gift

v.8 – When Jesus ascended, He took captivity captive

- then He gave gifts to men
- the "Gift" of Christ is now called "Gifts"
- Christ gave Himself as five gifts of grace
- these gifts enable the ones who have received them to serve the Body of Christ, and release grace to them

v.9-10 – the One who ascended had to first descend into the lower parts of the earth – then He ascended and filled the universe with His Presence

John 1:14

- The Word (who is God) became flesh and dwelt among us; We saw His glory
- This same One ascended and released gifts
- Jesus is the Apostle, the Prophet, the Evangelist, the Pastor, the Teacher
- He released Himself as all these gifts

Why were these gifts given?

Ephesians 4:12 – the Work of the ministry is:

- a) For the perfecting (KJV) / equipping (NKJV) of the saints
- b) Building up the Body of Christ

Work – Gk "*ergon*" SC#2041

- Means: toil, making an effort, an occupation, an act
- Translated: deed, mainly as "work"
- It is action, doing something, it referred to deeds of the law (making offerings)
- **Luke 24:19** – Jesus was a Prophet mighty in deed

Ministry – Gk SC#1248 "*diakonia*"

Means: attendance as a servant, the deaconate (referring to deacons), to administer, to give aid (help), relief, service, refers often to the Christian teacher in Scripture

Translated: 16x ministry, ministration

Ministry is to build up, perfect, equip

Perfecting/Equipping – Gk "*katartismos*" SC#2677

Means: complete furnishing, translated as **perfecting** (KJV), better translated **equipping**, making fully qualified for service, training and preparing to function

- Comes from a Greek reference to "setting a broken bone"
- Every saint is to be equipped to function as a member of the Body of Christ, so that no part is out of joint

A Five-fold Gift

The five ministries work together but as seen by the example of your hand, the apostle relates to the thumb which can face to face relate with all other fingers. The other four work side by side.

- **The Apostle** – establishes and **governs**, needs the master plan, a ministry of revelation
- **The Prophet** – **guides**, inspires, bring **understanding** of the apostolic revelation that the apostles are bringing (**2 Peter 3:2**), bringing confirmation and release the edifying word to the church
- **The Evangelist** – **gathers**, preaching the gospel with signs and wonders. Those who believe and are baptised will be saved (**Mark 16:15-16**).
- **The Pastor** – **guards and feeds** the flock, keeping the flock safe. **Psalm 78:70-72** – David learnt to shepherd God's people by being a shepherd of sheep. He learnt to protect the sheep from bears and lions. The Shepherd has a mighty job to do.
- **The Teacher** – **grounds** the brethren in the Word. The teacher is the Disciplex. We are all meant to be able to teach – it is the all-encompassing ministry of the New Testament. All ministries must be able to teach the apostolic teaching.

Each gift doing the work of the particular ministry

Ephesians 4:12

- Modern versions of the Bible say "preparing/equipping the saints for the works of service"
- The right translation is "equipping the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the Body of Christ" – 3 aspects to the verse
- The five ministries are to be "doing the work of the ministry"
- Other versions put the emphasis on getting the saints to do the work of ministry
- That is not what this verse is saying – the ministers are appointed by Jesus to do the work of the ministry and then the saints will be equipped to function

All the ministries are to function 'till'

Ephesians 4:13 -

a) *we all come to the **unity of the faith***

- All are to come to the unity of the faith, till we all come to believe the Word of God together

- **2 Timothy 2:15** – we are all to be rightly dividing the Word of the truth
- **Jude 3** – we are to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints

b) we all come to the ***knowledge of the Son of God***

- we need to know who Jesus is
- we need the preaching of Jesus the Christ
- He is called "Christ" over 550x in New Testament
- The apostles preached and taught Jesus the Christ (**Acts 5:42**)
- **1 Timothy 3:16** – the mystery of Godliness – God was manifested in the flesh = the Son of God
- **John 1:1-3, 14** – The Word who was God became flesh and dwelt among us (**1 John 1:1-3**)

c) we all come to a ***Perfect (mature) man***

- how will we recognize this man?
- This corporate Man will reveal Jesus the Christ in fullness

- **We are to perfect and equip the saints,**
- **setting the church back in order**
- **so that every joint is supplying, and every part is making a contribution**
- **for the upbuilding of the whole Body (Eph.4:16),**
- **so that the Agape/Love of God will be found in His people**

Jesus said "If you have seen Me, you have seen My Father" – **John 14:9**

Can you say, "If you have seen me, you have seen Jesus"?

BELIEVING YOU MAY HAVE LIFE

UNLOCKING JOHN'S GOSPEL - John 20:30-31

- Focused on particular signs that Jesus did in the presence of His disciples
- The revelation of Jesus the Messiah/Christ
- The Son of God
- In believing you may have life in His name

The purpose of John's Gospel

- Many other things Jesus did but these are written for a purpose – to have life
- Believe that Jesus is: the Christ, the Son of God
- This is the gospel – if you believe this you will have life

Coming to know 'who Jesus is'

- Christ = the King – Jesus is this one [550 times called "Christ" in the New Testament]
- The Anointed ruler, the one who has all authority, to give eternal life to all flesh (**John 17:2**)
- **1 Timothy 3:16** unlocking the understanding of who Jesus is:
- God was manifested in the flesh – this is what it means to call Him "Son of God"
- The One who created all things – this one was manifested in the flesh
- Get this revelation and you receive more life

Life enters when we are born again

- God is light, He is not darkness. We are to walk in the Light
- Jesus is Life – this life enters us when we are born again
- **Matthew 16:15-18** Peter got the revelation from heaven
- The church is built on the revelation of who Jesus is as "Christ, the Son of God"
- **1 Peter 2:4-5** – we come to Him as to the Living Stone
- We as living stones are being built up a spiritual house
- We can touch the living stone, and this gives us life
- God wants a people who have the life
- The life is 'in His name' – in all that encompasses all that He is
- We are to be a people who are full of life
- We are to be pro-life. That life is power, healing, love

'Life' Gk SC# 2222 'zoe' – means the state of one who is possessed of vitality, or is animated, absolute fullness of life both essential and ethical

- **Acts 3:14-15** 'killed the Prince [*arche* = chief] of life'
- the Originator, Author of life
- whom God raised from the dead
- This Life is real and genuine, active and vigorous devoted to God, blessed in this world and the resurrection

36 times in John's gospel 'life' [*zoe*] is mentioned

- This word 'life' is synonymous with the kingdom

The Word

- **John 1:1** God was the word, all things made through Him; that Word was God Himself – the Creator **v.3**
- **V.4** In Him was life and that life was the light of men
- There is no life in the traditions of men; so much theology is the opinions of men
- The life is in the Word
- The life is Eternal
- **V.5** Life linked with light; the light always overcomes darkness. The light cannot be snuffed out nor extinguished. Light always prevails!

1 Peter 1:23 – born again of the incorruptible seed of the word of God, which lives and abides forever

The Word of Life

- **1 John 1:1** – "Word" is Gk '*Logos*' which means: the communication, the transmission of thought – He is the Communication (Word) of life
- **v.2** - the life was manifested, He walked in a human body
- Life is somebody – the Christ, the Son of God
- Eternal – in nature and in quality
- Life is fellowship with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ; this is the apostolic fellowship

Eternal life is knowing the true God!

John 17:3 – know the true God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent – this is eternal life.

- Eternal life is a relationship with God through Jesus the Messiah

Life is released through word (*rhema*)

John 6:63 - 'The words (Gk *rhema*) that I speak to you are Spirit and they are life'.

- The 'rhema' word releases life
- **Acts 5:19-20** – 'speak to the people all the words (*rhema*) of this life' – this gospel can also be called 'the words of this life'

The Life is a Person

John 14:6 – Jesus is the ... Life - 'no one comes to the Father except through Me'

- Jesus brings us into fellowship with the living God

- **Col.3:3-4** – ‘for you died and your life is hidden with life in God. When Christ our life appears, we shall appear with Him in glory’ – Christ is our Life!
- **Lamentations 4:20** – speaking of Christ the King “the Anointed” (Hb *Maschiyach/Messiah*)
- ‘The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of Yahweh’
- God breathed into man the breath of life at creation
- Christ is our life – breath Him in!
- **John 6:57** He who feeds on Me will live because of Me
- **1 John 5:20** – the Son of God has come that we may know Him who is true...His Son, Jesus Christ - ‘This is the true God and eternal life’ – Jesus is the true God and eternal Life
- **Life – *zoe* life can only be possessed through life in Jesus Christ**

This life sets us free from death

- The more we come to understand who Jesus is, the more we experience His life
- You start to have life in His name, you see who He is
- **Psalm 16:10-11** – quoted by Peter on the day of Pentecost – You will show me the path of life
- This is speaking of the Holy One – the Messiah (**Acts 2:26-27**)
- **John 11:23-26** Jesus said ‘I AM the resurrection and the Life’ – whoever lives and believes in Me, though he may die, shall live’
- The life we have cannot be extinguished – nothing can stop it
- **v.27** – Martha believed ‘You are the Christ, the Son of God who is to come into the world’
- **Romans 8:2** – the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death – The Spirit of Life is in Christ Jesus!

The fountain of Life

- **Jer.2:13** - forsaken Me the fountain of living waters
Hewn cisterns that can hold no water
- **John 4:10-14** ‘He would have given you living water’
- ‘Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up [gush up] into everlasting life’
- God wants people filled with these fountains of water springing up
- **Isa.12:3** speaks of wells of salvation
- **John 7:37-39** out of their innermost being will flow (Gk "*rheo*"the root of "*rhema*" which is the "the flowing word") rivers of living water – to give drink to the thirsty

**These rivers come from within those who believe in Him
We are to be those fountains
The life is in His name**

RESTORATION

Times of Refreshing

Acts 3:19-21

- Repent therefore – Peter is speaking to Jewish people who are trying to fulfil religious duties
- That your sins may be blotted out
- Times of refreshing (revival) will come from the Presence of the Lord

v.20 - For the purpose of sending Jesus the Messiah

- Jesus the Messiah is the central Person and Subject of the Bible
- We are to repent and be baptised in (lit. into) the name of Jesus the Messiah (Acts 2:38) – this is the covering
- God wants to send Jesus

Restoration of all things

v.21 - Heaven is receiving Jesus *until*

- We are not waiting for Jesus to come and sort everything out and prove Himself as King
- He is King already, He is the "I AM"
- The gospel began with Jesus, the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world (**Rev.13:8**)
- Jesus is in heaven *till* the times of *restoration of all things* spoken of by God by the mouth His holy prophets since the world began

Isaiah 42:22

- This is a people robbed and plundered
- Snared and hidden in prison
- No one says "Restore!"
- We are to be a people proclaiming "Restore!"

Jesus the 'Prophet' has come

Acts 3:22

- a prophet like Moses will arise
- Jesus is the fulfilment – He is the Prophet, and He came out of the community of Israel

v.23 – if you do not listen to Him you will be destroyed

v.24 – the prophets since Samuel have been speaking of "these days" – the days that Peter was in when Jesus had come

- not speaking of 21st Century but "these days", the days since Jesus came and fulfilled what the prophets were speaking about
- do not divide prophecy up into times and millennia

- Peter said he was in the days the prophets were speaking about – we are to have like precious faith as Peter (**2 Peter 1:1**)

- There is a restoration of discipleship happening today
- We are called to follow Jesus
- We are to have teachers teaching what the Bible says, as it is written

We are the sons

Acts 3:25

- a) You are sons of the prophets
- b) You are sons of the covenant
- c) The covenant God made with Abraham – in his Seed all the families of the earth will be blessed

This is speaking to us. We are those sons as we partake of all the prophets spoke and we partake of the covenant made to Abraham

- The covenant of the fathers (**Galatians 3:14** – the promise of the Spirit through faith in Christ Jesus)
- **Galatians 3:8** – the covenant repeated

The renewal of the promise to the three Patriarchs

Genesis 12:1-3

- The call to get out of everything and follow YHWH (for us Jesus)
- God will make him a great nation (of which we are part of by faith in Jesus Christ – **1 Peter 2:9-10** – we are a holy nation)
- Abraham and his seed are the “heir of the world” – **Romans 4:13**
- All families of earth will be blessed

Genesis 22:17-18

- God repeats the Promise
- God will multiply Abraham’s descendants and they will possess the gates of their enemies
- In Abraham’s Seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed
- We are part of this promise
- We are blessed because of Abraham’s obedience
- Others will be blessed by our obedience
- By One Man’s obedience we become righteous (**Romans 5:19**)

Genesis 26:4

- Promise confirmed to Isaac

Genesis 28:14

- Promise confirmed to Jacob

Galatians 3:16,29

- New Testament fulfillment of the Promised Seed
- To Abraham and his Seed the promises were made
- Promise not to “seeds” as of many
- Promise was to “Seed” as of One, which is “Christ”

- Christ is the Seed (**Genesis 3:15** – The Seed of the Woman who will crush the seed of the Serpent)
- It is incorruptible Seed (**1 Pet.1:23**)
- **Gal.3:29** – If you are of Christ, then you are of Abraham’s Seed and heirs of the Promise (of the Spirit through faith – **Gal.3:14**)

The New Testament is in the Spirit, we move from the natural to the spiritual, into the kingdom of God (**Romans 14:17**)

Testimony of experiencing restoration

1. Born again – a new creation – this is the first restoration
2. Baptism – into Jesus Christ (**Romans 6:3-4**)
3. Filled with Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues
4. Gifts of the Spirit released (a Scripture, a word, prophecy...**1 Corinthians 12:8-10, 14:26** – everyone has something)
5. Church in the house – the Biblical model (**Acts 2:46**)

The sad thing was there was no discipleship in those days, no one being taught

- Then a “church” started
- Now there was a preacher up the front etc...
- “church” structure limits everything
- No teaching, no training
- Put into leadership without training, not knowing what to do

We are living in times of restoration

Acts 3:21

- Jesus Christ is retained/received in heaven *till* the times of restoration
- We are in the times of restoration
- We are fruit of restoration

WHAT ELSE IS GOD RESTORING?

The Table of the Lord

- Regular breaking of bread, not religious, not needing “ordained ministers”
- In the houses (**Acts 2:46**)

The revelation of the Name of God

- Yahweh, Elohim, Jesus....
- In most English Bibles the name “YHWH” is translated “LORD”
- LORD is BWANA (Swahili for the big white boss)
- Instead of calling Him by His name we have said “LORD”
- We have been blessed to have the restoration of His name in our midst
- He is personal, He is Yahweh
- Then discovering the name “Jesus”, in Hebrew “Yeshua” = “Yahweh saves”
- Jesus is God manifested in the flesh, He is Yahweh saving us
- The name “Yahweh” is in the Bible over 6,500 times but has been translated “LORD”
- “Baal” also means “Lord”, we need to know Him by His name

The knowledge of the mysteries

Mysteries: (secrets to be discovered)

- a) **Matt.13:11 – the Kingdom**
- b) **Eph.3:3 – Christ**
- c) **Col.2:2 – God (of Father and of Christ)**
- d) **1 Tim.3:16 – Godliness – God manifest in flesh**
- e) **Eph.3:9 – the fellowship of the mystery**
- f) **Rom.11:25 – the mystery of blindness of Jews being taken away**
- g) **1 Cor.15:51 – the mystery of being changed in the twinkling of an eye at the coming of the Lord** – Jesus will destroy the Man of Lawlessness with the breath of His mouth and the brightness of His coming (**2 Thess.2:8**)
- h) **Eph.5:32 – Christ and the Church** (the Church is the wife of the Lamb)
- i) **Eph.6:19 – mystery of the gospel** (the glorious gospel of the blessed God – **1 Tim.1:11**)
- j) **2 Thess.2:7 – mystery of lawlessness**
- k) **Rev.1:20 – mystery of seven stars and seven lampstands** (churches and messengers) – Jesus told us what the Lampstands represent
- l) **1 Tim.3:9 – mystery of the faith**
- m) **Rev.10:7 – mystery of God will be finished**
- n) **Rev.17:5,7 – mystery of Babylon**

Restoration of the Commission and Command to make disciples

Matthew 28:18-20

- Jesus' last recorded statement
- All authority has been given to Jesus in heaven and earth
- Go and make disciples of all the nations
- This is the primary commandment to the church
- For the last 20 years we have been learning to make disciples
- **Isaiah 28:9-13** – we bring the Word precept upon precept, here a little, there a little, comparing Scripture with Scripture (like understanding the Lampstand as the Church, the church is the Light of the world, bringing light into the realm of the second heavens, light in the darkness)
- We have a lot of teaching about making disciples
 - A disciple is a learner
 - A disciple has a teacher
 - A disciple is an adherent, someone who sticks to the teacher and their teaching

John 8:31-32 – continue in the Word as a disciple and the truth will make you free

Restoration of the knowledge of the Son of God

Ephesians 4:13

- Sign of church coming to maturity
- Is that we all come to knowledge of the Son of God
- What does it mean to call Jesus "the Son of God"?
- Can you talk to someone about the knowledge of the Son of God?

Restoration of the reality of the adoption

- The apostle Paul teaches much about the adoption
- **Eph.1:5** – predestined to the adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself
- We are predestined to come into a mature walk with God as our Father
- **Romans 8:14-17** – crying Abba Father, becoming sons
- **Galatians 3:26-4:7** – coming to the place to receive the “Spirit of His Son” into our hearts, to walk as sons
- **Romans 8:19** – all creation is waiting for the manifestation/revealing of the sons of God, those who know God – “I and My Father are One”

The restoration of the Tabernacle Pattern – the Tent of Testimony

- There is a pattern of worship
- There is a pattern of growth to maturity
- Jesus is the Gate, the Entrance
- The first place we come to is the Altar of burnt offering, representing the Cross, blood, forgiveness
- Then we go to the Brazen laver of water (baptised, washed by water of Word – **Eph.5:26**)
- Baptism is in the name of Jesus (**Acts 2:38**)
- After Brazen Laver we are filled with Holy Spirit and enter the Holy place
- We worship, lift up our hands
- We come to the Lampstand, part of the church
- We come to the Table of Showbread which had bread and wine – having communion
- We come to the altar of incense – prayer and worship (**Rev.5:8**)
- In the Holy of Holies, we walk as sons, knowing the Father

Restoration of the knowledge of the feasts of Yahweh

- The Feasts are God’s prophetic calendar
- The feasts are pre-figure of the seasons in God (**Genesis 1:14**)
- The feasts are appointed times of meeting with God (**Lev.23**)
- At Passover we are saved and delivered (blood of Lamb and baptism through Sea)
- At Pentecost we receive the Holy Spirit (first Pentecost was at Sinai where people received the Law/Torah/Instruction/Teaching – **Exodus 19**) – now we receive law in our hearts
- At Tabernacles we learn to dwell in Him and both the Father and Son dwelling in us (**John 14:23**); He makes His “home” (dwelling, Gk. Mone) in His people

Jesus Christ is held in heaven until the times of restoration of all things spoken of by God by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began

**All the peoples of the earth will be blessed through
the Seed of Abraham, Messiah**

A DOOR OF HOPE

YAHWEH SPEAKS TO HOSEA

Hosea 1:2 Yahweh began to speak – take a wife of harlotry

- The harlotry is departing from Yahweh
- God is about to bring an end to the house of Israel the northern kingdom
- **v.4** A prophetic name: *Jezreel* = God will sow
- **v.6** another prophetic name: *Lo Ruhamah* = no mercy
- **v. 8-9** and yet another prophetic name: *Lo Ammi* = not my people

God shows mercy

- **v.10** In the place where it was said to them 'You are not My people' there it shall be said to them, 'You are sons of the living God' – God is bringing something new in the earth
- **Rom.9:23-26** speaks of vessels of mercy which He had prepared beforehand for glory – God rejoices in showing mercy
- Apostle Paul then quotes **Hosea 1:10** showing that He rejoices to show us mercy! Even us! Talking about Gentiles – Jews who are called and Gentiles who are called – called sons of the Living God. Jews and Gentiles who were once not God's people are now called the sons of the living God!!
- God is bringing forth those whom He has called
- **Hosea 1:11**
- Gathered together under one head; one new man
- **Eph.1:22-23** – Christ is head over all things, given to the church which is His body
- **Col.1:18** – He is the head of the body, the church. The Beginning, the Source of all things. The First Born from the dead.
- Great will be the day of Jezreel (when God-will-sow)
- **God will sow His sons in the earth (Matt.13:36-43)**
- **Hosea 2:1** - Say to your brethren 'My people' - 'Mercy' – there will be a people who are God's people, who have received mercy (**1 Pet.2:9-10**)

God's Unfaithful people

- **Hosea 2:2** Bring charges – contend with – the mother
- The mother = the church – that which calls on the name of Jesus in some way!
- It is time to come back to the faith, this is the word to the sons
- God says that the mother is not my wife
- It is time for the sons of God to "contend with the mother"!
- **v.3** - God is going to expose her – the covering is going to come off.
- Sins will be revealed
- God's purpose is to bring her back, so she will start looking for the covering

- **v.4** - Children of harlotry – all mixed up, not worshipping God.
- believing wrong doctrines; **Eph.4:14** we are to no longer to be children tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine
- **1 John 5:20-21** this is the true God – the Son of God. Keep yourselves from idols
- Anything that is not of the true God, is following idols
- **Heb.13:8-9** Jesus is the same: yesterday, today and forever. Do not go after strange and various doctrines. He never changes!

Hosea 2:5

- Committed adultery for the prosperity gospel
- A false lover
- **Rev.3:17-18** these ones are actually poor. Jesus wants to clothe us, and provide for us

God has an answer

- **Hosea 2:6** – God’s answer – hedge up with thorns
- wall her in so that she cannot find her paths
- **v.7** – She will still go after her lovers
- ‘then she will say ‘I will go and return to my first husband’’
- realise that it was so much better with our first love – Jesus
- very similar to the process of the prodigal son (**Luke 15:11-32**)
- **v.8** – Everything she had came from God, but she gave glory to someone else
- used the Word she knew to get what she wanted instead of finding out God’s purpose
- used the Anointing for the wrong purpose – giving glory to idols
- **v.9** – God will take everything back
- **v.10-11** – everything will be taken back and they will cease
- **v.13** – punishment – she forgot God

Brought into the wilderness

- **v.14** - God says “I will allure her”
- God will bring her into the wilderness and speak comfort to her
- the punishment / judgement is for a purpose
- the comfort will come from the sons – the ones God will sow

Why the wilderness?

- There is nothing to distract you
- No one to talk to except Jesus
- God will speak comfort to her [to her heart]
- God wants our heart
- She will only hear His voice
- In the wilderness we can hear the ‘still small voice’ (**1 Kings 19:12**)

- **Ephesians 5:26** – ‘washing of the water by the word’ – the rhema word that speaks to us, speaks to our heart

A DOOR OF HOPE

- **Hosea 2:15** - God will give fruit, inheritance
- the valley of Achor as a door of hope
- Achor = trouble, (Joshua 7:26) – she was in trouble because of her sins and unfaithfulness – but even there, there is hope
- Recognise the sin that has ensnared you and talk with Jesus without any other distractions
- (**1Pet.1:3-4** – born again to a living hope – there is hope for us!)

Colossians 1:27 – what is the hope? Christ in us ‘the hope of glory’ – the formation of Christ in our life is our hope! This is the hope of the gospel!

Romans 8:18 – ‘sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us’ - this is the hope. Even though she has sinned greatly there is still hope of Him revealing His glory in her – in us!

- **Hosea 2:15** - She begins to sing in the valley of Achor
- A new song coming forth – because of the hope, she sees her destiny, her future – there is a future for us!
- Understanding will come
- **[Rev.5.9-10;14:3]** – the new song is a song of the redeemed, a song of those who know it is the Blood that has delivered and bought them back!

v.16

the bride is coming forth “you will call Me ‘My Husband’”

- no longer calling on Baal “Master, Master, Lord, Lord”
- knowing Him by His name YAHWEH, knowing Him intimately as “My husband”
- similar to Spirit of Sonship and crying “Abba, Father” (**Rom.8:15**)
- Intimate relationship, endearing, love filled!

v.17

no longer talking about false doctrines

- no longer being called by other names

v.18

Yahweh will make a covenant for them

- creation will be at peace
- wars will cease, nature will respond

v.19-20

I will betroth you to Me forever ...

- the result is you shall know YAHWEH – this is the result of the New Covenant (**Jer.31:33, Heb.8:10-12**) – relational knowledge of YAHWEH - Jesus

v.21-23

God will answer

- He will have mercy, and He will say 'You are My people'

The heavens will answer

- we have been raised up and seated in the heavenly places (**Eph.2:6**)
- there will be a manifestation of the glory
- creation is crying out for the sons to manifest the glory of God in the earth
(**Rom.8:19-21**)

The earth will answer

- the earth will respond to what God-will-sow
- there is a bride who is being sown in the earth
- heaven is being planted on earth and creation will respond with 'grain, new wine and oil' – with provision, fruitfulness and life

Revelation 21:2-4

The holy city is coming down out of heaven prepared as a bride for her husband, to be sown in the earth!

God will dwell with them

The earth will be restored

SONS OF PROMISE

Testimony of the foundations, the beginnings of the Christian Life

- The six foundational principles of the oracles of God, of Christ – **Hebrews 6:1-2**
- We teach these throughout the world
- Because when the foundations are destroyed what can the righteous do (**Psalm 11**)? We re-lay them
- We are to go on to perfection – **Hebrews 6:1-3**
- God will give the permit to go on to perfection when the foundations are laid properly

THE TWO COVENANTS

Galatians 4:21-31

Two Sons of Abraham

v.21-22

One by a Bondswoman

One by a Free Woman

v.24

Hagar (servant of Sarah)

Sarah

Gives birth to bondage

Sons of promise

Two Covenants

v.24-26 Mt Sinai

Natural Jerusalem

Is in bondage with

Her children

Jerusalem above

Free

v.24a – all this history about Hagar and Sarah is literally true but it is also symbolic (it is speaking to us now as a picture)

It is the message of Jesus Christ bringing sonship to His people and bringing us out of bondage: to our own culture, our own ethnic group, to our own interpretation of the Bible – because the Spirit cannot move in these things

2 Corinthians 6:16

- You are the temple of the Living God
- God will dwell in us; He will be our God
- He is quoting from **Ezekiel 37:26-27** – so Ezekiel was not prophesying about natural Israel
- He was prophesying about God's people

v.17-18 – God will be a Father to us, no longer a Master but a Father (Abba Father)

- we will be sons and daughters

No longer in bondage - The gospel sets us free

- We are descendants of Abraham – sons of promise
- All nations belong to Him and in Him they belong to me
- **Romans 4:13** – Abraham is not just the heir of a small bit of land in the middle east, but he is heir of the whole world!

Galatians 4:29

Children of flesh → **persecute** → children of free

v.30 – cast out the bondwoman and her son

- not co-heirs
- inheritance is to the children of the free woman

Son of bondwoman shall not be heir

Son of freewoman shall be heir

Sons of the free

Galatians 4:31

- We are not children of the bondwoman but of the free
- Some have grown up under the bondage of religious churches like Catholicism
- We can be in bondage to catholic law, or Methodist law, or Lutheran law...etc
- Many today are putting themselves under the law of Judaism
- They are coming under bondage again
- But we are not of the bondwoman but of the free
- We are the sons of promise, the sons of the free woman
- Do not hang out with people who are in bondage
- The glory of God does not manifest through bondage

Stand in the liberty

Galatians 5:1

- Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free
- Now we are in the reality, out of the symbolism
- Has Christ set you free?
- Or are you concerned and burdened about everything?
- We can easily get caught up in things that bring us into bondage
- We are talking about reality
- We acknowledge we are free
- Lay down your burden
- **Jeremiah 17:19-27** – We are to carry no burdens on the Sabbath – for us the Sabbath is every day with Jesus, walking free of burdens

Do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage!

- Start to recognize what the yoke feels like
- We can be so accustomed to the burden that we do not see it
- Our burdens affect our behaviour and others notice
- Can even be born again, baptised, filled with Holy Spirit but still be in bondage

Galatians 5:4

- They had become estranged from Christ
- They sought to be justified by keeping the law of Moses
- Which is outward observance
- People in many nations in a "Christian" or "Messianic" way are trying to honour God
- Many are trying to re-discover Jewish religious practices
- If we seek to be justified by the law we end up falling from grace

Galatians 5:5

- We, through the Spirit, eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith

v.6 – circumcision or uncircumcision mean nothing

what matters is faith working through love!

The heart of the law is justice, mercy and faith

Galatians 5:14

- The enlightened understanding of the law of Moses is summed up as "love your neighbour as yourself"
- 10 Commandments has first four commands about how to love God, and the following six are about loving your neighbour
- **Matthew 23:23** – at the heart of the law is **justice, mercy and faith** – these are the heart of the teaching of Moses
- The heart of Moses' teaching was not bondage
- **Matthew 19:16-22** – the rich young ruler had kept the commandments but was still in bondage – he was in bondage to his possessions, he needed to sell them, give to the poor and follow Jesus
- This young man needed **FAITH** to follow Jesus and he would have been free
- If we try to keep the law and mess up in one thing, we become a lawbreaker
- Righteousness was not to come through the keeping of the law as that is works – it was always to be through faith and by grace!
- We need to read the Old Testament with a view to its fulfilment in the New Testament

Galatians 5:16

- Walk in the Spirit and you will not be stumbled by the law
- We walk by faith, by grace

Galatians 5:19-21 – list 18 works of flesh

- **v.22-23** – lists 9 fruit of Spirit

Galatians 4:27 (quote from Isaiah 54:1)

- The promise of God is that the desolate has many more children than she who has a husband
- The works of the law (whatever that is) can never produce children

1 Peter 3:5-6 – Peter upholds Sarah as the picture of a submitted woman

- When you read the story in **Genesis**, she did not always seem to be submitted
- Take care how you divide the Word

How do we receive the Spirit and miracles?

Galatians 3:2

- By works or by hearing of faith?
- How did Moses divide the waters? Because God told him to – when you hear God and obey Him that is called faith
- Elijah overcame the prophets of Baal by hearing God, obeying and then God did the miracle

v.3 – having begun in the Spirit are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

- Did you begin in the Spirit? So, stay in the Spirit
- **v.6** – Abraham believed God and it was accounted to him as righteousness (**Gen.15:6** – Abraham believed in YHWH, not just what God said, but he trusted in YHWH Himself)
- we are to find ourselves in Christ, not having a righteousness of our own coming through our own works, but that is through faith in Christ (**Phil.3:9**)

In Galatians Paul is contending for the gospel

We are saved through faith in Jesus the Messiah

It is the gift of God, not of works, otherwise we would boast (**Eph.2:8-9**)

Galatians 3:7

- Those who believe like Abraham are the sons of Abraham

v.8 – The Scripture was foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith

- God preached the gospel to Abraham
- The gospel began even in the garden of Eden when God clothed Adam and Eve with the skin of animal sacrificed to cover them (**Genesis 3:21**)
- proof of Adam and Eve's faith was the naming of Cain – which means "this is the man"
- prophetically named believing in the promise of God – **Genesis 3:15**
- But Abel was the man of righteousness

Galatians 3:8

- The gospel preached to Abraham was "In you all the nations will be blessed"
- Those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham

Galatians 3:14

- The blessing of Abraham has come upon the Gentiles by those who receive the promise of the Spirit through faith

- **We are sons of promise**
- **We are a miracle of God**
- **We are sons by faith in Jesus Christ and it is forever**

You can change jobs as a servant, but you cannot change sonship

If you are a son, you are a son forever

**God sent Jesus into the earth to suffer and die for us,
not to die and go to heaven, but to be the sons of God!**

THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH

We are to become accustomed to being and living in the Spirit
Sometimes God can be at work and out of fear we try to get rid of it, bind it, cast it out.
Not realising that it is actually God.

The Lord wants to bring back the fear of the Lord to His church.
Like **Acts 5:1-11** with Ananias and Sapphira. When we sin, as soon as we repent, the blood of Jesus cleanses us from sin, makes us righteous (**1 John 1:9**). We do not need to present our case anymore to the Judge. He wants to move us on into the will of God, the Divine Appointment.

We are to pick up the call of God that has been discarded in our life. The call is there, and simply needs to be picked up again and learn to **walk** in that plan. In that place is peace, joy and fulfilment.

The Lion of the Tribe of Judah

- His eyes burn, they search the very depths of us
- **Hebrews 4:12** – the Word of God is living and powerful, Jesus is Alive
- His Word discerns the thoughts and intents of our hearts – the Word searches our hearts and the motivations of our heart
- **Revelation 19:13** – His name is called “The Word of God” – The Lion is the Word
- **Revelation 19:11** – He judges and makes war in righteousness. We do not mess with a Lion. This is a warring God, He is not afraid of anything
- **Revelation 19:14** – armies in heaven clothed in fine linen following the Word (the Lion)
- **Revelation 19:15** – nations fear Him, He strikes them with the Word. He is a warrior King.

In a dream I saw two lions: the first was the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the second Lion in the dream was the Lion’s mate

- She was close to Him
- They are One
- This is His Bride of whom He is fearlessly and fiercely protective

Numbers 23:24

- A people rises like a Lioness
- The Lion of the Tribe of Judah has a Bride, a Lioness
- The Lioness is a people, the people of God
- It shall not lie down until it devours the prey and drinks the blood of the slain
- She is not weak. She is strong. She is sanctified and cleansed by Him. The Word has searched her out. And she is rising as a Lioness to devour the prey. She is connected to the Lion.

The Lion

Revelation 5:5

This comes after **Revelation 4** which speaks of the vision of the Throne Room

- **v.1-2** – Who is worthy to open the scroll or to loose its seals
- **v.3-4** – no-one was found worthy and John wept
- **v.5** – one of the elders said, “Do not weep!”
- Behold, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah...has prevailed

Behold = to pay attention, like a trumpet saying “Stop, look at this”, to see a person, especially of remarkable or impressive nature

John1:29 – “**Behold**, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world”

Look! We are to look! Look at the Lion. Look at the Lion of the Tribe of Judah! Look at Him. He is remarkable, impressive. Look and pay attention to the One who has prevailed and overcome. He is glorious, magnificent, mighty, sovereign, victorious. He is no ordinary lion.

This is the Lion who was prophesied to come, who was destined to rule!

From Judah

Genesis 49:8

- Jacob is prophesying over Judah
- His brethren will honour and praise Him
- His hand shall be on the neck of His enemies
- His enemies will be crushed before Him

v.9 – Judah is a lion’s whelp

- He lies down as a Lion
- As a Lion, who shall rouse Him

v.10 – The Lion will be SHILOH, a King

- all people will obey Him

Hebrews 7:5-6

- Melchizedek as a priest did not come from Levi (the priesthood under Old Covenant)

v.14 – This One came from Judah, He is a King and a Priest

He is of the Root of David

Isaiah 11:1

- From stem of Jesse (father of David)
- A branch will grow out of this stem

v.10 – a root of Jesse

- He will be a banner for the people
- Gentiles shall come
- His bride will be a resting place, glorious

v.2 – The Spirit of the fear of YHWH rests upon Him

v.3 – His delight is in the fear of YHWH

Do you delight in the fear of YHWH?

Proverbs 30:5 – Every Word of God is pure...do not add to His words...lest He rebuke you and you be found a liar

We are to fear God. The Fear of the Lord is a safe place, it is the beginning of wisdom.

Has prevailed!

Revelation 5:5

- He has prevailed over sin and death

v.6 – He was told to look at the Lion and when He looked He saw a Lamb with seven horns and seven eyes

- He turned but He did not see a Lion
- The Lion of the Tribe of Judah is the Lamb of God
- He is One
- He is fierce and gentle
- He was fierce in being a sacrifice to destroy sin and the work of the devil
- So He is worthy to open the seals of the scroll
- He is a mighty man of war

Revelation 3:21

- Those who overcome will be granted to sit with Jesus on His throne, just like Jesus overcame
- Jesus prevailed, overcame, by laying down His life
- This is the way to rule as King

We are to follow Jesus. We are to follow the Lion wherever He is going, follow the King wherever He goes.

A Roar is coming forth!

A natural lion's roar can be heard up to 8kms away

When the Lion roars there are two results

Joel 3:16

- YHWH will roar from Zion
- Where is Zion? It is the heavenly Jerusalem, the church (**Hebrews 12:22**)
- The heavens and the earth will shake when He roars
- YHWH will be a shelter for His people at the same time
- After He roars He then speaks, prophesies

v.17 – you will know who He is, Jerusalem will be holy

Amos 1:2

- YHWH roars from Zion
- **He prophesies and pronounces judgement**

➤ **The Fear of the Lord is released – it is coming back to the church**

Hosea 5:14

- Fear of the Lord is coming, will you yield?
- YHWH will be as Lion to Ephraim and Judah
- He will tear His people and take them away
- He will return to His place until they acknowledge their offense

Hosea 6:1

- Hosea encourages the people to return
- He tears but He will heal
- He strikes but He will bind up, bandage
- Hosea knows YHWH, He will heal
- YHWH tears apart so that we will come back into alignment with His purpose

Amos 3:7

- God does nothing without first revealing it to His prophets
- A Lion has roared! Who will not fear?
- The Lord YHWH has spoken, who can but prophesy?
- When the Lion roars, prophecy flows
- All God's people are to prophesy. Speak His Word. You will not be afraid of man but will be afraid of Him because you have seen the Lion!

Do you want to prophesy? Let us seek God, let us pursue Him. Let us lock eyes with Him and follow Him.

Sons will come forth

Hosea 11:10

- They shall walk after YHWH
- He will roar like a lion
- When He roars, then His sons will come
- The sons will come forth from every corner of the earth
- They will come trembling (Hb. SC#2729,2730 'Charad' – to shudder with terror, to fear, to quake and to have reverential fear)
- These sons are walking in the fear of the Lord

- **It is time for Jesus to be revealed as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the King with total dominion and authority!**
- **It is time to see and to be seen**
- **It is time to look into His eyes and allow His eyes to search you**
- **It is time for Jesus the Lion to roar**
- **It is time for His people to tremble at His word and in His presence**
- **It is time for the fear of YHWH to be released**
- **It is time for His sons to prophesy and cause His voice, His roar, to be heard throughout the earth**
- **It is time for a breaking open, a coming forth, a revealing of the mighty Lion of the Tribe of Judah and His Bride**

THE REMNANT

There is something that God is wanting to say to us through this school

He wants to bring us into something new

Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega

We talk a lot about Him being the Alpha (the Beginning) but what about the "Omega"?

What does the finish look like?

We are actually walking in some measure of restoration already

We are looking for the other members of this remnant

What is a "remnant"? - the leftovers, the last part

Colossians 3:12

- The remnant is "the elect of God"

What should the elect of God look like?

- **v.9** - they do not lie to each other
- **v.10** – we should look like the new man, which is in the image of God who created him
- the remnant does not look like a "church" structure, but a people who are growing in the image of God, being changed and putting on the new man, growing in the likeness of God
- **Colossians 1:15** – Christ, the Son, is the image of the invisible God – we are to be like Him

A generation of people who seek the face of God

Micah 2:12

- God will assemble all of Jacob (Jacob is the grandson of Abraham, a Hebrew)
- **Psalm 24:1-6** – earth is YHWH's and the world and all those dwelling therein
- God owns everything and everyone
- The one's who will stand before God are those who seek Him, seek the God of Jacob. Jacob is the generation of those who seek God!
- **Genesis 28:10-22** – Jacob came to a certain place, fell asleep, he dreamed a dream and saw YHWH and heard Him speak, He renewed the covenant that He made with Abraham. Jacob said the place was dreadful because YHWH was in this place. It is the house of God, the gate of heaven.
- **Jacob is a generation of people who seek the face of God**
- The Assembly is the church – we are being assembled by God, placed into the Body of Christ (**1 Cor.12:18**)

"Remnant of Israel"

- God is gathering the remnant of Israel

What is Israel?

- Jacob and Israel are the same person – **Genesis 32:24-30** – Jacob wrestles with the Man from heaven
- **Gen.32:26** – Jacob said he would not let the Man go until he was blessed – Jacob was a seeker of God and would not let Him go until he was blessed
- **v.27-28** – Jacob means “supplanter, deceiver” – no longer “Jacob”, you have struggled with God and men and have prevailed, you will be called “Israel”, meaning, “the man who overcame God, the man who broke through to get the blessing of God”
- **Jacob was tenacious in seeking God and God gave him a new nature, a new name**
- **Israel is the overcomers (Revelation 2-3** – promises to overcomers)
- The remnant are the overcomers, overcoming the issues of life to live for God

This remnant is not small - but not a majority

- He will put us together **like sheep of the flock**

John 10:16 – Jesus is the Good Shepherd, the “I AM the Good Shepherd

- He has other sheep that are not of the fold of natural Israel
- They will come and there will be One flock, One Shepherd

Micah 2:13

- The One who breaks open will come up before them
- Look at this assemble who are of Jacob, the generation of God seekers
- Look at what happens to Israel, the one who breaks through with God and gets blessed
- Let us be part of this assembly, this remnant
- Who is the Breaker? It is Jesus the Messiah
- **1 Corinthians 15:25** – Jesus is reigning, has officially defeated His enemies, but is waiting for His church to be walking in that victory over all His enemies
- **The King will pass before them**
- **YHWH is at their head**

There needs to be those who will Breakthrough

1 Samuel 14:6

- Jonathon is getting ready to fight the Philistines with his armorbearer
- God can save by many or by few
- Do not be surprised if not everybody wants to be involved, it will involve suffering, courage

What needs to be set in place?

- Discipleship (all ministries of **Eph.4:11** functioning) - so every believer can continue until they are fully equipped to step out for God themselves

The Structure for: Salvation → Discipleship → Training → Apostleship (the Sending)

The Remnant will come from the mountain of YAHWEH's house

Micah 4:1

- This will come to pass in the "latter days" (was not for Micah's day)
- What is the Mountain of YHWH's house? In the natural YHWH's house was built on Moriah, the place of sacrifice of the Son
- What do mountains speak of? In **Daniel** mountains speak of kingdoms
- The Kingdom expression of YHWH's house (the church, God's people) will be exalted above the hills
- What are the hills? Places of worship, Christian and other

The Mountain is really Zion

The Church is on the Mountain of Zion – in the place of God's government and kingdom

- In prophetic Scriptures, Jerusalem and Zion are very often speaking of the same place
- The apostolic theology of the Old Testament must be followed – i.e. following the way the apostles interpreted the Old Testament Scriptures

What are the nations? Those not in covenant with God

- **Isaiah 56** – speaks of foreigners and even eunuchs were welcomed to come to be part of the people of God and be in the house of God

The nations will say they want to come and go up to the mountain of YHWH, to the house of the God of Jacob – **Acts 10** – Peter went to the house of Cornelius, the Gentiles/nations, and they were happy to receive the Word

- This is how the nations come

What happens to the nations on the mountain, in the house?

- He will teach us – taught the Word
- We will walk in His paths – training to walk in the ways, being a Timothy

Out of Zion the law (Hebrew "torah" the teaching/instruction) shall go forth

- The teaching is how to live for God, not "law" but instructing us how to love God, how to stay in relationship with Him (keeping the Sabbath, not worshipping other gods etc)
- The Word of YHWH will go out of Jerusalem, the City

How will God judge many nations?

Micah4:3 – Through the people that have assembled on Mt Zion and Jerusalem

- Nations will be rebuked
- Weapons will be used for farming implements

v.4 – no one can make you afraid when you are part of this remnant

- when you are in the kingdom, you are not afraid

v.5 – all other people's will be walking in the name of their gods – let them!

- we will walk in the name of YHWH forever

This is the Omega – the Finish – living securely in the kingdom, walking in the name of YHWH our God

Messiah's people are the Remnant

Micah 5:2/Matthew 2:1-6

- In Bethlehem of Judea the Messiah will be born, HE will "shepherd My people Israel"
- A bit more written in **Micah**
- **The Messiah born in Bethlehem is a great ruler coming into the earth from eternity**

This is in the context of the remnant

- **Micah 5:3** – the remnant of His (Messiah's) brethren shall return to the children of Israel (the overcomers)

Who are the Brethren?

Matthew 12:46-50

- Mother and brothers of Jesus are standing outside looking to talk to Jesus
- Who is My mother and who are My brothers?
- Jesus looked at His disciples – "Here are My mother and My brothers...whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother, sister and mother"
- Jesus' brethren are the remnant, the disciples

Matthew 25:31-46

- Nations will be judged on how they treated to the brethren of Jesus

Who are the brethren of Jesus?

Hebrews 2:10-12

- In the midst of the assembly/church
- The brethren of Jesus are in the church, the ekklesia, born again people

The remnant are the new covenant people of God

Zechariah 8:6

A beautiful picture of restoration of the city of Jerusalem

- It is marvellous: the remnant of the people of these days

v.7-8 – yes, He will bring the remnant back

- God is doing it and it will be marvellous in your eyes when you see it
- our preaching and teaching are to reveal what God is doing!!!!!!!

Romans 9-11 – the unfolding of the place of the Jewish people in the New Covenant – it is a mystery, do not be too quick to jump to conclusions

9:24-26 – Jews and Gentiles both called

- Those who were not God's people will be called the sons of the Living God

v.27 – **the remnant of natural Israel will be saved**

v.28-29 – If God did not give Israel a seed then they would have been totally wiped out

- God's mercy and grace to natural Israel is directly linked to God's relationship with the patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob/Israel

- **The seed is the remnant**

The remnant is the Body of Messiah

- Not the mixed up divided denominational church
- That is not the church in the Bible

- The remnant is the Body of Messiah
- In this Body there is 1st apostles, 2nd prophets... (**1 Cor.12:28**)
- The remnant are the called out ones (church), called out to be a recognizable people
- Do not worry if you are called a sect or a cult
- Believe with your heart and confess with your mouth you will be saved, does not matter if you are a Jew or Gentile
- **Rom.9:29** – God leaves a remnant otherwise wickedness would fully take over

Who is the Seed?

Galatians 3:16 – The seed of Abraham is Christ, who would bless all nations

- He takes away the curse so that we can receive the Spirit of God

We are saved by faith – **Romans 10:17** – by receiving the rhema word

Romans 10:14-17

- The preacher can only go if you are sent
- If you are not sent who are you representing?
- There are many lone wolves, wanting to make disciples after themselves
- Hear the Word and be sent

Romans 11:1

- God has not cast away His people
- Apostle Paul is proof that God did not cast away the Israelites because there will be a remnant of which he is part of

v.2-5 – God has reserved for Himself 7000 men who have not bowed the knee to Baal

- at this present time there is a **remnant** according to the election of grace

THE ANGEL OF YHWH

- In the Old Testament the word for 'angel' in Hebrew - '*malak*' = a messenger, representative and angel
- From a word which means dispatch as a deputy, a messenger specifically of God [an angel or a priest or a teacher or prophet]
- Does not only refer to heavenly beings
- Over 80 times is referring to the ANGEL
- A title 'The Angel of Yahweh' or sometimes Angel of God – this is a particular "Angel/Messenger", a particular person

The Angel of YAHWEH spoke to Hagar

Gen.16:7

- Hagar fled from Sarai and is in the wilderness
- Now 'The Angel of Yahweh' found her
- **V.9** the Angel spoke to Hagar - don't run away
- The Angel of Yahweh says 'I will'
- The Angel of Yahweh is speaking prophetically to Hagar about the son she will have
- **V.13** Hagar called the **name of 'Yahweh' who spoke to her El Roi = the God who sees**
- This Messenger (the Angel) who spoke to her is Yahweh, God!
- In **John 4** - Jesus spoke to the woman at the well in Samaria; He spoke prophetically to the woman; she felt Jesus was seeing into her life. **v.26** Jesus said 'I AM' the one speaking to you. Jesus, the I AM, sees our lives and knows us – He is "El Roi" – the God-Who-Sees
- In **Gen.16** the Messenger spoke words of comfort to Hagar, He saw her need
- **Rev.5:6** Jesus, the Lamb, sees everything – has seven eyes

Abraham met the Angel

Gen.22

- **V.1-2** God spoke to Abraham and gave him instructions regarding sacrificing his son
- **V.7** Isaac asks 'where is the lamb for sacrifice'
- **V.10** Abraham took the knife
- **V.11** But the Angel of Yahweh called to him from heaven
- **V.12** now I know that you fear God because you did not withhold your son from ME – The Angel is talking
- **V.14** Abraham called the name of the place **Yahweh Yireh [The LORD who provides]**
- **V.15-17** The Angel of Yahweh gives him promises, confirming the covenant
- IN **John 8:56-58** Jesus says 'before Abraham was 'I AM' – Jesus knew Abraham and had seen him and spoken to him – He is the I AM, Yahweh, the Angel!

The Angel of Yahweh is YAHWEH – appearing in a form in which men could talk to Him and hear from Him

Genesis 18 – three men appeared to Abraham **v.2**

- **V.13** - Then Yahweh began to talk with Abraham
- **One of the men was Yahweh** and the other two were angels (**Gen.19:1**)

The Angel prepared a Bride

Gen.24:7

- Yahweh God of heaven – spoke to me and swore to me
- He will send 'His angel before you'
- **V.40** the servant knew that God's angel would be with him to prosper him and make his journey successful
- **Eph.5:26-27** - Christ is preparing His church to present to Himself a glorious church through His servants – the five fold ministers, His messenger is with His servants to help them do the work that they are called to do
- **Gen.24:48** – Yahweh God of Abraham led the servant in the way of truth to get the bride – God's Angel was with him and had prepared the Bride to bring to the Promised Son!

Jacob knew the Angel – El Bethel

Gen.31:11-13

- Then the Angel of God spoke in a dream
- **V.13** – 'I am the God of Bethel' [the God of the House of God]
- Jacob had seen Yahweh in his dream, now reveals himself as the God of Bethel
- **Heb.3:6** - Christ as Son over His own house whose house we are – we are the house of God
- Jacob made a vow to tithe to Yahweh because he had a revelation
- The Angel is "El Bethel", Yahweh, the One over His own House and we are His house!
- **John 5:39** Jesus said – the Scriptures actually testify of Me – the Angel is a revelation of Jesus the Messiah!

The Angel who Redeems

Gen.48:15-16

- Jacob blessing Joseph's sons
- The God who has provided for me – The Angel who has redeemed me ... bless the lads
- **Isa.63:9** the Angel of His Presence saved them, He redeemed them, and He bore them and carried them all the days of old
- **2 Cor.4:6** we see the glory of God in the face/presence of Jesus Christ – and He redeems (**1 Cor.1:30** – Jesus is our Redemption)

Jacob wrestled the Angel

Gen.32:24

- Jacob wrestled with 'a Man'
- **V.26** would not let him go until He blessed him
- He is a name changer – Jesus is the name changer

- **V.28** the man says 'you have struggled with God'
- **V.30** Jacob called the name of the place Peniel – 'face of God', saying 'I have seen God face to face' and my life is preserved
- **John 1:18** 'no one has seen God at any time' – but the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him
- The Man was actually God appearing as a Man – the Son declares Him
- **Col.1:15** the Son is the image of the invisible God – when you see God as a Man, it is the Son of God – Jacob saw the Son of God, a Man, the face of God!
- **Hosea 12:3-5** 'he Jacob struggled with God'
- And he struggled with the Angel
- He found him in Bethel
- 'That is, Yahweh God of hosts [armies]'
- The Man is God, the Angel, found in Bethel (House of God) and His name is Yahweh God of armies!

Joshua met the Commander of the army of YAHWEH

Joshua 5:13-15

- **V.13** Joshua looked and saw a Man with a sword drawn in his hand
- **V.14** Commander of the army [hosts] of Yahweh I have come, and Joshua fell on his face and worshiped
- You do not worship angels and yet this Man received Joshua's worship
- Joshua calls him 'my Lord'
- **Chapter 6:1-5** is about YAHWEH talking to Joshua and giving him the instructions for taking Jericho.
- **John 9:35-38** the man who had been blind believed in Jesus and worshiped Him
- Jesus was worshiped on the earth as God in the flesh

Other examples of the Angel of YAHWEH

- His Angel carries the Name - **Ex.23:20-23; John 5:43**
- The Angel led the children of Israel in the wilderness - **Ex.14:19; 1Cor.10:4**
- The Angel of Yahweh is the covenant maker **Judges 2:1-4; Mal.3:1** the Messenger of the covenant [**1Tim.2:5**]
- The Angel is Yahweh Shalom - **Judges 6:11-24; Jn.8:24,28** (revealed in sacrifice)
- The Angel was in the burning bush – **Ex.3:1-14; Acts 7:30-38**
- The Angel is wonderful – **Judges 13:1-20** referred to as man of God **v.18** my name is 'Wonderful'; **Isa.9:6** name of the Son will be called 'Wonderful'
- His Angel is the Son of God in the fire - **Dan.3:25 & 28; Col.3:4.**

Zech.12:8

- the house of David shall be like God, like the Angel of God.
- The house of the King – if you are in Christ you are in this house
- When the church has come to completeness we will be like Yahweh, the Angel/Messenger

ANGELS

There are angels all around!

There has been much wrong teaching or understanding about angels

But 'What does the Bible say about angels?'

We must not be drawn to angels

Col.2:18-19

- Do not delight in the worship of angels
- intruding into those things which he has not seen
- we are not to intrude into that realm, stay in our own sphere
- not holding fast to the Head – [Christ], not to shift our focus from Christ
- We do not connect to God through angels! We are to stay focused on Christ!

Word meaning:

- Angel = '*malak/malach*' = messenger – could be earthly or heavenly

Angels sent by YAHWEH with a purpose

Genesis 19:1-2

- Two angels came to Sodom – Lot recognised them as special and important, he bowed before them
- **Gen.18:1-2** Abraham saw three men, and bowed before them – two of them went on to Sodom
- Yahweh and two angels came to meet Abraham – they looked like men and ate food
- **V.10** the 'men' reached out their hands to Lot
- The angels looked like men
- The angels were forceful and powerful – they could do signs and wonders, they struck the men of Sodom with blindness
- **V12-13** – they are sent by YAHWEH, sent with a purpose – authority to bring judgement
- Also sent to save righteous Lot
- **V.15-16** – the angels were insistent with Lot and his wife – they took hold of their hands to pull them out of the city; exercised mercy to God's people
- Angels are given their direction by God, not directed by men
- **V.21-22** – the angels gave specific instructions, and they obey orders from God
- It is possible to have conversations with them

In the house of God there are angels

Genesis 28:11-12

- Jacob had a dream – he saw a ladder with angels ascending and descending on it, Yahweh stood above it; it was a revelation of the house of God
- In the house of God there are angels
- **Heb.12:22** – we have come to an innumerable company of angels

- In the house of God there is a gate/door between heaven and earth where things can come together
- These messengers in the house of God could speak of us, the sons of God – ascending in the heavenly realm through worship and prayer, then releasing God’s will on the earth through preaching and proclamation
- They could also be heavenly messengers doing the bidding of God in answers to our prayers
- **John 1:51** Jesus gives interpretation of the dream – you will see heaven opening and angels ascending and descending on the Son of Man
- Jesus is the connection point between heaven and earth – angels/messengers go up and down on and through Him (**Col.1:19-20, Eph.1:10**)

Angels of God

- Angels do what God tells them to do, they do not do what man tells them to do!
- Angels are commanding men what to do as they have been told by God
- Angels will point us to the Head – Christ

Genesis 32:1-2

- Jacob went on his way and ‘the angels of God’ met him
- Jacob saw them and said ‘this is God’s camp’ – a company of soldiers, God’s ‘army camp’ followed Jacob wherever he went
- The angels had gone with him
- If you see angels it is God encouraging you, not for you to get fascinated by them, but to know that God is with you

2 Kings 6:14-17

- Elisha’s servant saw the natural army around the city
- Elisha prayed that his eyes would be opened so he would see
- Spiritually the army of God was all around Elisha – covering him and protecting him

Luke 1:11

- Zacharias in the holy place and an angel of the Lord appeared to him – he was troubled and fearful
- **V.13** the angel spoke and told him not to be afraid
- In answer to prayer, sometimes God will send an angel
- The angel began to prophesy – to tell the message that God wanted to give to him
- **V.18** Zacharias questioned him
- **V.19** The angel said ‘I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God’
[**Matt.18:10-11**]
- Angels are sent, they have authority and power
- Believe what the angels tell you

God manifested in the flesh was seen by angels

1 Timothy 3:16

- The mystery of Godliness
- God ... manifesting in the flesh ... was seen by angels

- Seen = beheld as something remarkable – behold

1. At His conception - Luke 1:26 – the angel Gabriel sent by God

- **V.28** when Mary saw the angel, she was troubled
- Angels respectfully speak to humans
- The angel prophesied
- He gave instructions to Mary about what was going to happen
- Mary received the word [rhema] from the angel
- [**Matt.1:20** – angels can come in dreams]
- **Matt.1:24** – both Mary and Joseph obeyed the angel sent by God

2. At the birth of Jesus

- **Luke 2:9-12** an angel appeared to the shepherds
- the glory of the Lord shone around them – angels carry God’s glory
- the shepherds were very afraid
- the angel said, ‘do not be afraid’ and again the angel prophesied
- **v.13** more angels appeared – a multitude and they were praising God
- **Heb.1:6** – speaking of the Son of God, all the angels of God worship Him
- the shepherds obeyed what the angels told them

3. The flight into Egypt

- **Matt.2:13** ‘behold an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream’ and gave Joseph instructions to protect what God was doing
- **Matt.2:19-20** the angel appeared to Joseph again in Egypt as he had promised
- **Heb.1:14** angels are ‘ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation’
- angels are sent forth to minister to God’s people, to serve God’s people and help them fulfil the will and purpose of God

4. In the Wilderness

- **Matthew 4:11** angels came to Jesus and ministered to Him, served Him
- when we have been through a difficult time, angels can come to encourage us
- don’t try and control angel activity
- if you are in the will of God, God will send His angels, it is not for us to try and command them

5. The Garden of Gethsemane

- **Luke 22:43** ‘Then an angel appeared to Him [Jesus] from heaven strengthening Him’
- After a major victory over His own will – then the angel came to strengthen Him
- **Matt.26:53** – Jesus could have prayed to Father and said “He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels”
- Not even Jesus commanded angels!
- God can release angels if He wants to do it, not because we command them to come

- Don't intrude in God's realm! Even Jesus while on earth never commanded angels what to do
- Jesus was strengthened = invigorated

6. At the resurrection

- **Luke 24:4-7** Angels pointed the women to Jesus
- **John 20:11-13** angels looked like men

7. At the ascension

- **Acts 1:9-11** Angels gave instructions to the disciples who saw Jesus ascend

Angels in the book of Acts

- Angels can get you out of prison - **Acts 5:19-20; Acts 12:5-10**
- Angels are not sent to preach the gospel, the angel told Peter and John to preach the gospel

Angels in evangelism – Acts 10:1-5

- An angel appeared to Cornelius in a vision – the angel knew his name, he came in answer to prayers
- The angel told Cornelius to go and get Peter to come and preach the gospel to his household – angels are not sent to preach the gospel – this is the job of men
- **Acts 8:26-29** an angel instructed Philip to evangelise the Ethiopian man – again the angel did not preach but instructed a preacher on who to talk to

Angels will back you up when you confess Jesus before men - Luke 12:8-9

THE NEW JERUSALEM

PREPARED AS A BRIDE

God is bringing forth a New Jerusalem

Matthew 21:42

- The Stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone
- **v.43** – the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it

Matthew 23:37-38

- Jesus is lamenting and weeping over Jerusalem
- Jerusalem was not willing to be gathered under Jesus' wings, the Messiah's wings
- Now Jesus does not identify with it "Your house" not "My house", is left to you desolate

Matthew 24:1-2

- Temple was going to be destroyed
- Jesus was saying this because He was about to die
- The Old was going and there was going to be a New Creation
- Through the resurrection of Jesus, He would bring forth something completely new

God will never live in a place that flesh has made, that man has made

He was going to bring forth a New Jerusalem

The "New" started at the resurrection

The New Jerusalem is a people

Psalms 132:13

- YHWH has chosen Zion
- He desired Zion for His dwelling place
- He has always wanted a dwelling place on the earth
- Zion is a resting place forever
- Temple in Jerusalem was not forever
- Zion is God's resting place forever

v.14 - He has desired it (desire is a word used of the heart toward someone you love)

v.15-18 – It all talks about people – "her poor", "priests", "saints"...

- Zion is a people
- the New Jerusalem is a people, a city

The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure ...

Matthew 13:44

- This parable was only shared with His disciples
- Kingdom (rule and reign of God) of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field...
- Sells everything and goes to buy the field

Genesis 2 - out of the dust of the earth, "hidden" in the dust of the earth He created the man

- The man and the woman sinned, and that treasure was again "hidden" in the earth
- The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in the field, the man finds it and sells everything to get this treasure

Matthew 13:45-46

- Merchant seeking pearls
- Found one pearl of great price, sold everything
- We are Jesus' treasure

Deuteronomy 26:18

- We are God's **special** people
- "special" Heb '*segullah*' SC#5459 – Possession, personal property, special treasure...jewels...in Scripture God's treasure is human beings
- Why? We are made in His image and likeness and because He wants to be married to this city (of people), a people to live in and dwell in

A treasure is found

John 4 v.19-26 – illustrates a treasure being found

- You Jews say we should worship in Jerusalem
- it is neither this mountain (of Samaria) or on Jerusalem
- we are to worship in Spirit and Truth
- He was offering her "living water" – He was offering to come and live in her by the Spirit, put His Presence in her and it would cause her to never thirst again
- She was talking to the Cornerstone
- The Cornerstone was talking to that precious stone, that treasure hidden in Samaria
- Then she realises that He is the Messiah
- She went back and the rest of the village began to believe
- a living stone, a precious stone was added to the Cornerstone and Zion was being built!!!!

Living stones

1 Peter 2:2-6 (Isaiah 28:16)

- We come to Him as to a Living Stone
- He is chosen by God and precious
- We are living stones being built up a spiritual house
- There will never be a physical temple built to house God in the earth
- The mountain of Zion will one day fill the earth
- It is contained in Scripture that God lays a stone in Zion, a chief cornerstone, elect and precious
- **v.9** – now we are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people

- this is a new people, a new man, a new creation, a new city, made up of Jew and Gentile in Christ (**Eph.2:15**)

Exodus 19:5-6

- A special treasure to Me
- Above all people
- All the earth is God's, a kingdom of priests
- These words were spoken to Moses, but Peter saw these words as fulfilled in Christ by living stones being built onto the Chief Cornerstone

Malachi 3:17

- The day God makes us His jewels – people are His jewels

Exodus 24:9-10

- Moses and leaders and 70 elders went up the mountain
- They saw the God of Israel
- Under God's feet a paved work of sapphire stone, like very heavens in clarity
- **Revelation 21:11** – carried away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God – Her light like a most precious stone, like a jasper, clear as crystal – this is what Moses and the elders saw

Jacob took a stone

Genesis 28:10-17

- Jacob took a stone
 - This is the house of God, the gate of heaven
 - He took the Stone, He anointed the Stone, set it up as a pillar
- v.22** – this stone that was set as a pillar will be God's house, this is the gate of heaven
- **This is the beginning of Zion, this Stone is the beginning stone of Zion**

Precious stones represent the people of God

Exodus 28:5-11

- The Ephod of the High Priest
- God is telling Moses how to build the Tabernacle so that God can come and live with His people
- Gold, blue, purple and scarlet thread and fine woven linen
- Two onyx stones and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel
- Six on one stone and six on the other
- Set them in settings of gold
- They represented the people of God, they were in settings of gold
- The children of Israel were His Special Treasure
- When Aaron would go into the Tabernacle, He was always carrying the children of Israel on His shoulders

Exodus 28:15-30 – Breastplate

- it shall be doubled into a square (there is meaning in all of this)
- gold, blue, scarlet, purple, fine woven linen
- settings of stones in the breastplate
- 12 different special stones set in gold settings (surrounded by the glory)

- The breastplate of judgement went over the ephod
- Aaron was carrying the people on His shoulder and carrying them in his heart
- the stones were God's special treasure, His people
- It was always pointing to the fulfilment that Peter saw
- never fulfilled in a physical temple
- the government will be upon His shoulder
- the High Priest was a type of Christ carrying the government of God's people
- we are to take His yoke upon us, be married to Him
- a picture of Bride and Bridegroom – the Groom was dressed with the Bride
- doubled as a "square" – Ezekiel's temple was a square, Ezekiel saw a New Jerusalem, perfect
- In **Revelation** the city is a square, a cube, speaking of perfection and completion

Stones and Jewels always represent God's people

Christ is preparing for Himself a glorious Bride

Ephesians 5:22-33

- Christ is the head of the church
- Christ is the Saviour of the Body
- Church is subject to Him
- Christ loved the church giving Himself for her
- He is preparing her as a glorious Bride
- The marriage is speaking of Christ and the Church
- This is Zion, God's resting place forever

1 Corinthians 6:17

- He who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him
- This is indivisible

Ephesians 2:19-22

- This is the house of God
- This is Zion
- Members of household of God
- Foundation of apostles and prophets
- Jesus the Messiah is the Chief Cornerstone
- Living stones are built on the Chief Cornerstone
- He has put elders, gifts, ministries into this house so that the house builds itself up
- In Christ the whole building fits together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord
- We are being built together to be a dwelling place for God in the Spirit
- The beautiful stones best described the nature of God's special people

Ephesians 4:11-13

- Christ Himself gave the ministries
- To do the work of the ministry
- To build up the body of Christ
- Till we come to a Perfect Man – is another way of describing this new creation, this new man (**Eph.2:15-16, 2 Cor.5:17**)

- Jesus never indicated that the Temple would be re-built – **John 2:16-21** – destroy this temple and I will build it in three days!! Speaking of His Body

That we would be One

John 17:20

- Jesus was praying for you and me as the ones who would believe on Him through the apostles' word
- That we would be One
- Jesus is talking about marriage in terms of the Spirit, not in sensuality
- As Father in Me and I in You that they may be One in Us
- **V.23** – Jesus in us, the Father in Jesus that they may be made perfect in One

Isaiah 54:5-8

- Your Maker is your husband
- YHWH of armies is His name
- Your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel
- He is the God of the whole earth
- **v.11-12** – stones of the city – sapphires, colourful gems, pinnacles of rubies, crystal, precious stones

The Glory of Zion shall be seen

Isaiah 62:1-5

- Zion's righteousness shall go forth
- Gentiles shall see your righteousness
- You will be called by a "New name"
- You shall be a crown of glory
- You shall be a royal diadem
- Our God shall rejoice over us as a husband

Isaiah 61:10-11

- As a bridegroom decks Himself with ornaments
- As a bride decks herself with jewels
- Lord YHWH will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all nations

Isaiah 60:1-3

- Jesus the Light has come. His glory surrounds us and rises on us
- **There will be darkness but at the same time a glorious bride church**

Isaiah 2:1-4

- The latter days – these began at Pentecost
- The mountain of YHWH's house shall be established above all other governments
- Come to the house of the God of Jacob (**Gen.28**)
- Out of Zion (where the Stone is laid and living stones are being built)

Micah 4:1-4

Daniel 2:35 – the Stone grew into a mountain that filled the whole earth

Where does Zion find its fulfilment? In a glorious Bride church

Revelation 21:1 - A new heaven and a new earth – all things new

- **v.2** – saw the holy city, New Jerusalem
- she was prepared as a Bride adorned for her husband
- **v.3** – the Tabernacle of God is with men – this begun to be fulfilled on Pentecost in **Acts 2** when God began to live in people on the earth
- **v.4** – God is wiping away our tears, we do not sorrow as those with no hope
- there is no more death for us (**Jn.11:25-26**)
- **v.5** – He makes all things new

- **v.9** – John was shown the Bride, the Lamb's wife
- **v.10-14** – the great and high wall of the city was the names of the 12 tribes of Israel
- the foundation of the walls was named after the 12 apostles of the Lamb

- **v.16-21** – measurements are not literal but to be understood in the Spirit
- precious stones making up the material

- **v.22-27**
- no temple, no sun, no moon
- Lord God and Lamb are its temple (in Him)
- glory illumines the city

Revelation 22:1 - Out of this city flows rivers of living waters (**Jn.7:37-39, 4:14**)

THE OMEGA

Jesus is Alpha and Omega

Revelation 1:8

- I am the Alpha and Omega
- Is in red writing because translators believe this was talking of Jesus
- I am the Beginning and End
- The Almighty
- **v.1** – this is “the Revelation of Jesus Christ” – the One who was born in Bethlehem of the virgin Mary...

- John hears this One speaking “I am the Alpha”
- “Alpha” is first letter of the Greek alphabet
- “Omega” is the last letter of Greek alphabet
- **“Omega” means the finality, the end of a thing**
- He is the First and the Last
- He is the One “who is, who was, and who is to come”
- **Philippians 2:5-6** – Christ Jesus, existing in the form of God
- He was then found in the appearance of a man
- There can only be one beginning and one end
- Creation had a beginning and it has an end

John 1:1 - In the beginning was the Word

- **Genesis 1:1** - In the beginning God...
- John then says the Word was God

We are speaking of the full cosmic reality and plan of God – the purpose of creation
He is the Almighty – Shaddai in Hebrew

Revelation 22:6 – The Lord God of the holy prophets –

- sent His angel/messenger
- **v.7, 12** – “I am coming quickly”
- **v.13** – I am the Alpha and the Omega

Revelation 21:6

- context of **v.1-5** is awesome about new heavens and earth, new Jerusalem, God dwelling with His people, all things being made new (**2 Cor.5:17**)
- The One who sat on the Throne said...

Who is the One who sat on the Throne?

Revelation 3:21 – Jesus is seated on His Father’s Throne, and we who overcome will sit with Him on the same throne

- The One who sat on the Throne said, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega...

There is a link between the Omega and the Fountain of the water of life

- The Alpha and Omega gives of the Fountain of the water of Life freely to those who thirst
- The revelation of the Omega is linked to the Fountain
- The Beginning and the End is linked to the Fountain

Isaiah 41:4

- YHWH, the First and with the Last
- It is Him
- He calls the generations from the beginning
- YHWH = the Eternal One
- YHWH is the First, the Alpha, the Beginning – who else says He is the First and Last?
- **v.17** – YHWH will hear the thirsty, He will not forsake them
- **v.18** - He will open rivers in the desolate heights
- fountains in the valleys
- pools of water in the wilderness, springs of water in the dry land
- the Omega is about the End, the goal

Zechariah 13:1

- In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem
- When that fountain is opened, He will cut of the high places and idols from the land (**v.2**)
- Not simply “come as you are” but “come and be washed by the blood of Jesus”, come and be washed by the water of the word” (**Eph.5:26**)

Revelation 22:17

- Spirit and the Bride say, “Come!”
- Not speaking of Come Lord Jesus
- Is actually the Spirit and the Bride calling the thirsty to Come and Drink of the water of life freely!
- Bride comes to the water first and gets cleaned up
- Then whoever desires let him take
- Whoever hears this word come and take of the water of life freely

v.20 – then Jesus says He will come quickly

“Omega” = the finality, the end

- To talk of the end there must first be a beginning
- Jesus says He is the Beginning and End
- There is a start and a finish
- Apostle Paul said to run like you will finish the race (**1 Cor.9:24-25**) – Jesus will give you the strength for the run if you want to run. It is your choice. He will not help you run if you are not sure you want to be in the race. The strength comes based on conviction.
- We need to intend to finish

Hebrews 12:2

- Jesus is the Author and Perfecter of Faith
- We begin the race the moment we are born again
- The moment we believe we begin
- There is also an end to our faith, a finish
- **v.1** – we are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses; they are watching us and well aware of what we are doing
- they are witnesses, they can see you
- are you a volunteer to work hard for Jesus
- so lay aside every weight and sin
- put it all aside, learn to hear yourself when you start whining and catch yourself because you have to reach the end
- get back in the race
- run the race with endurance
- **v.2** – looking unto Jesus the Author (Originator) and Finisher (Perfecter) of faith
- we are looking at the One who brings us to the End, who Perfects us
- everyone who God calls He intends to perfect, to bring to the end

We are to come from being babies to being mature

Ephesians 4:12-16

- Five ministries must be perfecting the saints until we all come to a "Perfect Man"
- The Omega, the End, is a Perfect Man – looking like Jesus, at the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ
- The Perfect One is in us and can and will be seen in us
- **v.14** - We should no longer be children (infants/babies who cannot yet speak)
- We are come from infants to maturity
- He saves us and we become babies but the End is maturity, being a functioning member of the mature Body of Christ in the earth, no longer tricked by various doctrines and beliefs

Matthew 13

- Parable of Sower
- If you sow seed, you expect a harvest
- The Omega, the End, is the harvest
- The Seed is the Beginning
- We are not just to carry the Seed; the seed is meant to come to maturity and produce a harvest
- The minimum harvest Jesus speaks of is 30-fold, then 60-fold and then 100-fold

Jesus is the Shepherd of the Sheep

Psalm 23 – we begin as babies being given everything we need

- He feeds us, He restores us
- Then we grow being led in paths of righteousness
- Then He takes us through the valley of the shadow of the death – it is time to grow up and learn to go through adversity
- Jesus takes us through the valley

- We need to push through
- As you come through then your head gets anointed with oil, a new and fresh anointing is released through the trial
- Then there is a Table prepared for you in the Presence of your enemies – get into the rest, sit down at the Table
- Jesus' goal for the Sheep is "we will dwell in the house of YHWH forever"
- The Omega, the End, of the work of the Shepherd is that we dwell in the house of YHWH forever

The Feasts

- **The Alpha** = Passover, saved
- Pentecost = empowered
- **The Omega** = Tabernacles – ruling and reigning with Jesus

Dwelling in the secret place

Psalm 91

- We are to dwell in the secret place of the Most High
 - Where is the secret place? It is behind the veil where the mysteries of God are revealed, where you hear the whispers of God
 - This is the Omega
 - The Almighty is behind the veil between the wings of the cherubim
 - We are to preach and share the goal, the Omega
 - We are to make our dwelling place with God in the Holy of Holies
 - This is learning to live in the Omega, the fulfilment of all things
 - **v.4** – He will cover us with His "feathers"
 - the only beings in the Bible we know who could have feathers are the cherubim and seraphim
 - It is in the Most Holy Place where the wings are
 - We find covering under His wings, under the wings of the cherubim
 - this is where we meet with God and speak with God (**Ex.25:22**)
 - **v.5** – if we hang out in the secret place, we will not be afraid of whatever happens and it will not come near us
 - **v.9-11** – then He will protect us
- The statement of Jesus "I am the Alpha and Omega" is set in eternity

John 1:3

- All things were made through Him (the Word)
- **Genesis 1:1** - Creation happened, it is not eternal, it came forth
- It came through the Word, who became flesh, Jesus

Revelation 4

- God created all things for His pleasure
- Creation is all God's idea
- **Genesis 8:22** – seasons will continue as long as the earth endures

God's purpose in creation. Why did he create? What is the Omega?

1. Hebrews 2:10 – to bring many sons to glory

- **Romans 8:18-21** – the Omega is many sons to set creation free into the glory
- To do that Christ had to manifest to reveal God in the flesh, to set the pattern of the Perfect Son
- The answer for creation is many sons!!

2. To bring forth a glorious church

- **Ephesians 5:26-27** – a spotless Bride
- **Revelation 21:2-4** – a glorious Bride
- He wants to reveal His dwelling place in creation
- A Glorious church in the earth
- **1 Thess 4:13-18** – He is coming to that church in the earth and there will be a resurrection (**1 Cor.15** – the body is planted and sown but will be raised in glory and incorruption)
- Jesus will have a "coming" to be received by that Bride

3. A Body properly prepared, joined and linked together in Christ

- **Ephesians 2:20b** – Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Corner
- in Whom the whole building is joined and fitted together
- the Omega is to be a holy temple in the Lord (**Jn.2:16-21** – the temple of His Body)
- we are to be a dwelling place of God in the Spirit
- **Eph.4:16** – whole Body joined and knit together, every part contributing
- The Omega is a body in the earth where every member is functioning and edifying itself in love (**1 Cor.14:26**)
- In that Body the members are looking after each other, fellowship...

What is the Omega in Philippians 3:14?

- The goal of the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus
- The goal is those as a company giving up everything to follow Jesus
- If we are mature, we should have that mind and rule
- The result is we will be an example to all others, a pattern

It is time for the Omega

- We are meant to be in the Omega now
- We cannot remain in the Alpha after 2000 years of church history

Acts 3:21

- Jesus is held in heaven until "the times of restoration of all things"
- The Omega is the "restoration of all things"
- Some restorations = Lord's Table, discipleship, sonship, the name of Jesus, baptism....

Hebrews 6:1

- The Omega is the "going on to perfection"
- There is a goal to laying the foundations
- The goal is to bring the believers on to perfection/maturity in Christ

1 Corinthians 3:11 – wrong foundation will lead to the wrong end

- We also must build properly on the foundation otherwise we will lose everything we worked for (**v.12-15**)

This is the Day

Psalm 118:22-24

- What is the Day of YHWH that He has made?
- It is the Day that the Stone was rejected by the builders and became the Chief Cornerstone
- The Day when the Cornerstone was set in place was the day of YHWH that He made
- The Cornerstone is the Alpha

Zechariah 4:7

- The Capstone (the Last Stone to be fitted into the wall – in modern building the “top plate”)
- It is brought forth with shouts of “Grace, grace to it!”
- Capstone is the Completion of the building
- Zerubbabel is type of apostolic ministry building the house of God
- It is brought forth by Grace
- **v.9** – There is an Alpha and Omega happening here
- **Matt.16:18** – Jesus laid the foundation
- the same One who laid the foundation will bring forth the capstone
- Jesus will finish the building of His house today
- through the sons and the five ministries He has given (**Eph.4:11**) to bring the church to maturity and perfection

We are to focus on the End. To get a vision of the completion of all things.

- Are we recognizing and receiving the five ministries?
- Are we growing stronger in the Lord?
- Are we no longer children, able to discern what is of God?

Galatians 4:19 – apostle Paul called them his “little children”

- He was labouring and travailing to see Christ formed in them
- They had their Alpha – they were born again but got waylaid on the way
- The Omega is Christ being formed in them
- God’s purpose is Alpha and Omega

Ephesians 3:19 – in context of prayer beginning at **v.14**

- The Omega is to know the love of Messiah which passes knowledge (goes beyond academic training)

So that we may be filled with all the fullness of God!

- **v.20** – God is able to do this
- we give Him glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever
- The Omega is forever and ever, it will not fade away

SONS ARISE

We are to know who we are in Christ and the purpose of our calling

Numbers 23:24

- A people rises like Lioness and lifts itself up like a Lion
- These are the sons of God arising

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 – the parable of the wheat and the tares

- Good apostolic theology is Scripture interpreting Scripture
- Jesus gives the interpretation of the parable so we do not need to make anything up

- We need to open the ears of our understanding, to be able to hear what the Spirit of God is saying
- In between the parable of the Sower and the Wheat and the Tares Jesus says we are blessed to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God (**Matt.13:11**)

Matt.13:10-12

- Jesus speaks in parables so that His disciples will understand the mysteries while those outside will not
- To all who have, more will be given
- Those ones will have abundance – this is the prosperity we want – abundance of understanding and revelation of Jesus and His kingdom
- To those who do not have, even what they have will be taken away from them
- Sons of God have the revelation, they are asking for the Spirit of wisdom and revelation (**Eph.1:17-19**) – these are not just stories for us but revelation of the kingdom

SONS ARISE AS THE KINGDOM IS PREACHED

Matthew 24:14

- And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world as a witness to all nations. Then the end will come
- It is the **gospel of the kingdom** – not simply “salvation”
- Not a “ticket to heaven”
- The sons will not arise unless the kingdom is preached
- Jesus preached the Kingdom
- **Mark 1:14-15** – Jesus was preaching *the gospel of the kingdom of God* = “time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel!”
- **Jesus preached the way to enter the kingdom**
- These are the eternal words and we will be judged by when we stand before Him
- The promise made to David (**2 Samuel 7:12-14b**) is now fulfilled – The One to reign on David’s Throne is here

Sons know who Jesus is

Mark 1:1 – the beginning of the gospel of Jesus the Christ, the Son of God – we need to know who this Jesus is

- He is the Jesus who is written of in the Bible, He is the Jesus of the Word of God – He is the Word
- Jesus is King of kings and Lord of lords, and what He says is what matters
- We are to preach this gospel

1 Timothy 6:15-16 – Jesus is the Blessed and Only Potentate (Sovereign Ruler)

- He is the King of kings
- He is the End of the Matter, there is no other higher court of appeal
- He is Lord of lords
- In Jesus alone is immortality – there is no death in Him, there is only life, He is a life-giving spirit (**1 Cor.15:45**)
- He laid His life down for us
- Even when we were at our worst Jesus loved us, the King loved us
- He paid the price for the sin that we cherished
- He dwells in unapproachable light
- He alone has all the power

1 Timothy 1:17

- To the King, Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, the Only Wise God
- He is the Beginning and the End – He is Eternal – from the days of Eternity (**Micah 5:2**)
- He is not just a man – He is God manifesting in the flesh
- He is Life, Immortal
- He is invisible, He is with us – where two or more gather in His name He is here (**Matt.18:20**)
- God, who alone is wise, His name is “Immanuel” – God with us (**Matt.1:23**)

1 Timothy 3:16

- Without controversy – no argument so be quiet
- God was manifested in the flesh

When the kingdom of God is preached, sons begin to arise

Acts 5:42 – the apostles did not cease to teach and preach Jesus the Christ

- They were expanding and expounding the Christ

Mark 1:14-15 – the kingdom of God is at hand

- We need to get a deeper understanding of this
- We are to get into the kingdom and the kingdom in us
- This righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit is to be in us (**Romans 14:17**)
- Eternal life is not a place, not a building
- Eternal life is to know the only true God and Jesus the Messiah whom He sent (**John 17:3**)
- We enter this realm, this royal power, this kingship
- This is a kingdom of power and authority

Mark 1:15

- Repent and believe the gospel
- If we do not tell people they need to repent we are robbing them from the blessing
- If they think they can continue in sin and walk in that kingdom it is wrong
- The goodness of God leads to repentance (**Romans 2:4**), we pray for people and God touches them and opens them up to repent

What did Jesus tell the apostles?

Matthew 10:5-12

- as you go, preach - we are to preach
- What do we preach? "The kingdom of heaven is at hand!"
- It is here, the kingdom is here
- What else? Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely give.
- We are to preach and pray, demonstrate, the authority that we are preaching
- We are to pray and believe that God will confirm His Word with signs following

Luke 24:46-49

- Necessary for the Christ to suffer, die and rise from dead on third day – it was written in the Old Testament – Jesus preached from the Old Testament Scriptures (the Word Himself preached and spoke the Word) – **Isaiah 53**
- **Repentance and remission of sins** is to be preached in Jesus' name **to all nations**
- Wait for the power
- What is remission of sins? Sending away of sins, more than forgiveness. Not remembering sins anymore, a divorce from your sins, set apart from your sins. Those sins are buried with Jesus in His death. "He remembers our sins and lawless deeds no more" **Hebrews 8:10**.
- We are to be "witnesses of these things" (**Lk.24:48**)
- We now have a ministry of reconciliation (**2 Cor.5:18-21**) – we will give account for this ministry
- Let us live for eternity now
- It is time for sons to arise now, to come into the place of maturity and begin to walk in all that God has purposed for us
- This sonship is for every one of us – God has a plan and purpose for each one of us to walk in (**Eph. 2:10**)

These sons do not just arise by themselves but together

– A Corporate Son, A Perfect Man

- Many sons of God have not been able to walk fully in what they are called to do because they have only received a "gospel of salvation" and not "the gospel of the kingdom"
- They have a limited vision of the plan of God and so live a limited life in God

Acts 2:36-39

- This Jesus...is Lord and Messiah/Christ
- The people were cut to the heart
- When the truth is taught and preached it actually "cuts the heart"
- You will either be angry with God or you will humble yourself under the hand of God
- When Stephen preached, they were also cut to the heart but their response was to kill Stephen (**Acts 7**)
- Truth cuts to the heart and people either get angry or are humbled and receive Jesus
- **"What shall we do?"** we have decisions that we are responsible for. We are only responsible for our own decisions.
- The answer: Peter did not say for them to pray a prayer after them
- Peter said, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ...and you will receive Holy Spirit..."
- Peter was obedient to Jesus' command in **Luke 24:47** – He preached repentance and remission of sins
- He did not say to wait for a while before baptism
- It is all or nothing for Jesus
- Baptism was part of having sins remitted
- We are about making disciples

When people are discipled, the sons are planted

- The foundations are laid (**Heb.6:1-2**)
- We have to do this Jesus' way
- We need to stop following denominational ways of doing things and humble ourselves and just do what the Word says!!!!
- We are not to be like the Laodicean church, that was lukewarm, and Jesus spewed them out of His mouth
- We are to lose our lives for the gospel's sake
- We are to see the knowledge of the glory of YHWH cover the earth as the waters cover the sea (**Hab.2:14**)
- We must preach and teach the Word

We need to hate our life in this world to keep it for eternal life

If we are to see sons raised up, we need to do it His way

- It will take us laying down our life

We cannot love this present world and fulfil what Jesus has called us to do

- We are not to get comfortable
- We can still think that our lives are our own, but we are His, we were bought at a price (**1 Cor.6:20**)

Sons manifest the Father

Matthew 13:43

- The Sons manifest their Father
- Sons of God reveal our Father in our lives

1 John 3:10

- Children of God and children of devil are manifest
- If not practicing righteousness, we are not of God
- If not loving your brother, not of God
- Sons of God and sons of devil are revealed and made known by what they do
- What they speak comes out of their heart and reveals what is in them
- Who are they manifesting?

1 John 3:1

- "Behold" – when a King comes and enters the place, we are to behold, stop, look and listen
- Look at the love the Father has bestowed on us
- We should be called children/sons of God
- Look at the manner/kind of love (SC#26 'Agape') the Father has bestowed on us
- The children/sons of God manifest this love of God

1 Corinthians 13:1-8a

- Speaking without love is empty
- Using gifts and exercising faith without love still makes us nothing
- Giving up all we own or even dying for the faith without love profits nothing
- In all born again, Spirit filled people there is the capability to love as Jesus loved
- Sons manifest their Father, they manifest this love

1 John 4:7-11

- God is love
- If we are sons manifesting our Father, we will manifest this by loving one another
- If God loved us in the manner of His Son laying down His life for us, so we should also love one another in that same way
- Correction is not easy, but it needs to happen
- This is love

1 Peter 4:7-8

- Because the end of all things is at hand, above all things, have fervent love for one another
- Love covers a multitude of sins

These sons are manifesting their Father, revealing who their Father is

- **Sons grow to maturity as they function in the Body of Messiah**
- **Sons walk in their inheritance as they receive the Spirit of adoption**
- **All creation is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God**

THE PERFECT BRIDE

THE JOURNEY OF THE BRIDE

We are in the days of the Omega, bringing forth the water of the word (**Eph.5:26-27**)

Ezekiel 16 v.1-2

- the word is towards Jerusalem
- Jerusalem = the teaching of peace [to teach to instruct, to point someone in the right direction]
- Jerusalem – a place where people are pointed to the Prince of peace
- **Heb.12:22** – this is where we have come to – we have come to the heavenly Jerusalem
- Descending out of heaven (**Rev.21:2**)
- There is an invisible preparation in us, our inward man and character being transformed and conformed to the image of His Son (**Rom.8:29**)
- Coming from a realm above, to be revealed in the earth realm [**1Thes.4:16** – Jesus descending; **2Thes.1:7** – Jesus revealed from heaven]
- Jerusalem 'descending' from heaven is same as being 'revealed' from heaven – the invisible becoming visible
- We are being prepared as a Bride in a heavenly realm (**Eph.2:6**) and we will 'descend', be 'revealed' – all of creation is waiting for this manifestation (**Rom.8:19-21**)

Gen.14:18 – first mention of Salem

- Melchizedek – King of Salem, King of Righteousness
- The Eternal priesthood that remains forever
- Salem (Jerusalem) has an eternal King, an eternal King/Priest

Jer.3:17

- Jerusalem shall be called the Throne of Yahweh
- **V.14** God will bring us to Zion (**Heb.12:22**) – it is happening "one from a city and two from a family" – not mass numbers but those who are seeking!
- **V.15** these ones will be given shepherds according to My heart to feed them with knowledge and understanding
- **V.17** These people, Jerusalem, will be the Throne of Yahweh, and all the nations shall be gathered to it!

Do you remember where you came from?

Ezek. 16

- **V.2** Cause her to know her abominations
- **V.3** – not a pure birth, not a good heritage – where we came from, not godly
- **V.4-5** – not a good start, a reject, do you remember where you came from?

- On the day you were born you were not cared for – no one showed you mercy, you were rejected, loathed

Things change when YAHWEH passes by!

- But God
- **Ezek.16:6** things change when Yahweh passes by
- When God passed by, He said 'LIVE' – be revived, be restored to life, be resurrected
- Yahweh sees us struggling in our own situation when he passes by and speaks to us – Live
- God steps into the situation
- **John 5:24-25** – passed from death into life, when you hear the voice of the Son of God – you will live
- The word of God speaks to you in your sin/death and He says 'live' and you become born again – new life enters in.

This is Passover – the born-again experience

- **Eph.2:1** You He made alive, who were dead in sin
- **Eph.2:5-6** By grace you have been saved and you have been raised up

Ezek.16:7

- Thrive like a plant
- Thrive – like a multitude; you became many;
- you grew – enlarged; became many, a multitude
- Matured = waxed great; became important, powerful and large;
- Beautiful – excellent ornaments
- Still naked and bare – not experiencing the covering yet
- We can grow numerous, even have a 'big church' but still be naked, uncovered and immature in terms of growth

YAHWEH passes by a second time

Ezek.16:8 – Yahweh passed by again [Passover was the first visitation in Egypt]

Pentecost was the second visitation at Mt Sinai – Ex.19:1

- YAHWEH said I will spread My wing over you and cover you
- **Ex.24:9-11** – a covenant made with God's people; saw the God of Israel – Pentecost is the place of Covenant, they received the Law and entered into a marriage covenant (**Jer.31:32** – YHWH was a husband to them)

Ezek.16:9

- A time to enter into the marriage covenant
- In the covenant there is a covering
- **Ruth 2:12** – come under the wings for refuge
- **Ruth 3:9** – 'Take your maidservant under your wing'
- God entered into a covenant
- Washed with water [**Ezek.16:9**]; the water of the word (**Eph.5:26**); also speaks of baptism; **Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16**

- anointed with oil – **Acts 1:8** Receive the Holy Spirit, the Pentecostal experience (**Acts 2:1-4**)
- This is the second passing – Washed and anointed
- **Luke 24:49** – endued with power

Arrayed in beauty

Ezek.16:10

- Clothed in embroidered cloth = royalty
- Sandals = separation to walk in destiny
- Clothed in righteousness
- Have now entered into the priesthood - **1Pet.2:9**
- Anointing and gifts starting to flow
- **V.11** – gifts of the Holy Spirit [**1Cor.12:7-11**]
- **V.12** – a crown on your head – royalty, authority
- **V.13** – given the best food – tasted and saw that the Lord is good (**1 Pet.2:3**)
- **V.14** – fame went out among the nations
- Your beauty was complete through My splendour – God makes us beautiful
- The first church in **Acts 2:42-47** – favour with all the people
- **Acts 5** - the presence and glory of God so strong in the early church
- The fame and glory of the early church went out everywhere – but this was only Pentecost, people esteemed them highly (**Acts 5:13**)

BUT there is still mixture

Ezekiel 16:15

BUT – you trusted in your own beauty

- In Pentecost everything is happening out there, but not much change on the inside.
- Signs, wonders, manifestations happening on the outside but still no inward change
- Played the harlot
- Drawing attention to yourself – claim it for yourself – ministers taking all the glory for miracles and drawing the people of God to “my ministry”, instead of connecting the people of God to Jesus, the Head (**Eph.4:15**)
- Mixture enters in
- **V.16** – adorned multi-coloured high places for yourself
- Various denominations appeared – all wanted a piece for themselves; became a high place – a place of worship where it was done ‘our’ way, not God’s way
- God says ‘Such things should not happen’

Ezek.16:17

- Pentecost only feast that had leaven [speaks of mixture] (**Lev.23:17**)
- Made idols out of the gifts; used the gifts for their own purpose.
- Glorified the gift, not the Giver of the gift
- Gifted ministers causing people to give glory to them
- Individuals wanting the attention for themselves
- **V.18** – do not worship the authority – the cloths
- Recognise where the authority comes from and worship the Giver of the authority

- **V.20-21** – they did not disciple the children to follow Jesus, but were discipled to the harlotry and became “sons of the house”, meaning sons of the particular denomination...
 - **V.23-25** – God’s judgement ‘woe woe to you’
 - All your own effort; building shrines – idols, putting all the money and effort into building bigger church buildings
- Pentecost is a time of testing and sorting out
 - Sin gets uncovered, a sifting and a sorting out

There is a third passing by

Ezekiel 16:60

- Nevertheless, God says ‘I will remember My covenant’ – God has bound Himself to you
- He has made an everlasting covenant with His people
- Repentance is going on in His people
- **V.62** covenant established, then you shall know – this is a **New Covenant**
- A deep intimacy that God is bringing us into
- Coming to know Him who is from the beginning (**1 John 2:14a**), the knowledge of the Son of God (**Eph.4:13b**)
- Coming to know JESUS
- God is bringing His bride into a place of Knowing Him
- Maturity is truly coming to know by revelation and experience Jesus – it is knowing the Father in the Son, having all things centred on Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God

This is Tabernacles, dwelling with Him – the Third Feast

- **V.63** – no longer ashamed; a deep repentance in God’s people
- God has provided an atonement for His people
- The Day of Atonement – when all sin is dealt with - **Lev.16 & 23**
- Now we can enter the glory, the third passing by

Isaiah 3:16-26 – addressed to the daughters of Zion

Prophetically speaking of the bride who has got enamoured with herself and her ornaments and her own beauty

- God judges her by taking all the finery and beauty away and uncovering her to show her the wretchedness of her condition and how she actually is living without a covering, without a husband

There will be a glorious bride

Isaiah 4:1 – Seven women (a corporate complete woman) will take hold of ONE MAN – ‘let me be called by Your name’

- Coming back to Him – the one who will roll back the reproach
- She will seek the covering – very similar again to the Prodigal Son looking to just be a servant – “just let me be called by Your name” and we will look after ourselves
- **V.2** – In that Day – we are in ‘that Day’ – there is fruit beginning to come forth

- He will receive her, the corporate Bride, and again make her a beautiful Branch, one with Him
 - Then the fruit, sons, will excellent and appealing – not mixed sons of harlotry anymore, but sons of God!!
 - **V.3-4** – called Holy, those who are recorded as living in Jerusalem, who have been purged by going through the fire – spirit of judgement and spirit of burning
 - **V.5** – above every dwelling place
 - the glory will be a covering
 - there will be a tabernacle
 - God’s people will enter in – this is the Feast of Tabernacles when the glory is the covering and “there will be a Tabernacle”, a place of refuge and safety under our husband, Jesus
 - **John 14:1-2** – many dwelling places in Father’s house
- **First passing** – born again
 - **Second passing** – filled with power by the Holy Spirit
 - **Third passing** – the fire of cleansing – to bring us into the glory to be a pure spotless bride

A journey of the bride – coming to the feast of Tabernacles
The splendour, the glory is of God
We are to be completely like Him
The Bridegroom has come into His bride – and we will be like Him

THE GLORIOUS CHURCH **GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY**

We are to know this authority, own it and release it

WE HAVE A CALL IN THE GLORY

Isaiah 60:1

- Arise, shine; For your light has come
- The glory of YHWH has risen upon you
- This is something that has happened upon us
- This is for all of us
- We receive this individually and when we come together it becomes a corporate anointing
- No matter how disabled we think we are, we are all called to the King's Table (like Mephibosheth)

John 8:12

- I am the Light of the World
- If you follow Jesus, you will not be in darkness but have "the Light of Life"
- In Old Testament YHWH is the light
- In New Testament, Jesus is the Light of the world

Matthew 5:14

- You (speaking of us, the believers) are the light of the world
- This is a "rhema" word for you
- We are a City set on a hill (Zion)
- We are called to shine that light from Zion as the City of God
- We are to give light to all the house – we are light and encouragement for others in the Body of Christ (whose house we are – **Heb.3:6**)
- We must know who the Light is and who He is in us

THE CALL OF ISAIAH

Isaiah 6

- An apostolic and prophetic experience
- From the call to the sending
- We need to see this in its fulfilment as a prophetic voice for us today
- We are to hear His voice and be sent in governmental authority

v.1-3

- Isaiah sees a throne
- He sees seraphim, beings of fire
- He hears "Holy, holy, holy"
- He is YHWH of armies/hosts

- the whole is filled with His glory
- Isaiah finds himself in front of YHWH in the glory
- Isaiah know this is the deliverer of Israel

Isa.6:4-5 - He has no-where to go

- He feels undone
- He realizes he is unclean but there is no where to run
- Isaiah did not know what was going to happen
- "Do with me as You will", there is nothing I can lean on except You
- Isaiah does not receive condemnation
- He is completely surrendered

v.6-7 - He gets cleansed

- He is not condemned but cleansed
- He is surrendered

v.8 - Now Isaiah hears Him speak "Whom shall I send?"

- Isaiah seems to be the only one there
- He responds "Here I am"
- We are to be available

v.9-10 - Now Isaiah is sent to a disobedient people

- He has seen the glory, been through the refiner's fire, received the authority and then he is sent into a mess

v.11-13 - How long?

- He is to speak and prophesy to the mess of God's people
- A tithe will be left – the holy seed, the remnant, the stump
- **Jeremiah 33:16** – God's people
- We are sent in governmental authority to God's people
- We hear the Father's voice and are sent to His people to bring forth His purpose

WHAT OR WHO IS THE GLORY?

- Weightiness, heaviness, substance
- What else is substance? Faith is substance (**Heb.11:1**)
- Faith gives us hope
- We declare what we believe, and the substance of that glory begins to manifest
- Glorious honour, splendour, power, wealth, authority, dominion is restored in the glory, magnificence, fame, dignity, riches and excellence (**Daniel 6:3** had an excellent spirit – he was faithful to God and His purpose even in Babylon)
- We need that excellent, glorious spirit to fulfil the calling

The call of Isaiah is a voice for us as apostolic and prophetic people for today

- The Father is after worshipers in spirit and truth – we are to abandoned to His purpose, back into the Presence, into the Glory, in worship
- We are called to be in the glory

THE CALL TO BE THE CHURCH

- Not talking denominations - Church is not a building
- **Matthew 16:16-18**
- Father is after relationship, we are to be One with the Branch, Jesus the Messiah
- Jesus had asked who His disciples think He is
- He was not having an identity crisis but testing His disciples
- Jesus wanted a personal response from the heart of Peter
- "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God"
- How profound is this coming from a fisherman – he was not a Rabbi or a highly educated man
- Jesus responded that this was a revelation from Father in heaven
- On this rock Jesus will build the church
- "Church" – first mention of this word, used 80x SC#1577, 'ekklesia' in Gk – means 'called out ones' (on the journey of being chosen), called out for a specific cause, a body of citizens gathered to discuss the affairs of the city-state (not political but spiritual governmental authority), it is a personal call to be part of the church, it is personal to know the cause
- The "Rock" – SC#4073 Gk – a massive rock or boulder (it is not going to move, it is stable)
- "Peter" – Gk 'Petros' – a small stone (Peter could be unstable as a small stone)

John 17:2

- How did Peter come to know the revelation of who Jesus is? It was not through much learning
 - Father has given Jesus "authority over all flesh that He should give eternal life to as many as were given Him"
 - The disciples were given to Jesus by the Father
 - Jesus gives eternal life to as many as were given Him
 - Have you been given by the Father to Jesus
 - So what is our portion? Life, eternal Life, springing up
 - **v.3** – eternal life is knowing the Only true God and Jesus the Messiah whom You have sent
 - Father sent Jesus the Messiah, the Messenger, the Apostle, the Sent One
 - **v.6** – Jesus manifested the name of the Father to the men He was given
 - Jesus saw this in Peter when he got the revelation
 - **John 14:8-9** – Philip still did not get it – seeing Jesus is seeing the Father
 - the world is to see the Father in us
 - as Jesus is, so are we in this world (**1 John 4:17**)
- **The authority comes from the Glory**
 - **We are sent in this authority**
 - **We must be sent, otherwise we will not have authority**

2 Corinthians 2:14 - Thanks be to God

- We always walk in victory in Jesus the Messiah
- Messiah has a lot to release to this world, He needs people to release it through, like Isaiah

- He is asking 'Whom shall I send?'
- It is bold, we do not know exactly what we are being sent into, but we know His grace is upon us
- There is more to being the church than just coming to a church meeting on Sunday
- There is more than just reading the Bible, the Word is to be living in our spirits
- We have a living word to share with others, being sent out into all the earth

WHERE DOMINION WAS LOST AND WHERE IT IS RESTORED

– the journey into governmental authority

Genesis 1:26 – man given dominion over all things that God created

- We were created in God's image
- God wants sons, He is the Father, and we are created in His image so we can know who He is
- Dominion SC#7287 'radah' – to rule and to reign
- This dominion was lost in **Genesis 3** and restored by Jesus to man

Isaiah 9:6-7

- The government is on the shoulder of the Son
- His name is Wonderful...
- Increase of His government and peace has no end
- His government is eternal, without end
- It is a government of peace

Daniel 7:13-14

- We get the excellence from the glory of the King, YHWH
- Daniel was watching in the night visions
- Daniel has the Word of the Living God in his heart, his mind and his spirit
- We are to desire this, a living word in us, He is showing us what He is doing by His word
- Behold (listen to this!), One like the Son of Man
- Daniel was in the glory to see this
- To the Son of Man was given "dominion, glory and a kingdom" – this all happens in the glory
- All people will serve Him – governmental authority is given to serve

In the New Testament

Governmental authority is given through the commission, by being sent

Matthew 28:18-20

- All authority has been given to Jesus in heaven and earth
- Go...make disciples...baptise...teach

What does this look like?

Mark 16:15-18

- Go...preach...believe...baptise...saved...cast out demons...speak in tongues...nothing hurt you...heal sick
- This is what it looks like for apostolic people

Romans 1:5

- Grace and apostleship (commission) comes through Jesus Christ to bring nations to obedience to faith

Authority in Service

Isaiah 42:1

- Messiah is "My Servant, My Elect One, in whom My soul delights"
- Messiah is a Servant
- Servanthood is the essence of the who the Messiah is

Luke 22:24-30

- At Feast of Passover, Last Supper, Jesus sharing His last words
- **V.25-28** – Disciples were arguing about who would take over next after Jesus goes, who is the greatest?
- Gentiles exercise lordship over others, not so among you
- Greatest should be as the younger
- The one who governs as one who serves
- Jesus was among them as One who serves
- We rule and reign in the kingdom through serving
- The disciples were faithful to Jesus in His trials

v.29-30 – The King's Table, we are invited

- sons sit at the King's Table and serve in the Father's business
- we are sent from the King's Table, given authority at the Table of the King

John 13 – John's account of the Last Supper

- Jesus is washing feet
- You cannot have part with Jesus unless you let Him serve you
- Servanthood is the essence of the Table

Acts 2:42 - Kingdom looks like this on daily basis

Acts 5:42 – looks like this too

IN CONCLUSION

- **In Old Testament, Isaiah** showed us a pattern for us as apostolic prophetic people being called into the glory to receive His authority and sending
- The sending is important in the kingdom, it is on purpose, for a cause

Haggai 2

"Haggai" – means "festive"

- The people had given up hope, there was rubble where there used to be a Temple
- They were discouraged and just carry on with their own lives
- Haggai came and gave hope, the prophet they needed at that time to release hope
- **v.2-3** – who has seen a revival in the land before? Who has read about them?
- It will not be like that again
- it is a new season, do not be looking for that again
- we are to look forward to God's plans for today
- What do we see about the church these days?

- we need to change our vision
- it looks like nothing compared to what it used to be
- v.4** – be strong, be strong, be strong – we all have our place in the Body, in the Wall
 - get to work! That is the work of faith, in the kingdom
 - I am with you, says God
- v.5** – His Spirit remains with us
 - this is a commission to be strong and work in the kingdom together to see the house of God restored and built
- v.9** – the glory of the latter temple/house will be greater than the former
 - He will give Peace in this place
 - **Romans 16:20** – this peace overcomes Satan

- **We are to be filled with glory** like we have never known before
- We do not know what it will look like, but it will be more glorious than what we have known before
- **Here I am, send me.**
- This is a picture of who we are as a glorious church in governmental authority

THE MYSTERY

Christ and the Church

Ephesians 5:32

- Speaking about marriage apostle Paul then says, "But I speak concerning a great mystery...of Christ and the Church"

Many have taught from this passage only about marriage

Eph.5:21-22

- In context of all the Body being submitted to one another
- So then, wives submit to husbands **as to the Lord**
- Husbands who are submitted to the Body will then be able to cover their wives well
- But we are speaking about a mystery today

2 mysteries are said to be "Great"

1 Timothy 3:16 – great is the mystery of Godliness, God was manifested in the flesh

Ephesians 5:32 – great mystery of Christ and the Church

Wisdom for the Mature

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

- **v.2-5** – Paul brought the gospel to the Corinthians with power and a demonstration of the Spirit
- They received Jesus because they saw the power, the miracles and the gifts of the Spirit
- Power of God releases faith

- **v.6** – however do not stay there forever
- there is a wisdom for the mature
- when preaching Christ in evangelism we do not try to unravel the deep mysteries of Christ, we preach and expect the Holy Spirit to come and do miracles and demonstrate the power of God
- we get saved in the wonderful charismatic sphere of God, but we are not meant to stay there
- we are to grow and get into even more
- this wisdom for the mature is not of this age, is not "New Age", is not from this world

- **v.7** – we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery
- it is a "hidden wisdom" which God ordained before the ages for our glory
- there is a wisdom that will bring us into and reveal to us the glory, so that the glory can fill the earth around us as the waters covers the sea (**Hab.2:14**)
- it is a wisdom that needs to be searched out

In New Testament the church is the Body of Messiah

- **Colossians 1:18** – He is the head of the Body, His church
- His intention is to shine forth into this world through us His Body, the Holy Spirit revealing Christ in us to the world (**Col.1:27**)
- From the moment we are born again, Christ has come in but we are to grow so that He is revealed in us

THE DIVINE MARRIAGE OF CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH

- There are many mysteries

Ephesians 3:9 – there is a fellowship in this mystery

- Paul says he was the least of all the saints but the grace was given to him to make known the riches of Christ and to bring us into the fellowship of the mystery (**v.8**)

In the beginning

- **Genesis 1:26-27** - God made man in His image and His likeness
- Male and female He created them
- This outworked by God first making the Man, Adam (a type of Him to come – **Romans 5:14**)
- God made the Man but saw He needed a helper, comparable to Him, of the same stature, measure and fullness of Him (**Eph.4:11-13** – a Perfect Man)

- **Genesis 2:21-22** - God created the woman out of the man and brought her to the man
- **v.23** – Adam received the woman
- she is called “Woman” because she was taken “out of man”

- These are the verses that apostle Paul quotes in **Ephesians 5:30-31** to describe the eternal purpose of God in the marriage of Christ and His Church
- **These verses are actually speaking of Christ and the Church**

A wife for the son

Genesis 24

- The account of the servant of Abraham going to a far country to get a wife for the promised son, Isaac
- It can be understood as an allegory about how committed God is to get a wife for His Son
- The servant was responsible and accountable, doing exactly what Abraham asked him to do
- The servant strongly believed the woman was ready to come and be married
- The family was a little bit shocked by how quickly it all happened – but the servant was firm and the woman said “I am ready”

Jeremiah 31:22b

- YHWH has created a new thing in the earth
- We know God created marriage in the beginning, but this is a new thing
- Now a “woman shall encompass a man”

- Man = Hebrew 'geber' – a champion, a hero, warrior, mighty man (**Is.9:6** Mighty God = El Gebor)
- There is a divine marriage between God and His people which is revealed in the New Testament as Christ, the Messiah, and His Church, the corporate Body, the Perfect Man described in **Ephesians 4:13**
- God is restoring all things; He is restoring the church that is written about in the Bible
- God is making it possible for us to be ready, to be prepared

EPHESIANS 5 – CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BRIDE CHURCH

1) She is saved – v.23 – the church is a saved Body, made up of people who are saved by faith in Jesus the Messiah and baptised into Christ (**Romans 6:3-4, Mark 16:16, John 3:5**)

2) She is submitted – v.24 – to be in the will of God we are to be filled with Holy Spirit...a) singing Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs b) giving thanks, the people of God are a thankful people c) **submitting to one another in the fear of God** (**Eph.5:18-21**)

- Submission is a sign of the Holy Spirit in your life
- God's people are submissive – **James 4:7** – must be submitted to God to be able to resist the devil
- We are to be submitted to Christ the Head

3) She is loved - v.25 – there is to be an atmosphere of love, we are loved, even though we know each other's weaknesses

- Love brings security, covering, nurture and protection
- **Isaiah 43:4** – we are precious in God's sight and we are honoured by God
- **Jeremiah 31:3** – God has loved us with an everlasting love, we are drawn by that love

4) She is sanctified and cleansed – v.26 – sanctify = make holy, purify, consecrate, venerate

- Cleanse = to make clean, by the blood and by the water of the word
- It is the "rhema" word that cleanses (**Matt.4:4** – it proceeds in the moment from the mouth of God to you. **Rom.10:17** – the word that quickens faith)

5) She is without spot or wrinkle – v.27 – she is coming to maturity, a glorious church, we are called from eternity to be part of this church (**Eph.1:4** – chosen in Christ to be holy and without blame before Him in love)

- Receiving the adoption as sons is an important part of being part of the Bride – **Eph.1:5** – a band of sons is this glorious church
- This church is to the praise of the glory of His grace (**Eph.1:6** – this is to be experienced in the earth realm)
- The revelation of the glory releases grace
- This glorious church is "without blame", not judging one another, blaming one another

- When we judge another, we put that person in a box and it causes an effect on them even if they do not know it

6) She is fully joined to Christ – v.30 – we are of His flesh and of His bones

- **v.31** – Paul quotes from **Gen.2:24** – the two become one
- in natural creation we become one flesh
- in the new creation we become One Spirit with Christ, the Lord - **1 Cor.6:17** – totally united with Jesus
- **Romans 12:1** – because of this union we are to offer our bodies as a spiritual, living sacrifice
- this is holy and acceptable to God – we are married and joined to the Lord and we are to offer our whole personhood to Him
- do not give yourself to strange things, strange spirits
- **2 Corinthians 7:1** – we are to fully come out of all filthiness of the flesh and spirit
- This church is to leave where she has been involved and devote herself completely to Jesus, perfecting holiness in the fear of God
- **2 Corinthians 11:2** – Paul had a godly jealousy (passionate desire) to present the church as a “chaste virgin” to Christ
- ‘Chaste’ is a moral purity to be pure for Christ
- The servant in **Genesis 24** presented this sort of bride to Isaac – Abraham sent this servant to do this
- Now Jesus has authorised and sent His trusted servants, the five ministries of **Ephesians 4:11** to present a chaste virgin, church for Jesus

7) She is a glorious church – v.27 – Christ is doing all that is necessary to present to Himself a glorious church

Psalm 45 – the glories of Messiah and His Bride

- The Psalm first of all magnifies the King (**v.1-7**)
- **V.6-7** – This is quoted in **Hebrews 1:8-9** – This is about the Son of God
- **This King is the Son of God, Messiah, Jesus**
- The King is referring to the Son
- Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, is God sitting on His Throne
- **v.9** – He begins to speak about the Bride
- **v.13** – the Royal Daughter – all glorious within (herself, her own personhood)
- her clothing, woven in gold
- she shall be brought to the King in robes of many colours
- robes of many colours (Joseph **Gen.37:3** and also virgin daughters of Kings wore these robes **2Sam13:18** – identifying them as set apart, beloved, special)
- **v.16** – the sons of this beautiful Bride church will become princes in the earth
- they have rulership
- she will have many sons who will rule in the earth
- it is to the praise of the glory of His grace
- the sons will have dominion and the people will praise her

- The Church is to nurture and bring up sons until they come to maturity and then they will be sent out into the world and planted in the world
- The family then multiplies all over the place

YHWH Tsidkenu

Jeremiah 23:5-6 – the mysteries

- YHWH will raise to David a Branch of Righteousness
- A King will come
- **His name will be YHWH Tsidkenu** – the LORD our Righteousness
- The Messiah would be YHWH Tsidkenu

Jeremiah 33:15-16

- David will bring forth a Branch of righteousness
- The prophecy is repeated with a small change
- The name by which **she will be called – YHWH Tsidkenu**
- Mr and Mrs YHWH Tsidkenu!!!

Babylon will fall

Revelation 18:20

- Rejoice over her (Babylon – **Rev.17:5** – mother of harlots), O heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets
- God is restoring apostles and prophets to be the foundation of the building of the house of God (**Eph.2:20, 3:5, 4:11, 1 Cor. 12:28**)
- God avenges Babylon because of His holy apostles and prophets
- By the speaking of the truth, making disciples, baptising them in the name and teaching them all things Jesus commanded, Babylon will fall
- **v.21-24** – condemnation on Babylon and sever judgement
- what is this leading up to?

Revelation 19:1

- There was a loud voice that sounds like a great multitude in heaven (Ezekiel and John heard this voice)
- This Lord here is YHWH our God
- **v.2** – He is true and righteous and judges Babylon
- **v.3** – Alleluia!!
- **v.4-5** – Praise and adoration for God dealing with Babylon – the harlot wife, the mother of all harlots and abominations
- when she was dealt with heaven was getting excited

Revelation 19:6 – a Great Announcement

- the voice of a great multitude, as of many waters...Alleluia, YHWH God Omnipotent reigns!
- the All-powerful One reigns
- **v.7-8** – marriage of the Lamb has come
- **His wife has made Herself ready**
- She is clothed in fine linen, the righteous acts of the saints
- **v.9** – Blessed are you who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb

References to the Marriage Feast

Matthew 22:1-14

- People made excuses about not coming to the Feast
- One person did not have the wedding garment on
- He was not dressed properly (the Master of the wedding would give people the clothes to wear)
- To be part of the Bride church, to be at the wedding feast we need to be clothed properly

Luke 14:15-24

- This is a teaching of the Kingdom of God
- The marriage supper of the Lamb is in the context of the Kingdom of God
- All sorts of people invited, lame, poor, maimed, blind
- Original ones invited will not taste the supper
- Make sure you do not ignore the invitation
- Be properly dressed and ready for the feast

Finally

Revelation 21:2

- John saw the holy City, New Jerusalem
- Coming down from heaven, prepared as a Bride
- **v.3** – He Tabernacles in Her, He is in Her and His glory is manifested in Her to all the earth (**v.11**)

Truly this is a Great Mystery!!

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH

We have a very definite purpose to fulfil

- Jesus lived His life as a Worshiper
- Jesus Worshiped the Father
- Jesus walked with the Father and He knew when the time had come to say the work was finished
- We have awesome prophecies in God's word that we are part of

There is a restoration of the generation who seeks God, like Jacob

- The Bride of Messiah is a worshiper, She worships Jesus
- We are receiving songs of deliverance and songs that encapsulate what God is revealing and wanting to do – this comes out of worship
- The Bride, the Lioness, gives all the glory to the Lion
- We draw attention to Jesus as worshipers
- Worship is complete abandonment to God in the glory

- The Tabernacle pattern of worship is being restored
- The Holy of Holies is the place we walk as sons with the Father

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE TRUE WORSHIPERS?

1) Grace/thankfulness are needed to worship/serve acceptably

- **Hebrews 12:28**
- Let us have **grace** by which we may **serve** God acceptably with reverence and godly fear...
- NET "let us **give thanks** by which we may **worship** God acceptably..."
- "Grace" can be translated "giving thanks"
- "Serve" can be translated "worship"

2) God's fire burns the unacceptable

- **1 Corinthians 3:11**
- Jesus Christ is the only foundation
- Whatever is built on this foundation will be tested by fire
- All we find out if the work is gold, silver or precious stones...
- All our works will be tested by fire whether they have been built in connection with Christ or built out of our ideas and effort
- **Heb.6:1** – repentance from dead works is the first foundation, we need to repent from those works that come out of ourselves rather than Christ in us
- We are to walk in the good works which He has prepared for us to walk in (**Eph.2:10**)
- Glory and virtue come out of the divine nature He has placed inside of us (**2 Pet.1:3-4**)

- **Rev.21:9** and onwards – the Lamb’s wife is a city that has particular stones, precious stones, 12 stones, scientists have shown that when light is put through these stones, living colour comes out of them
- **Joseph** had the coat of many colours
- We can only serve/worship God acceptably by receiving His grace through faith, walking in the good works that He has prepared beforehand that we should walk in them (**Eph.2:10**)

3) We are called to a lifestyle of giving thanks

- Grace = Gk “charis” – thanks or thankfulness
- **1 Thess. 5:17** – give thanks, this is the will of God for you, continual thanks
- **Colossians 1:12-13** – giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us, made us partake of the inheritance and has delivered us into the kingdom of the Son of His love
- **Hebrews 13:15** – we offer the sacrifice of praise continually
- This is the fruit of our lips – giving thanks to His name
- Kingdom Dynamics in Spirit Filled Life Bible
- Sacrifice of Praise = to kill or slaughter for a purpose, when you feel upset you must kill that in order to praise Him

4) Thanksgiving and praise are the fruit of our lips that bring us into God’s courts

- **Psalm 100:4**
- Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise, Be thankful
- **2 Kings 21:5** – speaks of the two courts
- Thankfulness and praise bring us into the courts
- 85 times in the Bible we are told to sing to God
- We come into His Presence, Grace flows to us

5) Worship happens in the Holiest of all

- It happens beyond the veil
- This is the secret place of the Most High (**Ps.91:1-2**)
- **Hebrews 10:19** – we come boldly by the blood of Jesus through a new and living way
- There are bodily responses to being in the Glory
- **Ps 95:6-7** – kneel, bow down
- **Heb.4:16** – come boldly to Throne of grace
- **Ps.29:2** – worship YHWH in beauty of holiness

6) What we do with our bodies (actions)

- **Worship SC#7812 ‘shachah’** = make yourself low, prostrate, bow down, fall down
- This is about what we do with our body

- New T worship **SC#4352** 'proskuneo' – to prostrate oneself, do obeisance, do homage
- There are two secondary words for worship
- SC# 2999 – latreia and SC# 3000 – latreio
- = to minister, to serve, to worship

7) Postures for worship show an awe for God; absolute surrender to Him – Joshua 5:14

- Joshua met the Commander of the army of YHWH
- Joshua fell on his face and worshiped
- Joshua was in awe, realizing he was in the Presence of God and he made himself low
- **Matthew 2:10**
- Wise men fell down and worshiped the Child Jesus in the house
- **1 Corinthians 14:25**
- Unbeliever in a meeting of believers who are prophesying
- They will fall down and worship
- They realize that God is in the midst of those people
- The prophetic word cuts to the heart that makes us realize we are dealing with God

8) Other words for worship can also mean service

- **Romans 12:1-2**
- Offering our bodies to God as a living sacrifice is our reasonable service (or reasonable act of worship)
- Worship is offering our bodies to God
- Doing this leads to transformation by the renewing of our mind
- **Hebrews 12:28**
- We are to serve God acceptably (we are to worship God)
- **Romans 1:9**
- God, whom I serve (worship) in my spirit in the gospel of His Son
- We worship God with the gospel, being obedient to preach the gospel
- **Philippians 3:3**
- We worship God in Spirit and have no confidence in the flesh
- We serve God in the Spirit

- Worship is about what we do with our bodies

9) Worship is serving God with the spirit through our bodies

- **1 Corinthians 6:19**
- We have been bought with a price
- Glorify God in your body and your spirit
- God is to be glorified in our body and our spirit which belong to God

10) Worship trusts God who raises the dead

- **Genesis 22:5**
- Abraham is going up the mountain with Isaac
- Abraham is going to offer Isaac as a sacrifice
- Isaac was definitely a young man, possibly older, he was carrying the wood
- Abraham spoke to his young men to stay where they were and he and Isaac would go and worship
- Abraham said that "we will come back to you"
- **Hebrews 11:17-19** – Abraham believed that God would raise Isaac from the dead to fulfil His promise
- **God had always provided a sacrifice**
- Worship is being fully laid down before God; putting Him first in actions of self-giving obedience
- Our life is to be poured out in the service of God (**2 Tim.4:6**)

11) Jesus said that worship that is just words is hypocrisy

- We do not say "I love you God" and then go and do our own thing
- **Matthew 15:19**
- Honour with lips but heart far from Jesus
- They worship God in vain
- We are to honour Him in His Word
- We do not worship according to commandments of men, but in truth of His Word
- Worship in truth leads us to sanctification (**Jn17:17**)

12) Worship is in awe of God

- Real worship comes out of an awe of God
- We are not frightened of Him
- Knowing the genuine Presence of Jesus
- **Revelation 4:10**
- 24 elders fell down before the Throne and worshiped Him who lived forever and ever
- Falling down before God in awe of who He is

- Many examples in life of Jesus as people realized who He was
- **Matthew 14:33** – after Jesus came walking on water
- Jesus said, I AM (**v.27**), the same God who met Moses in the burning bush
- Then when Jesus entered the boat, they worshiped Jesus
- Jesus was God in the flesh, and they worshiped Him

Psalm 45:1-7

- this Psalm is directly **talking about Jesus, God coming in the flesh as King** [**Hebrews 1:8-9** – speaking about the Son of God, "Your Throne O God"]
- **v.2** – He is fairer than the sons of men, grace is poured upon His lips
- **Ride prosperously because of truth, humility and righteousness** – this is the character, the glory of God
- These qualities of God cause Him to ride prosperously

- His arrows (the Word) are sharp in the heart of His enemies (by the Word he defeats the devil – **Matt.4:1-10**)
 - The people fall under Him
 - **Jesus will deal with all wickedness and ungodliness** and the earth will be filled with the glory
 - **He deals with us first** – we are to be in full submission to the King so that then He can deal with all His enemies

 - **v.6 – We exalt God for His righteousness**
 - we must realise there is also a hatred of wickedness
 - there is an eternal judgement

 - **v.10** – listen O daughter
 - she is to forget her own people and her father’s house
 - there is a leaving and a cleaving when two come together in earthly marriage
 - so spiritually, with Jesus, there is a leaving and forsaking of our father’s house
 - we need to leave past doctrines, denominations
 - **God is bringing forth a people who desire to be fully joined to Jesus**
 - **the King will greatly desire her beauty**
 - He does not desire a lady that has mixed loyalties and allegiances
 - she is willing to lay down every other interest
 - He draws us into this
 - because He is your Lord, she is to worship Him

 - **v.13 (Rev.19:8) – she is all glorious within**, clothed in gold, clothed in fine linen – purity, righteous acts of the saints
 - ‘righteous acts’ = works done in obedience to the Spirit by faith
 - Christ in us, being manifested more and more outwardly, this is the clothing

 - **v.14** – she is **brought to the King** in robes in many colours, living colours

 - **v.15-16** – she left her fathers to join Jesus – **she will then have many sons** in the image of Jesus, in the image of God
- These are the sons of God ready to be revealed in the earth**

ZION

There was an age that came to an end at the destruction of the Temple in AD 70
We are in an age that has not ended yet

- We are to walk about Zion
- We are to consider her palaces
- There is about 152 mentions of Zion in Old Testament

New Testament

Christ is the Cornerstone

Ephesians 2:20

- We are going to look at the Cornerstone in the New Testament
- **v.19** – we are members of the household of God, having once been strangers and foreigners
- Built on foundation of apostles and prophets
- Jesus Christ is the Chief Cornerstone
- **v.22** – This is a spiritual household for God to indwell in the Spirit
- But this house is built on foundation of apostles and prophets who can lay the foundation of Jesus the Messiah, the mystery of who He is (**Eph.3:5**)

God wants to wean us off everything we have called “church” – take down the “high places”

A Stone is laid in Zion – a Chief Cornerstone

1 Peter 2:4

- We come to Him, a Living Stone
- Rejected by men, but chosen by God and precious

v.5 - We also as living stones are being built up a **spiritual house**

- We are also a holy priesthood, we are priests
- We are to offer up spiritual sacrifices

v.6 – It is contained in Scripture

- A Stone is laid in Zion
- it is a chief cornerstone
- it is an elect/chosen Stone, precious Stone
- if you believe in this Stone you will not be ashamed

Psalm 118:22-24

- The Stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone
- It is marvellous in our eyes
- So “this is the Day that YHWH has made”
- The day is the day that the chief cornerstone was set in place

1 Peter 2:7

- To those who are disobedient He is the Stone which the builders rejected
- **v.8** – even a Stone of stumbling and a Rock of offense
- **v.9** – if you receive Him you will be a chosen generation...

A foundation Stone

Isaiah 28:16

- YHWH laid in Zion a Stone
- It is a foundation Stone, it is a tried/tested Stone
- It is a cornerstone, a sure foundation (**1 Cor.3:11**)

The Stone that the builders rejected ...

Matthew 21:42

- **v.41** – Pharisees gave a correct reply to His parable
- **v.42** – Jesus quotes **Psalms 118:22-23**
- Zion in the Bible is prefigured in Old Testament as a mountain and a city
- then in the New Testament it refers to the Church of the living God
- It is a serious message for Messianics and those who hold beliefs about the physical Zion and Jerusalem being a place for God's house, a natural temple etc...
- The New Testament is concealed in the Old
- The Old Testament is revealed in the New
- The whole Bible is always flowing on

You have come to Mt Zion

Hebrews 12:22

- Is particularly poignant as is written to Jewish believers
- As Hebrew/Jewish New Testament believers, he writes, "You have come..."
- When you believed in Jesus you came somewhere
- You came into Mt Zion
- You came to the city of the Living God
- We are to pray for this Jerusalem, for the revelation of the holy city of God
- It is the heavenly Jerusalem, nothing to do with the natural Jerusalem with all its "holy places", denominations, religions
- It is an innumerable company of angels/messengers
- It is a general assembly, it is the church of the Firstborn (those who are born again), registered in heaven

Appear before God in Zion

Psalms 84:7

- Speaking of those who are on pilgrimage, those being coursed along in the Spirit of God to come to the Feast of Tabernacles
- They go from strength to strength to all appear before God in Zion
- We are to appear before God in Zion

Zion is the City of God

Psalm 87:1-2

- God's foundations are in the holy mountains
- YHWH loves the gates of Zion more than all other dwellings of Jacob
- **v.3** – Glorious things are spoken of Zion
- O City of God – Zion is the city
- **v.5** – This one and that one were born in Zion
- I was born in Zion
- we recognize each other
- **v.6** – we are registered as to being born in Zion
- **v.7** – all the singers then say that all their springs of joy are in Zion
- the river comes from the Throne in Zion

Walk about Zion

Psalm 48:1-2

- City of our God is in the holy mountain
- Beautiful in situation or elevation
- Zion is the joy of the whole earth
- Out of His rest we present the letters of reproach of the enemy to YHWH (**2 Kings 19**)
- **v.4-5** – fear takes hold of kings as they pass Zion, they get troubled and hasten away
- we do not tell God what to do, we lay the letter before YHWH and humbly bring it before Him
- **v.11-14** - Mount Zion rejoice
- -let's walk about Zion
- go all around her, count her towers (vantage points to keep watch in prayer)
- mark well her bulwarks (defence system, strong walls)
- Consider her palaces
- when you have considered Zion, tell it to the next generation
- This is God - the discovery of Zion is the discovery of God
- because God dwells in Zion

This is His dwelling place; YHWH is the God of Zion

Psalm 132:13-18

- God desires Zion as a dwelling place
- It is the place of His rest
- There is provision in Zion
- There is food for the poor (**Luke4:18** – the word, spiritual food)
- There is joy among the saints in Zion
- The horn, the kingdom, the authority of the Messiah will grow in Zion
- The King of kings is found there

Psalm 125:1-2

- Zion is an eternal reality, an eternal placement, it cannot be moved
- If you believe in Jesus, you are under the covering of Zion
- YHWH surrounds God's people like the mountains surround Jerusalem

- God is all around His people
- Zion is an experience more than a doctrine

Psalm 146:10

- YHWH shall reign forever; YHWH is the God of Zion
- To all generations He reigns

Psalm 99:1-5

- YHWH reigns, He dwells between the cherubim
- The ark of the covenant is in Zion
- The Holy of holies, the place of God speaking, the holiest place in the universe, is in Zion
- YHWH is great in Zion – He is high above all peoples and all nations
- The King is strong and loves justice
- He establishes equity – he treats people fairly
- We are to exalt YHWH our God and worship at His footstool, the threshold of Zion

Zion is the perfection of beauty

Psalm 50:2

- Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty
- Jesus is preparing a glorious, perfect Man, church, Bride (**Eph.5:26-27, 4:13**)
- God shines forth from Zion
- **John 14:21**- ones who love Jesus will be loved by Father and Jesus will manifest (cause to shine, appear, come to view, exhibit, reveal) Himself and shine in you
- Jesus makes Himself visible in us! (**Col.1:27**)
- **John 14:22-23** – if love Jesus, Father will love Him and We will come and make Our home with you
- If we keep His word, Father and Son will dwell in us and be visible
- God shines forth from His people

Psalm 20:1-3

- Strengthen you out of Zion; We are strengthened out of Zion
- Where is the King? He is Zion

Zion is the key to unity

Psalm 133:1-3

- It is the place of open revelation, the place of open vision
- No true unity without being on Zion
- We see clearly the nations from Zion and are not disturbed

Psalm 134:1-3

- Blessing comes from Zion
- The Creator of heaven and earth is in Zion and so blessing comes from there

Zion in Isaiah

Isaiah 2:1-4 (Micah 4:1-4)

- The mountain of YHWH's house shall be established on the top of the mountains
- Many people will say, "come and let us go up to the mountain of YHWH"
(**Heb.12:22** – by faith in Jesus Christ)
- Out of Zion shall go forth the teaching to all nations
- The Word out of the city, Jerusalem
- The law is good, it is not unfriendly, it was given to guide us toward Christ

Isaiah 8:18

- Here am I and the children YHWH has given Me
- Quoted in **Heb.2:13** speaking of Messiah and His disciples
- They are for signs and wonders in Israel and for YHWH of hosts who dwells in Zion
- **Mark 16:17-18** – these signs follow those who believe in the name of Jesus

Isaiah 10:12

- When does the judgement of God fall on the nations?
- When the church (Zion) is functionally properly
- When God has finished His work on Zion then He judges the nations
- **Acts 5:11-13** – people afraid to join the church because of the glory, the judgement

Isaiah 10:24

- God's people dwell in Zion
- The Assyrian was a vicious conqueror, man of war
- We are not to be afraid of China, Russia, the EU and not even be in opposition to these things but lay it all before YHWH
- Just get into Zion when things are scary
- God and His people dwell in Zion; The people in Zion are a remnant

v.27 – the anointing will come upon those who are in Zion, it will lift all oppression off

Isaiah 11:16 – there will be a highway for the remnant

- Those caught under the oppression will be released and brought back to Zion

Isaiah 12:6

- Cry out and shout all the inhabitants of Zion
- YHWH our strength and song is in Zion
- Wells of salvation are in Zion
- Holy One of Israel is in the midst of Zion

Isaiah 14:32

- YHWH has founded Zion
- Poor of His people take refuge in Zion

Isaiah 24:23

- YHWH of hosts will reign in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem
- God's response to a lot of mayhem in the nations is to reign in His people, Zion
- Reigning before His elders gloriously

Isaiah 29:8

- If you fight against Zion, you will never succeed
- There is no future for those who fight against Zion, the church
- Nations and governments can try to annihilate the church but it will never succeed
- We need to keep being converted to what the church really is

Isaiah 33:20-21a

- Look upon Zion – you can see her
- It is the city of the appointed feasts
- Jerusalem is a quiet home, a place of peace
- There, the majestic YHWH will be for us a place of broad rivers and streams
- YHWH our Judge, our Lawgiver, our King, He will save
- No sick people in Zion

Isaiah 40:9

- O Zion, who brings good tidings
- Get up into the high mountains
- Behold your God
- We are coming into victory
- Cities of Judah are cities of praising people

Isaiah 46:13

- God places salvation in Zion, for Israel His glory
- We are the glory of God
- **Eph.1:18** – the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints
- **God's glory is in us as His inheritance**
- God sowed His glory, eternal life, into us – God wants His investment in us to pay off
- God brings forth Israel as His glory in Zion

Isaiah 49:14-15

- It is not possible for God to forget Zion

Isaiah 51:3

- God comforts Zion
- Zion is still under construction, He wants to comfort her waste places
- He wants to make her like the garden of Eden
- It is a place of joy, singing and thanksgiving

Isaiah 51:11

- Ransomed of YHWH come to Zion with singing
- Everlasting joy on their heads – fully covered by joy, our lifestyle
- No sorrow or sighing

Isaiah 52:7-8

- How beautiful upon the mountains
- Proclaim to Zion – “our God reigns”
- YHWH will bring back Zion

Isaiah 59:20

- A Redeemer will come to Zion and turn back those in transgression in Jacob
- Who was God speaking to? He was speaking to His people then but also to us who are living in the fulfilment of all things in Christ

Three levels of understanding prophecy of Old Testament

1. Speaking to the people in that day – physical literal fulfilment in that time
2. Pointing to Christ
3. In the Church now

At the coming of the Lord God will deal with 2 types of people – those who do not know God (have not heard and have not come out of their erroneous beliefs) and those who do not obey the gospel (**2 Thess.1:8**) – they have heard the gospel but they do not submit

Isaiah 62:10

- Go through the gates

Isaiah 64:10

- Zion is sometimes a wilderness place

Isaiah 66:7-8

- Labouring in birth happens in Zion

Obadiah 21

- Deliverers come to Zion

Back to New Testament

Ephesians 2:19-22, 1 Peter 2:4-9

- Jesus Christ is the Chief Cornerstone laid in Zion and the church is built on and into Him

Matthew 21:5, John 12:15

- Both referring to Jesus coming as the King to Zion - Jesus is the King in Zion

Romans 9:33

- Stone laid in Zion – is a rock of offense, a Stone of stumbling
- God prophesied what happened
- Believing on Him will cause no shame

Revelation 14:1

- A Lamb standing on Mt Zion; With Him 144,000
- Those have His Father's name written on their foreheads
- These sang a new song
- They are virgins, spiritually – **2 Cor.11:2** – chaste virgins to Christ
- 144,000 – 12x12x1000 – 12 is number of government, 1000 a long time
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In the eternal realm there is a multitude standing with the Lamb on Mt Zion!!!!

THE COVERING

We need a covering

- Many will ask 'who is your covering' – what umbrella are you under?
- We need a covering – we need to be covered
- **A covering brings security, protection, safety**
- Many are looking for a covering
- We want to be covered
- Lack of covering brings fear and insecurity
- There is a greater covering that we can all come under

THERE IS A MAN TO COVER US

Isaiah 32:1-4

- **V.1** a king will reign in righteousness
- Princes – **Ps.45:16** the princes are the sons
- The sons are to rule
- **V.2** a man will be a hiding place ... a cover from the tempest
- **There is a king – Messiah, and His sons = a Man**
- A corporate man
- A people who are under Messiah, Sons of Messiah
- Coming to the measure of the stature of Christ (**Eph.4:13**) – a perfect man
- There are winds of doctrine that toss the children to and fro – but God is raising up a perfect man to provide a covering
- **It is in the body that we are covered**, and we are protected from the winds of doctrine – the tempest
- This man will be as rivers of water in a dry place
- **Come to this One and receive from the rivers**
- **John 7:38** the rivers will come out of the believers – to provide a cover for anyone who is thirsty
- Come under the shadow of the Rock – drink from that Rock (**1Cor.10:4**)

Isaiah 32:3 eyes will see; ears will listen

- **Under the covering eyes are open** – revelation happens
- In the denomination there is a ceiling – you have to stay under their doctrine – you can only go to a certain level
- No apostles but denominational missionaries
- You cannot stay under that covering – it has a spirit or power behind it that is intimidating
- **There is a different covering to come under where your eyes can be opened and you begin to receive revelation**
- Come out under an open heaven
- Can hear God clearly

- **Isa.32:4** - understand knowledge and be able to speak plainly – no longer stammering
- **Speak the truth of the word of God**
- Able to become a disciple – under the covering of Messiah and His sons

ASPECTS OF THE COVERING

1. We are to have our nakedness covered

Gen.2:24-25

- Everything covered by the glory of God
- They were not ashamed
- '*ashamed*' – embarrassed, disappointed,
- (**WW Ezek.16:63 SFLB**) can refer to idols – they worshiped shameful things; those who worship such things have a covering of shame
- **Ps.25:2&20** – trust in YAHWEH and you will not be ashamed.
- **Joel 2:26** – My people will never be put to shame
- **Faith in Jesus puts us under the covering - out of shame**
- **Genesis 3:6-7** – eyes opened and they knew they were naked
- They were disobedient because of unbelief, did not trust – so they came out from under the covering
- It is terrible to feel 'uncovered' – you want to hide
- Adam and Eve stepped out of the covering in the garden – they were exposed
- Man tries to cover himself by all sorts of means
- But none of those work
- People look to man for a covering, or a denomination for a covering
- But that will not cover you in the Spirit, in the way God intended for you to be covered
- **Gen.3:10** – Adam said 'I was afraid, and I hid myself'
- When you are not under His covering you feel ashamed, exposed, afraid
- **Gen.3:21** – **God provided a covering** for Adam and Eve – He killed an animal and covered them with the skin – prophetic of the covering that was to be revealed in and through Christ (**Gal.3:27**)
- **We need our nakedness covered**

2. Love covers

Prov.10:12 – Love covers sins

- Love does not expose weaknesses
- Hatred stirs up strife
- **1 Peter 4:8** – have love for one another
- Because covers a multitude of sins – do not be like Ham, Noah's son, who uncovered his father (**Gen.9:22-23**) but be like Shem and Japheth who covered their father's nakedness

- **James 5:19-20** – confronting the sinner with his sins and bringing him back – so he is not exposed, but repents – the sin is dealt with – this is how love covers a multitude of sins
- Speaking the truth in love is what covers us (**Eph.4:15**)

3. Submission is the key to being covered

- **James 4:1-4** – a war inside of us
- **V.5** the Spirit of God yearns within us
- When you give in to a fleshly desire you are uncovered
- **V.6** God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble
- **V.7 Therefore submit to God.** Resist the devil and he will flee from you
- Do what God is telling you to do – do not fight your desires – ask God to help you, admit to your desires, but allow God to help you
- Grace will come, and you will be able to submit
- Submission puts you back under the covering and gives you grace to overcome and obey the Holy Spirit inside of you
- Staying with the Spirit of God keeps you under the covering

WHAT IS GOING TO COVER THE EARTH?

Hab.2:14

- **Earth covered with the glory of the YAHWEH as the waters cover the sea**
- Everything functions properly under that covering
- There will be peace
- **The knowledge of the glory will cover the earth**
 - By making disciples we are extending the covering all over the earth
 - Then the knowledge of YHWH will be in every place providing a covering for all of creation (**Isaiah 11:6-9**)

FATHERS AND SONS

A TIMOTHY GENERATION

Restoration of Fathers and Sons

Mal.4:5-6

- Send Elijah the prophet before the coming of the Lord
- John the Baptist was a fulfillment, but not the ultimate (**Lu.1:16-17**)
- **V.6** before this dreadful Day – a restoration is taking place
- Restore hearts of fathers to the children
- And hearts of children to fathers
- Restoration of fathers and sons
- The earth is cursed unless there is fathers and sons – sons of God will deliver creation (**Rom.8:19-21**)
- We need fathers – speaks of family, not organisation

TRUE APOSTLES ARE FATHERS

1Cor.4:14-15

- God has always intended for the church to have fathers
- Paul writes to 'my beloved children' – he views the believers as his children, he was a father to them
- Many instructors but not many fathers
- A father takes responsibility for the family, making sure they have everything they need to grow

2 Cor.11:28

- Paul carries a deep concern for all the churches
- In spite of all he suffered, what really matters is concern for the churches – a fatherly concern

Matt.10:40

- He who receives you, receives Me, he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me
- If you receive a true apostle, you will receive a revelation of the Father
- Apostles come to reveal the Father to the church
- Receive apostles - you receive a revelation of sonship

THE MYSTERY OF GOD REVEALED BY FATHERS AND SONS

Col.2:1-2

- Receive the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ
- We are entering into this mystery by receiving apostles, who are revealing the Father
- Knit together in the mystery of God
- God is Father to a Son and Son to a Father

- (**Rev.10:7** – the mystery of God will be complete) – this mystery will be revealed as the church walks in the reality of fathers and sons, being knit together (in relationship) by this mystery of God
- God as Father to Son and Son to Father will be seen by the world as the Church models this mystery!
- This mystery is to be revealed in the earth

Gal.4:19

- Paul says 'my little children' – labouring in birth until Christ is formed in you

1 Thess.2:9-12

- The work of the ministry – labouring in preaching the gospel of God
- Paul was among the brethren as a father
- 'We' exhorted, comforted and charged every one of you
- The apostolic team was as a father to the church in Thessalonica
- We as a company at SHILOH function corporately as a father to many brethren here and in the nations – it is a corporate fathering of sons!

BACKGROUND OF FATHERS AND SONS

Moses and Joshua – Ex.17:9

- Joshua is being sent into battle
- Moses was able to give Joshua a command
- As a father, he was interceding for his son
- Joshua is in training, and now sent out on a mission
- Moses held up his hand and the battle was won
- It is important to intercede for the sons – prayer and intercession
- (**1 John 2:12-14** – three stages of growth: little children; young men; fathers) Joshua is in the 'young man stage' – becoming strong, the word of God abiding in him and overcoming the wicked one
- **V.14** – keep a record of this to remind Joshua forever: you got the victory once, so you can get the victory again
- **1Tim.1:18** – Paul looked at Timothy as a son
- According to the prophecies previously made concerning you – remember these words, they will deliver you

Ex.24:13

- Joshua – a servant, a ministry to Moses
- The attitude of a son growing up under a father is to serve the father in any way it is needed (**Phil.2:22**)
- The knowledge of the call is there
- Joshua was with Moses – Joshua was watching what Moses did and learning from him
- The disciples of Jesus were with Him, and He was modelling for them how to relate with God
- Joshua saw the heart of Moses, the relationship Moses had with God
- This cannot be learned by studying a textbook

Ex.33:9-11

- Joshua did not depart from the Tabernacle
- He saw Moses talking to God face to face as a man talks to his friend

- Joshua wanted this same relationship with God
- The role of a spiritual father is to bring up sons to be in relationship with God; how to be sons of God; to raise them up to walk with God
- The spiritual father is not to draw sons to himself, but to point them to God
- Joshua – a servant; young man – a stage of service in the body under the oversight of a father [**Numbers 11:28**- Moses' assistant]

Numbers 14:30

- There was a different spirit within Joshua – he would inherit the land
- The spirit of sonship was working in Joshua
- Joshua the son of Nun – he kept his identity - you don't have to become somebody you are not
- You don't become another personality – each is an individual
- Be who you are, learning the ways of Christ, through the apostolic fathers God has given you

Num.27:16-18

- Joshua being released into his destiny
- Joshua is now 'a man' – no longer a 'young man'
- He is becoming a father – a man in whom is the Spirit
- Joshua being commissioned – set in place
- Lay hands on him and give of your authority to him
- Sons carry the authority of their fathers
- Jesus as a mature Son came to the Jordan river for baptism – and was placed into the position of the Son "This is My beloved Son" to whom all authority is given

Deut.3:28

- Command Joshua and encourage him
- Fathers put courage into sons
- Then Joshua hears God for himself saying 'have courage, be strong' (Joshua 1:1-9)

Eli and Samuel

1Sam.1:22

- Samuel was dedicated to Yahweh – that meant giving him over to a spiritual father in the house of God
- Samuel 'lent to Yahweh'

1Sam.2:12

- Eli's own sons were not walking with Yahweh themselves
 - **v.21** – the child grew
 - **v.27** – Samuel was being fathered by Eli
 - **v.29** – Eli's own sons were judged, but he still served God and fathered Samuel – who was chosen by God

1Sam3:1

- The boy Samuel – growing up under Eli
- **V.2-10** Yahweh speaking to Samuel

- Eli teaches Samuel how to hear from God and how to respond to Him when He speaks
- Eli confirms that Samuel was hearing from God
- Eli may have seemed to be a failure in his own family, but God used him to raise up a young boy to be a true prophet of God.
- Do not let your own failures disqualify you from being a father to others

True fathers are being restored to the church