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*Even every one that is **called by my name**: for I have **created** him for **my glory**, I have **formed** him; yea, I have **made** him (**Isaiah 43:7**).*

Those whom the Almighty God, the Ancient of Days, The LORD Yahweh, has called by His own Name were created for the purpose and sake of hosting the Glory Presence of God. This is what this Summit is ultimately about. What does it mean to be called by the LORD's Name, and what is the Glory for which we have been created, formed, and made?

Those who are called by the Name of the LORD have been:

- Created - *baw-raw* / to cut down (or off), select, choose, feed, and make fat.
- Formed – *yaw-star* / through squeezing into shape, to mold as a potter, to determine, fashion, frame, and purpose.
- Made – *aw-saw'* / accomplish, appoint, commit, dress, furnish, prepare, provide for.

It all began in eternity past, before time began, when God “*cut down*” / “*cut off*”, a piece of Himself, as it were, and squeezed that portion of His Spirit into the form of His Purpose. Every spirit broken off/cut down, chosen, and selected by God took on the form of God's Purpose and calling (*Romans 9:11*). Then He made, or prepared and furnished, that which He had *cut off* from Himself so that those whom He called by His Name, for the purpose of His Glory, would be totally equipped and furnished to accomplish, fulfill, and complete their mission! We have no excuse – everyone of us came into this world *created, formed, and made* according to the purpose and calling of God unto His Glory!

Destiny must be considered in the spiritual life of a believer. Who am I? What am I? Why am I? What is my purpose? Where am I going - and yes, where am I coming from? Knowing my beginning, my origin, or where I come from, will actually teach me the answer to all of the aforementioned questions. The beginning holds the key to knowing the end, and not only knowing the end but also knowing the *journey* in between; the road that takes you from the beginning to the end.

## I. THE BEGINNING AND THE END – Eden to Zion

If you desire to understand the end of God's Purpose for His creation, and moreover for His called, chosen, and faithful (*Revelation 17:14*), you need look no further than at the beginning. The beginning reveals the end. The beginning and the end are the same with God. God declared the end from the beginning (*Isaiah 46:10*). After all, **He is** the beginning and the end and yet God has no end because He has no beginning. However, *He is the end* because *He is the beginning*. In other words, every purpose or wheel of God's revealed Will that He has ever set in motion, that He is the originator and beginning of, He is also the end of – thus making HIM the object of the end of all things and everything He started!! Everything, yes, all things, all creation, all life, all history, all existence, all of your years, all of your trials, all of your victories – ALL THINGS, lead to *one thing*, God the Father and unto His Glory! God glorified is the ultimate end of all things. (Philippians 2:9-11)

This Truth of 'the beginning and the end' is revealed to us through the Christ, the Son of God.

*I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty (Revelation 1:8).*

*I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last (Revelation 22:13).*

John's revelation opens and closes with Jesus revealing Himself as the beginning and the end, the first and the last. He is the same at the end just as He is in the beginning.

*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever (Hebrews 13:8).*

Jesus begins and ends all things. He is the Father revealed. Not only is He the revelation of the beginning and the end, but He is also The Way in-between the beginning and the end. The word **same** in Hebrews 13:8 means: **to bring together, to be the same**. He is the same in the beginning just as He is at the end. He is the same in 'The Way' just as He is at the beginning and the end. He brings all of His Purpose into one, to the end. No matter where you are with Him, He is always the same. His Purpose is the same. He changes not. His Will remains the same. He does not deviate from His intended Purpose due to circumstances, time, or culture. God is '*the same*'. What He did yesterday, He will do today. What God said at the beginning, He will also say at the end and in-between the beginning and the end. (Malachi 3:6, Isaiah 46:10, Psalm 33:11, Isaiah 14:24)

God's Purpose, reason, and Will "*is*" at the present moment exactly as it was in the beginning. God does not have a beginning in the sense of being born or as far as His existence is concerned. Since God Himself has no beginning, neither does His Purpose. However, the revealing and the implementing of His Purpose has a beginning and an end, and yet just as He is Himself, His beginning and end are forever and eternal.

## II. THE BEGINNING AND THE END OF GOD'S WAY

*The LORD possessed me in the **beginning of his way**, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was (Proverbs 8:22-23).*

The “*beginning of His way*” has to do with God’s revealed Purpose. His **WAY** is His Purpose! Before God began His works of old (His original works in *key-dem/eternity* past), He possessed (erected, set-up, procured, and taught) the Son whom He birthed from Himself. **God does not have a beginning, but His Way and Purpose had a beginning as far as being exposed or revealed, and His Way and Purpose has an end as far as being fulfilled and completed.** The end brings us back to the beginning, back to the origin, back to Him, back to that which is unending! The locking together of the beginning and the end is the completion, the fulfillment, and the accomplishment of ‘*The Way*’ having been walked and the Will and Purpose of God having been fulfilled.

The words you just read show you why you exist! To walk His Way – Jesus is The Way that leads to the eternal Father! The Father is the ultimate purpose. He is the revelation of the Father’s Purpose. To see Him is to see the Father. Without seeing, knowing, embracing, and loving the Son, *The Way*, we cannot ever come to the Father – the beginning and the end of The Way. (John 14:8-11, John 10:30, John 1:18, John 14:21.23, 1 John 2:23, 2 John 1:9). Many profess to love and serve the Master, Jesus, and yet they despise and hate the Way. It is not possible to love Him and not the Way. The Way is walking and fulfilling God’s purpose whether it be in pleasure or pain, sunshine or storm, acceptance or rejection, or on the mountain or deepest valley. The Way must be embraced because loving the Way is loving Him. We cannot reach the Father without loving the Son, The Way!

The nation of Israel was not permitted entrance into Canaan because of their unbelief which was birthed out of their “hate” for the way in which God was leading them.

*And the LORD said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves: They have **turned aside quickly out of the way** which I commanded them... (Exodus 32:7-8)*

The nation of Israel’s sin was that they “*turned aside quickly out of the way that God commanded*”. Recently, I taught on Naaman, the leper. He was commanded by the prophet Elisha to perform a simple task that would bring him healing and restoration. The task however, humiliated him so much that initially he would have none of it – he did not obey. Had he not eventually submitted to obey to the simplicity of the task he would never have been healed.

There is a simplicity in ‘*The Way*’. So much that God requires of us in the way is not difficult to fulfill, but it is humbling to the flesh. Hence, we despise The Way. It was the “*despising of the way*” that led the nation of Israel to open their hearts and lives to demonic powers and serve devils, demons, rather than serving God.

*They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not. Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee (Deuteronomy 32:17-18).*

The way was considered too difficult so 'God's people' despised it and yet they wanted to go, supposedly, to Canaan. However, they wanted to create *their own way* and in doing so they served devils rather than God. We have all rebelled against the way in one form or another. This too has opened our heart to waste places in wilderness experiences where demons and spiritual forces of darkness have been given a place to nest. (*Neither give place to the devil. Ephesians 4:27*). Obviously, Paul would never have cautioned for us not to give place to the devil if that were not possible! No saints – we MUST LOVE THE WAY to reach the end of the way! Jesus is the WAY.

Take note that the devils they sacrificed to were "*new gods*" that recently had been introduced. This is what the church world is full of – New Age spirits that people are serving and bowing to because the "*real way*", *the only way*, is too hard. Therefore, "let's make this journey easier on ourselves", they say. Come on – we have all done this and opened our hearts to all manner of demonic powers and influences that dictate our spiritual and natural life. It is from these influences and powers that we need deliverance.

The only way that is going to get you and I to our destiny is the "old path", not the "new way".

*Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein. (Jeremiah 6:16)*

The Hebrew word for WAY is *deh'-rek*. This word means: *a road as trodden, a course of life, custom, passing through, and journey. Deh'rek* comes from the root word *daw-rak* meaning: *to tread, to walk, to string a bow like an archer, and to thresh by treading down.*

In *John 14:6*, Jesus declared – "*I am the way*". The Aramaic New Testament word for way is also *deh'rek*. Jesus, out of His own mouth, proclaimed that He alone, *The Way*, leads to one thing only – The Father! – Jesus said, "*No man comes to the Father but by me*" - (we come to the Father by *walking The Way*). **The Father is the beginning of The Way, and He is the end of The Way. A 'way' is not for standing upon but rather for walking in. A way is useless unless it is trodden, journeyed, and passed through.** One of the meanings of 'way' is to string a bow like an archer. This is showing us that The Way has a 'mark', a goal, a destiny, and a purpose. Hitting the bullseye is reaching the end of The Way. In the beginning, the Father "strung us up", as it were, like a bow, and shot us from His eternal Purpose on a trajectory towards His intended end. You are on that trajectory as you read this.

The end, and all in God's Purpose, is *fulfilled* once the Father **fills all**. This is the bullseye. This is when He is glorified. (See 5B, *Filled With The Fulness of God* - Pg. 13)

*Then cometh the end,... that God may be all in all. (1 Corinthians 15:24a,28b)*

The *beginning of verse 24* and the *end of verse 28* tell it all. At the ultimate end of all things, when it is all said and done, when the Father's revealed WAY, His Son, has accomplished His mission to the fullest, then we, all creation, will be back at the beginning.

The first four words written in the beginning of the holy scriptures state: *In the beginning God* (Genesis 1:1). God was in the beginning, nothing but God. God filled all, He was all. There was nothing else but Him. In the end, when the beginning and the end of time meet and lock together, God will be once again *ALL IN ALL!* When God is not the object of our all; or when things, feelings, desires, desire for recognition, our own will, our own purpose, personal goals, and vision, remain the object of our existence, we have not yet accomplished the purpose of walking "THE WAY". The end of The Way is God becoming what He was in the beginning – ***ALL!***

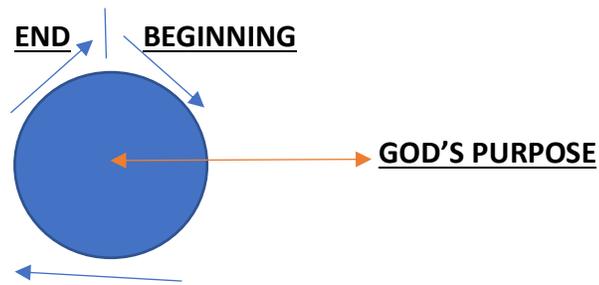
*Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will (Ephesians 1:9-11).*

What does *All in all* look like? It means that everything is filled with Him and the fulness of His Will, of His Good Pleasure, of His Purpose, and of His Divine Counsel! Everything will be gathered together as one in Him. He will be All, in all – all will be one, all will be Him. The joy is filled with Him! The pain is filled with Him! The warfare is filled with Him! The victory is filled with Him! Life is filled with Him because He is the ultimate purpose that *The Way*, the Old Path, has led you to.

### III. [THE CIRCLE OF GOD'S WAY – Returning to the Beginning](#)

God's Purpose, *His Way*, does not move in a straight line, as it were, but rather as a revolving wheel. If we were to draw a circle, eventually we would end at the beginning, or back where we originally started. This is how God reveals His Purpose and Will – as a wheel with a beginning and an end, and yet with no end at all. This is why everything in God and everything about God is "*forever fresh*" and new. He is always, and forever, the eternal unending revolving God with a beginning and an end of purpose; or bringing His Purpose to an end or an accomplished fulfillment. He is the eternal beginning and the eternal end and yet never ending! The *accomplishment* of His Purpose will exist for all eternity without end.

## THE REVOLVING WHEEL OF GOD'S PURPOSE



*They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the LORD is round about his people from henceforth even for ever (Psalm 125:1-2).*

The LORD is "round about" His people from henceforth even "forever". Did you see that? – round-about forever! "Round-about" in Hebrew is the word *saw-beed*. This word means: *a circle, a circuit, to compass around, to revolve and whirl around*. God's "for-ever", in Hebrew, is the word *o'lawm*, which means: *eternity, everlasting, time past & time future, and without end*.

God's Purpose for His people, is like a revolving wheel of life; a wheel that revolves from past to future in the present. His Purpose has a beginning and an end and yet will revolve forever without end. His Purpose is past, it is future, and it is present – unending.

We are approaching not only the end of our own personal spiritual journey, but also the end of the New Testament Era of time - and yet the end of one revelation of God's Purpose is simply the beginning of another; however, not a beginning of something *new* but rather an extension of that which *has been*. If we are to understand what God desires for us at our end, we must look back to the beginning. *The beginning reveals God's Purpose and Will for the end* – an end that leads us to a new "eternal" beginning – an eternal beginning that is built upon where we have been and where we have come from and what we have come through – in other words, 'the way' we have walked.

As far as creation and time is concerned, the revelation of God's Will and Purpose for mankind was originally given to man within the Paradise Garden in the Land of Eden. The name Eden means *pleasure and delight*. It was God's original intent for man to live in a perpetual pleasurable, delightful, and harmonious relationship with the Creator God. God's Glory and Presence filled The Garden. *Eden was the earthly reflection of God's Heavenly Paradise where God's Glory is center stage and dominates all*. Eden was the first 'Zion' on Earth. Eden was where God's Glory Presence resided among His creation. We must return to Eden. This is the beginning, but it is also the eternal unending future!

#### IV. THE THORNS AND THISTLES OF THE WASTELAND

God placed man in His Paradise Garden to dwell with Him, to fellowship Him, and for Him to walk with man and communicate with man. God longs to dwell with His creation. God does not dwell with man in an open field – He only dwells within a fence, within a habitation, and within a prepared place. This is why He had Moses raise a tabernacle in the first place. (Exodus 25:8 – that I may dwell among them). The song of Moses is a prophetic song given by inspiration after God’s people crossed the Red Sea. Within the lines of this song are these words: *He is my God and I will prepare Him a habitation. (Exodus 15:2)* God’s desire has always been, and remains, to dwell, to permanently reside with His creation whom He created, formed, and made for His glory!

However, mankind lost the privilege of the residing Presence of God’s Glory when he rebelled against God and His Purpose and Will. God drove Adam male and female out and away from His Presence and set guardian cherubs to guard the way to the Presence of God, to the Tree of Life. Instead of the pleasure and delight of God’s Presence, man now experienced the wasteland void of God’s residing Glory.

*...cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; **Thorns also and thistles** shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return (Genesis 3:17-19).*

Thorns in Hebrew – *kotse*, meaning: that which pricks – (from *koots*) to clip off.

Thistles in Hebrew – *dar-dar*, has no particular meaning apart from thorny.

Both of these words, thorns and thistles, speak of that which is prickly, thorny, annoying, a source of discomfort and difficulty, along with an being an irritation and an obstacle. A wasteland is an area or a territory that is desolate, barren, or overgrown with unwanted wildlife. Mankind’s new home was very different than the Garden Paradise. It was barren of beauty and fruitfulness and covered with the unwanted overgrowth of thorns and thistles.

Due to the fall of mankind, paradise was lost – the Garden along with the residing Glory Presence of God that rested there was removed. Mankind found themselves in a wasteland; certainly, a wasteland in comparison to the splendor, pleasures, and delights that Adam Male and Female had enjoyed in the Glory Presence of God in the fenced Garden Paradise. They now experienced the reality of separation from God in the unfenced wasteland. The wasteland that became their new home was cursed with *thorns and thistles*. The paradise in which they had resided was gone, but so also was the paradise garden within their own spirit. Eden/Zion, within their hearts also became a waste place. (Psalm 143:3-6) However, God, due to His eternal purpose would not allow the waste place to remain so forever. A time of restoration will come, and MUST come!

*For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her **waste places**; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody. (Isaiah 51:3)*

Look at the condition of Zion when this prophetic word was given by Isaiah. She was full of idolatry. Paganism was rampant within her. Zion had become a **waste place** (*khōr-bar* / drought, dry, desolate, decayed, destroyed, heat, cut with a sword), a **wilderness** (*mid-bawr* / in the sense of being driven to a wide open dry place, uninhabited land), and a **desert** (*Ar-aw-baw* / sterile, fruitless, to become dusky and darkened).

God promised Israel, His bridal nation, that the waste, desolate, ruined, wilderness, desert, and destroyed places in Zion would once again become like the original Eden, the Garden of the LORD. We all have a *Canaan wasteland* within us that is fruitless, barren, dry, and desolate. We all have a Zion that has become a lifeless wilderness. *We all occupy a desert that was originally a 'paradise'*. God wants that waste-place, desert, wilderness to once again become what He originally purposed it to be - *His habitation, a paradise, the place where He desires to reside and place His Glory Presence*. **The war within you, the deep struggle within all of those predestined for Zion is about this waste place!!** Oh, and what a war it is!

God is calling us from...

- **waste to Glory**
- **ashes to beauty**
- **mourning to the oil of gladness**
- **the spirit of heaviness** (the spirit of infirmity) to be **clothed with the garments of praise!**

*To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified. And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations (Isaiah 61:3-4).*

Read those verses again: **THIS IS EDEN – THIS IS THE ZION EXPERIENCE!** This is restoration, reversal, fruitfulness, rebuilding, and the ultimate purpose of the LORD God which is for Him to be glorified!

It is within the waste places where the 'wild beasts' find dwelling. It is among the thorns and thistles that demonic influences lurk and impact our lives. It is within the desolate ruins of our spirit where foul and unclean spirits lodge and lay their serpent eggs.

*And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird (Revelation 18:2).*

During the time of the prophets, God's Holy City of Jerusalem was taken captive and occupied by Babylon. It became a waste place, a place of ruin. The verse above depicts what happens when

such ruin takes hold of a city. It becomes the dwelling place and habitation of devils, every foul spirit, and unclean and hateful bird, referring to various kinds of demonic powers.

We are now living in the final days before the coming of the Lord Jesus. These, as was in the days of the prophetic picture and type, are the days of 'the prophets'. We are in the days of inspiration (we will see that later in this study). But these are also the days of Babylonian captivity – a wasteland wilderness. Hence, we are seeing demonic powers rise within the Church: demons are influencing the people of God, lurking in the shadows, laying their eggs in the waste-places, and causing the remnant people of God to “miss the target”! We must join ourselves to the restoration that God is beginning to perform at this present moment. It is happening – now!

*And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in (Isaiah 58:12).*

What are these “old waste places”? To understand the answer to that question we need to look back to eternity past and see how God made man and what He placed within him.

*He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end (Ecclesiastes 3:11).*

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*He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also set eternity in their heart, without the possibility that mankind will find out the work which God has done from the beginning even to the end.*

God set the eternal world in man's heart before time began. The word 'world' is translated from the Hebrew word *o'lawm*.

- *O'lawm* means: time out of mind past and future, eternity, ancient time, everlasting, perpetual time (or time that is not time), and world without end.

*O'lawn* is God's eternal time clock and yet it is not time at all. It is past and future, perpetual and unending, everlasting and eternal, ancient and yet forever new and present.

*This is God's world! God's world is eternal time that isn't time as we know it, but is rather the perpetual revolving of the LORD's *great 'self' and Name!* It is eternal time (or revolving) – the eternal world.*

In the beginning, within the spirit of man, God breathed His eternal purpose. He placed eternity, His eternal everlasting Kingdom, *His world*. Man was created by God and within him God placed the *o'lawm* eternal world of 'Himself'. *His* Kingdom, Zion, *His* Holy Mountain, *His* eternal purpose, and *His* Holy Name were placed within His created beings! God's world is not about you and I – it is about *Him!* This does not make God egotistical as some people have proclaimed. No, rather

it reveals to us who He is – *GOD, the Eternal, the Ancient of Days, the Everlasting, the I Am, the ALL!*

It was God's world within mankind that became the waste place. The "old" waste places, the eternal time, the world of God, the Kingdom of God, God's paradise within the heart of man became a desolate waste place and wilderness. It became a habitation of devils and every unclean spirit. This is the waste place that must be reclaimed – this is what must be restored. It is here, in the restored waste place, in the conquered "recaptured" Zion, that the habitation of God is raised for His Throne and His Glory Presence! Eden is restored in this place within you.

Without the *o'lawm* world within the heart, it is not possible for man to fathom, comprehend, or begin to have a glimpse into that which God has done from the beginning to the end. Once the eternal world is awakened, once *o'lawm* is again inhabited by the King, the eyes will begin to open to *see God in all!* Once again, we will see Him in the beginning and the end of all things. However, in the present, fallen, wasteland state of the *o'lawm* world, in the state of its captivity and demise, we don't see God at all; at least we have a hard time seeing Him and acknowledging Him in anything that contradicts our will, desire, purpose, and plan.

*Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away (Isaiah 51:11).*

This is a prophetic promise of the time that Judah would return from Babylonian captivity. The remnant people of God are called "*THE REDEEMED OF THE LORD*". Redeemed is translated from the Hebrew word *paw-daw* which means: released, delivered, rescued, severed from, and preserved.

*The redeemed* return to Zion delivered and set with singing and everlasting (*o'lawm*) joy. Once again, the *o'lawm world* of God is renewed, restored, and recovered from being a waste place to a place of joy and gladness. Sorrow and mourning flee away.

*The captive exile hasteneth that he may be loosed, and that he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail (Isaiah 51:14).*

This is not the season to drag your heels and halt between two opinions. (*1 Kings 18:21*) It is the time to make haste, to move swiftly, and speedily so the pit (*shakh'-ath* / the grave, destruction, to sink down) does not become your demise! Get up, shake yourself, (*Isaiah 52:2*) proclaim the Truth, call on the Name of the LORD, and be set free to return to Zion with *o'lawm* joy and gladness!! Return to God's world and abandon your own world of failure. The waste place is a world of failure, it is a world of self, it is a world of death, and it is a world of demonic power.

When Jerusalem/Zion was "*Babylonized*", it also became a waste place and a habitation of all manner of beast. In the beginning, when man's spirit lost the breath and Glory of God, it too became a thorny waste place and a habitation of demonic power and influence.

*For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead. Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate. I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands. I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land. Selah (Psalm 143:3-6).*

David understood – he knew what was going on within his being. He speaks of:

- The enemies of his soul who make him feel like he dwells in the darkness of the dead. Oh, you talk about a waste place!
- His spirit was overwhelmed (*aw-taff*/ clothed with darkness, covered, faint, feeble, and swoon [faint from extreme emotion])
- His heart was desolate (*shaw-mame*/ waste, grow numb, stupefied [make someone unable to think or feel properly], destitute, and destroyed).
- He remembered God's Purpose from *key-dem*, God's original eternal Purpose – His WAY
- He began thinking on the right things – God's works and what He has and can do
- He thirsted for God in this condition

It is such a thirst and yearning for God and for His Glory Presence that causes the cry to ascend in Zion for deliverance.

*And it shall come to pass, that whosoever **shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance**, as the LORD hath said, and **in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.** (Joel 2:32)*

The destined 'end' of the spiritual journey for those upon whom the Name of the LORD has been called, the remnant people, is Zion. Zion is about deliverance. Zion oozes deliverance. The streets of Zion drip with the power of deliverance. But Zion must first be conquered. Zion is a stronghold, a citadel, an impregnable habitation of demonic powers that hate God – namely Jebusites.

Mt. Zion was the first territory that David conquered when he became the King of Israel. However, Zion was also the last major territory to be conquered in the Land of Canaan. Zion was occupied by the Jebusites whose name means: *to trample under foot, to loathe, and to be polluted*. Zion was supposedly an unconquerable Jebusite stronghold.

*Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same is the city of David. (2 Samuel 5:7)*

We all possess a polluted stronghold of Zion within the deepest place of our 'wasteland Canaan heart'. It is within this place, this polluted barren, fruitless wilderness, this desert, the wasteland within the stronghold of our inner most being where God desires to establish His Throne and His Kingdom. Here, He desires to restore Eden again! Everyone, has a deep, hidden, secret stronghold within. This thorny thistly place has plagued us since the days of first remembrance. This stronghold can also be identified as your *greatest weakness*. This wasteland has become woven

within the fibers of our *identity and character*. Much of what others see as part of the outward character we display is actually a manifestation of thorns, thistles, and the wasteland that is occupied by demonic influences that do not belong there. It is here, within the greatest weakness (weaknesses) of your life where God desires to establish His Kingdom. This is where He desires to once again *place His Glory Presence*. This is the place He wants to restore! This is the place He has promised to restore! When we love the LORD our God more than we love the pleasures and delights of our own weakness, we will once again experience Eden (pleasure and delight) established within us; Zion's stronghold will become the citadel of God's Kingdom and Throne Room – our weak, waste places will become God's strong place and Throne Room.

Take note of the first word in 2 Samuel 5:7 – “*NEVERTHELESS*”. In verse six, we are told that the Jebusites were convinced that David would never be able to conquer the stronghold of Zion. They were convinced that their citadel was so impregnable that even the lame and the blind could defend it. Even though the original text does not use the word “*nevertheless*”, the context of the story does. *In spite of* the Jebusites' threats, mocks, and scorns, and *in spite of* Jerusalem's impregnable walls and gates, David 'nevertheless', conquered Zion.

- You may feel like your deep, secret, weakness and wasteland are impregnable.
- You may have been pricked by the thorns and thistles so many times that you have shied away from attempting to deal with the uncomfortable and difficult territory.
- Maybe you have attempted many times to overcome things in your life that seem to never want to 'go away'.
- You may feel overcome by spirits of infirmity, weakness, despair, and discouragement that occupy and lurk in the dark places of the chambers of your heart.

In such cases, you run from your weakness; you hide it from others; you hate it; you ignore it; or you end up never dealing with it at all. Yet, all the while, it is affecting your life, your service to God, and your relationship with God and others. Many sincere believers have come so close to the Kingdom of God experience, but their thorny weakness pricked them so badly and conquered them rather than they conquering the thorny weakness. Many ministries have fallen because ministers have failed to see, admit, face, and deal with the stronghold of their inner most being.

The closer you get to Zion's Kingdom experience the more you will be able to see the weakness/stronghold in the core of yourself, and the more you will also feel the pricks. It may even seem like your 'issues' are getting worse. There will be pain, annoyance, frustration, and disappointments. But in reality, God is allowing you to see the walls of the wasteland of Zion in you within which He desires to establish His Throne Room and Kingdom.

The name David (*Daw-veed*) means love and lover. It was a man called 'love' who conquered the stronghold and set up a place for the Throne of God to be established among His people. When you finally *love the LORD thy God* more than you love your pride, His Kingdom will come. When you finally love the LORD thy God more than you love your weaknesses, His Kingdom will come. When you finally love the LORD thy God more than you love your own positions, power, desires,

wants, and carnal self, His Kingdom will come unto you. Then, and only then, can true Kingdom dominion be manifest in your life. Only then are we truly hitting the target – God All in all!

Zion was the last stronghold to be conquered in Canaan. Zion became the heartbeat of Israel. Zion, Jerusalem, became the center and capitol of the nation. From there, the Kingdom of God was established. From there, David, the king, ruled with dominion authority over the land.

### The First Dominion

*And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem. (Micah 4:8)*

God promised to bring the “*first dominion*” and His Kingdom to His Bridal City, Zion, Jerusalem. What is the first dominion? The first dominion was revealed in the ‘*first Eden*’ – The Garden Paradise of God. The first dominion, Kingdom dominion, was introduced to the nation of Israel through King David. He was the first king to establish the ‘Kingdom of God’; a kingdom that revolved around the heartbeat of God’s Throne positioned upon Mt. Zion within the Tabernacle that David raised unto His Throne and Glory. However, the very ‘first time’ that God’s Kingdom dominion was revealed on earth was in the Garden of Eden. It was there that God’s Purpose concerning dominion was given to Adam Male and Female.

The establishing of the Kingdom of God within you comes with the conquering of Zion’s stronghold and the restoration of the waste places. The restoration has to do with reclaiming, rebuilding, resurrecting, and re-establishing that which was once a reality within us. This brings us to the restoration of the David’s Tabernacle.

### **V. ZION AND DAVID’S TABERNACLE RESTORED**

*After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things (Acts 15:16-17).*

The Tabernacle of David, the established Kingdom of God on Zion, is *fallen down*. The Church, in general, lives in this reality. *Fallen* means: *to be cast down, overthrown, perished, slain, thrown down, made to rot, and ceased*. However, the good news is that God promised restoration at the end. He promised that once again His remnant people, those called by His Name, would see His Kingdom come and His Glory Presence return. This restoration has to do with the Kingdom of God becoming established, a residence raised for God’s Throne, a place where worshipping-warriors worship, glorify, and magnify God, and a place of the gathering of the Gentiles upon whom the name of the Lord has been called.

*Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him (Isaiah 43:7).*

Who are these called Gentiles? Who are these ones called by His Name? What does it mean to be called by His Name? And what does it mean to be “created for my glory”?

#### **A. Called by His Name**

Do you even know if you are called by His Name? Not everyone is called by His Name, and those who are called by His Name are not called because of themselves, but rather because of God’s own Purpose, positioning, placement, for the carrying and revelation of His Glory. Phrases and terms such as “Called by My Name”, “For My/His Name’s sake”, “God’s elect/election”, and such the like, are obviously an important issue within the pages of God’s Word as they are quoted in one form or another well over seventy times. Surely this is a matter to be explored!

To *be called* basically has a twofold meaning:

- 1. To be invited**
- 2. To be proclaimed**

To *be called by His Name* is to be *invited somewhere and for something*. To be called by His Name is to have a proclamation both spoken *to you* and *over you*.

- To be invited is to have a formal request given or spoken to you to go somewhere or to do something.
- A proclamation, on the other hand, is a verbal public announcement about something important. It is also a declaration with emphasis on something or someone in particular.

Those who are “called by the Name of the LORD” have been openly, publicly and formally invited to a place designated and determined by God. A proclamation was verbally spoken at the time of invite over the spirit of those who were called and chosen. It has already been announced in the courts of Heaven as to what God’s intent and purpose is concerning you, your life, your purpose, and your destiny. Your spirit was squeezed into shape to match God’s call and proclamation. You were made and equipped for the purpose of God. It is no secret in the Kingdom of God as to who God has chosen and for what purpose He has chosen them. *It has been published!* Every angel knows, but so does every demon. It was the LORD’s own Name that was proclaimed and spoken over the spirit of those whom He called and invited.

*And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD (Exodus 34:5).*

PROCLAIMED – This word in Hebrew is *kaw-raw* and it means: *to call, call out, recite, cry out, proclaim, utter a loud sound, to call unto, to summon, invite, call for, call and commission,*

*appoint, call and endow, give a name to, to be called, be proclaimed, be read aloud, be named, be called out, and to be chosen.*

While Moses stood with God, in the Presence of His Glory, God proclaimed His Name to and over him - revealing Himself, and at the same time showing Moses what was contained within God's calling over his life. God's Name contained His Purpose and calling.

The Name of God contains within it everything there is about Him.

- His nature, character, and power are in His Name
- His ownership, Lordship, and Kingship are in His Name
- His Word, His promise, and His performance are revealed in His Name
- Nothing about God is excluded from His Name! It's all in His Name
- All there is to know about God is within His Name
- He reveals Himself through various aspects and degrees of revelation, but this sacred Name of Yahweh/Jehovah contains all revelation about who He is

**The invitation of His Name is joined to the proclamation of His Name.** God spoke over those who are called. In so many words, "I am inviting you to a place for a purpose. Should you accept My invitation, I am proclaiming all of Myself, My Name, over you!" You cannot possibly miss the mark, you cannot miss the bullseye target, when you accept the invitation! The fullness of Himself has been proclaimed! Are you CALLED? It's an invitation – accept the invitation and be guided to the mark. (Press to the mark for the prize of the high calling of God. – Philippians 3:14)

*Go through, go through the gates; prepare **ye the way of the people**; cast up, **cast up the highway**; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people. Behold, the LORD hath **proclaimed** unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, **thy salvation cometh**; behold, his **reward is with him**, and **his work before him**. And they shall call them, **The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD**: and thou shalt be called, **Sought out, A city not forsaken** (Isaiah 62:10-12). *(all emphasis by author)**

These verses show the future end of those called by the LORD's eternal Name. This is ultimately what His restoration looks like. To Zion, the prophecy is this: The LORD has proclaimed to the daughter of Zion...

- Your salvation (Yeshua) is coming
- His (Salvation's) reward is with Him
- His work goes before Him
- They shall be called the "Holy People"
- They shall be called the "redeemed of the LORD"
- They shall be called "sought out" (search for, seek for, follow in pursuit after, and worship)
- They shall be called "a city not forsaken"

## **B. Filled with the fulness of God**

David's Tabernacle is about a habitation being raised that hosts the Glory Presence, the shekinah dwelling Presence, of God. This *dwelling place* is not the same as the temple spoken of in which the Holy Ghost dwells. (1 Corinthians 6:19) Rather, this is a "raised, built, rebuilt, and restored" temple residence within the spirit of man. David's Tabernacle is the residence God chooses to dwell in, the residence that ultimately leads to the building of the final Temple, the temple depicted by Ezekiel (a study for another time).

*That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us (2 Timothy 1:14).*

The Holy Ghost dwells in us. Our *bodies/beings* are the temple, or the dwelling place, of the Holy Ghost. It is from within us that this gift operates, influences, guides, leads, instructs, teaches, convicts us, and prays through us. The Holy Ghost dwells and operates within us, through us, and upon our bodies.

*What? know ye not that **your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost** which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? (1 Corinthians 6:19)*

The indwelling of the Holy Ghost is not to be confused with the establishment of God's Kingdom and the *raising of a dwelling place* for the *weighty Glory of God's divine Spirit and Glory Presence*. This is a separate experience altogether. It is a separate tabernacle and temple.

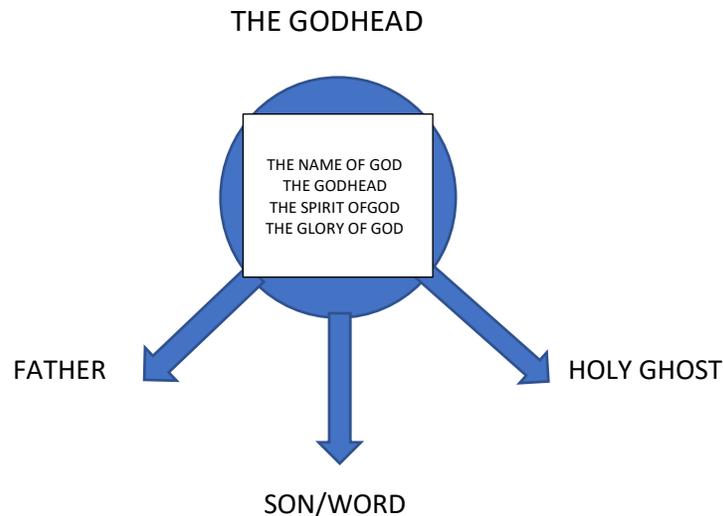
*So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house (Ezekiel 43:5).*

Ezekiel's vision of the Temple of God was prophetic of the temple that God desires to see raised within the life of a believer. This temple, the built temple, the raised temple, the temple constructed by the believer with the gold, silver, and precious stones provided for by the Word and Spirit of God, is that which will ultimately host the glorious Spirit/Glory and breath of God – His weighty Glory and Presence. David's Tabernacle is part of this structure because David will be raised to be the King among the people. (Ezekiel 37:24-28)

*Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. (1 Corinthians 3:12-17).*

The gift of the Holy Ghost is part of the spiritual foundation. On the other hand, the dwelling and hosting of the Spirit and Glory of God is within the temple which is built upon the foundation. One experience is given, the other is obtained through spiritual work, warfare, striving, plowing, and building.

Some may ask, what is the difference between the *Holy Ghost* and the *Spirit of God*. The Holy Ghost is the third person of the Godhead. The Spirit of God, on the other hand, is the Spirit of the unified Power, Presence, Name, and Glory of the Godhead – the three in One.



The diagram above illustrates the difference between the Glory and the Spirit of God as opposed to the Holy Ghost who is the third person, river, or outflow of the Godhead. God is One, totally and absolutely One. He is One in Name, one in Purpose, one in Will, one in Revelation, and one in Power. However, God works through three very distinct rivers of experience. God operates as One, and He operates as three. The three bear witness to One God.

*May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be **filled with all the fulness of God** (Ephesians 3:18-19). (emphasis by author)*

The purpose of the Tabernacle/Temple is to host the *fulness of God's dwelling Glory*. It is the express Will of God that His people be "*filled with all the fulness of God*". Those are huge words – *the fulness of God*. **What is the fullness of God?** Fulness means: **repletion (to be totally filled with something), completion, fulfilled, fully satisfied, accomplished, finished, fully furnished, a finished period or task, the end, and totally full**. You can be filled with the Holy Ghost, and you must, but being filled with the *fulness of God* is about being filled with the Glory Presence of God; the same breath and fire that was breathed into mankind in the beginning, the breath that gave man life, the *naw-sham-ah* breath of God! We MUST be filled with it again! But there cannot be a filling without the vessel and space to fill; a tabernacle/temple, and a habitation must be raised, or restored/rebuilt.

*Help us, O God of our salvation, for the **glory of thy name**: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake (Psalm 79:9).*

*And blessed be his **glorious name** for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen, and Amen (Psalm 72:19).*

***I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images (Isaiah 42:8).***

*Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. For mine own sake, **even for mine own sake**, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? and I will not **give my glory unto another**. Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last **(Isaiah 48:10-12)**.*

The Glory of the LORD is His Name! It is the Name by which we are called, it is the Name with which God rules, it is the Name that He wishes to fill us with, and it is to His Name and the Glory that the temple is raised.

*...they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the **house of my glory (Isaiah 60:7)**.*

It is the completeness of His Name, *the Glory of His Name*, the Name by which you are called and invited. The Name that God desires to fill you and I with has been proclaimed over us. This is the Glory of His breath. When the residence is raised and prepared for His Throne, then His Glory fills the habitation and His Purpose can be accomplished; God can and will be All in all as we are filled with the fulness of God (filled with His breath)– mission accomplished! God gave us examples of His Will and Purpose in various places throughout scripture:

### **1. Moses Tabernacle**

*Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the **glory of the LORD filled** the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the **glory of the LORD filled** the tabernacle (Exodus 40:34-35).*

The Glory of the LORD filled the Tabernacle. The word filled, *maw-law*, is the exact same word Paul used when he said to be filled with the “fulness” of God. (Exodus 25:8 – that I may dwell among you.)

### **2. Solomon’s Temple**

*So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: **for the glory of the LORD had filled** the house of the LORD. (1 Kings 8:11)*

*So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: **for the glory of the LORD had filled** the house of God. (2 Chronicles 5:14)*

*Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the **glory of the LORD filled** the house. (2 Chronicles 7:1)*

### 3. Ezekiel's Millennial Temple

*So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the **glory of the LORD filled** the house. (Ezekiel 43:5)*

### 4. The Whole Earth During the Millennium

During the millennium, God's Purpose for His creation will be *accomplished* when His Glory FILLS the Earth.

*But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be **filled with the glory of the LORD** (Numbers 14:21).*

*And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the **whole earth be filled with his glory**; Amen, and Amen. The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended (Psalm 72:19-20).*

*For the earth shall be filled with the **knowledge of the glory of the LORD**, as the waters cover the sea (Habukkuk 2:14).*

### 5. Zion

*And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: **for upon all the glory shall be a defence** (Isaiah 4:5).*

Those who dwell in Zion will have their personal "tabernacle" experience – they will all dwell in places that are each covered with the "Cloud and Fire". Every dwelling place will be overshadowed by the Glory of God. Every dwelling will be a fortified place of safety and defense. From this view of Zion, we see the **personal relationship that each dwelling has with the Glory Presence of God!**

God's weighty Glory is described here as a defense, a wall. It is God's Glory that becomes the covering, the surrounding wall, the protection, and the personal secret place! Imagine – if you can, the Glory Presence of God hovering over and around your dwelling. This can only happen when your dwelling has been prepared as a Throne Room for the Ancient of Days.

*When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory (Psalm 102:16).*

*To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem (Psalm 102:21).*

We now return to the re-building, or the building up of Zion. When Zion is restored, when it rises out of the ashes and out of the thorns and thistles of the wasteland, the Glory of God will once again be established among His people. I'm not talking about His Presence – *but HIS GLORY!!* When His Name is declared and His praise ascends, when the waste places are turned into a holy residence for His Throne, His Glory will appear! God is calling His remnant people to rise up and raise up a tabernacle/temple as a house for His Throne. This will happen in the dry places of the wasteland.

## C. David and Elijah

Seven years ago, the Spirit of God spoke to me as plainly as you hear my voice speaking. He said, "The time of David and Elijah has come." Naturally, I did not immediately know what that meant. My immediate thought was, "What do David and Elijah have to do with each other?" A few days later I was led to purchase a small book that for some reason I was drawn to. As I browsed through the book, I came across a chapter titled, "David and Elijah". Needless to say, it was in that chapter that I stopped and began to read. It was within the pages before me that I learned what it was that the Spirit of God had spoken to me a few days prior.

The spirit, anointing, ministry, and role of David and Elijah are both promised to be restored in the end-times to the end-time remnant people of God. Ah, I got it!

### 1. David's Anointing (King and Priest)

*After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up (Acts 15:16).*

### 2. Elijah's Anointing (Prophet)

*And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things. (Matthew 17:11) (Luke 1:17).*

*Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD (Malachi 4:5).*

Take note of the words "build again" concerning David's Tabernacle, and "restore" in regards to the spirit and power of Elijah in the end-times. This is the season of God building again and restoring all things to His people. If it isn't you, it will be among somebody else. But, it is going to happen among those who respond to the call of the Spirit of God in a generation that has all but deafened their ears to the voice of God's Spirit. And yet, there are those who have an ear to hear what the Spirit is saying. Are you one of them?

#### a) DAVID:

- i. David's anointing is about the King and the Priest and restoring a place for the Glory of God.
- ii. It is about bringing back God's Throne to the center and heartbeat of the people as David did when He brought the Ark of God to Zion.
- iii. It is about worshipping warriors who worship and war simultaneously.
- iv. It is about restoring the Glory of God among God's people

#### b) ELIJAH:

Many believe that the coming of the spirit and power of Elijah's mantle has to do with miracles. I am sure there will be miracles. However, John the Baptist bore the mantle of Elijah's spirit and yet he did not perform one miracle (John 10:41). Rather, he spoke a prophetic word of preparation of the One coming after him. He prepared the hearts of the people for the coming of Jesus.

- i. Elijah's mantle is about the call to repentance
- ii. It is about turning people's hearts to God
- iii. This mantle carries the power of the prophetic word that gives insight and revelation into the time, season, and dispensation we are in
- iv. The spirit and power of Elijah is about preparing people for the coming of the Lord Jesus

Elijah said: "How long halt ye between two opinions" – (1 Kings 18:21).

Both David and Elijah lived, moved, spoke, operated, and served by inspiration. In the end-times, God is searching for those whom He will raise up as the "inspired" people of God.

## VI. INSPIRATION AND BRINGING BACK THE GLORY

The Glory of God cannot and will not return and be restored to God's remnant people without inspired speakers, singers, worshippers, warriors, saints, and musicians! "Church leaders" of the modern day have lost inspiration. God's people in general have lost spiritual inspiration. The sermon's preached from the pulpits these days are not born from spending time with God nor by the ministers having been filled to overflowing with the inspiration and revelation from God's breath; rather, the sermons are born from reading a book, or from attempting to coddle the people, or from watching a movie, or hearing a story. I am not suggesting that one cannot be inspired by some of these things, but this is NOT the inspiration that is going to be restored in the end times. The inspiration that God will restore comes from being filled with the breath of God, overcome and succumbed to His weighty Glory Presence, and by God's servants burning within with absolute and resounding thirst, hunger, and longing for God and nothing but God! From this comes true inspiration.

*Moreover David and the captains of the host separated to the service of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals: and the number of the workmen according to their service was (1 Chronicles 25:1).*

When David brought the Ark of God to Zion, he was inspired. He, along with the inspired captains of the army regiments chose and separated certain people who would be responsible for bringing the Ark and the Glory of God to Zion. Every one of those chosen had to be able to prophesy.

David set up priestly musicians and singers who could prophesy. I do not believe that the Glory of God will come and fill a house that is void of inspiration!!! God's fiery Glory will not come and

join to anything that contraries His nature. His breath is inspiration. (Genesis 2:7 breath of life – naw-sha-maw – inspired breath)

Prophecy - *naw-baw* means: to speak and sing by inspiration.

Inspiration in the Hebrew is the word *naw-sha-maw* which means: breath, spirit

Any singer can sing a song, but not all singers are inspired. Any musician can play their instrument, but not all musicians are inspired. Any preacher can preach, but not all preachers are full of the inspiration of the fiery Glory breath of God. Any believer can operate the gifts of the Spirit, but not every believer is inspired in their actions and movements among people.

*And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul (Genesis 2:7).*

*Breath of life* is *naw-sha-maw* in Hebrew. Mankind could not successfully live in The Garden without this breath - without the *inspiration of the breath and Spirit of God!* God created man outside of the Garden Paradise and did not place him within the fence of His garden where His Glory Presence resided until he was filled with the fiery Glory and *naw-sha-maw* breath of God.

Take note as to what ‘prophecy’ means: To *SPEAK* and *SING* by inspiration. The prophetic inspiration goes far beyond preaching, teaching, and ‘prophesying’. It spills over into the realms of music, singers, worship, and sounds/tones, daily living, making choices, and overall service to God that ring out and proclaim adoration unto God.

It’s not enough to have the fire of the Holy Ghost kindled in your bosom. That may be enough for the multitude, and it’s good, we must have it - but it’s not enough for those who desire to experience Zion, the dwelling of God - the Glory of God! The Holy Ghost is given to us to lead and guide us into this experience.

*But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding (Job 32:8).*

Inspiration – *naw-shamaw*/ breath, spirit

Understanding - *bene*/ discern, sense, wisdom, separation

*True inspiration will cause a man/woman to understand the things which please and displease God.* You can identify an *inspired person* who is filled with the breath of God because they understand what it means to be set apart. *Inspired people stick out!* Inspired people glow with a Presence that is not their own. Inspired people make you want to draw close, or they make you want to run as far away as you can – depending on the desire and position of your heart before God. Inspired people care little about their own feelings, they have no agenda of their own, and their focus is always to the honor and glorification of the Living God.

Once again – let’s look back at the beginning. Eden, the first Zion habitation had a river flowing through it. This was a river of life, a river that watered Eden and gave life and preservation to the Garden of the LORD.

*And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads (**Genesis 2:10**).*

This was a river of ‘inspiration’, the river of ‘life’ from the breath, mouth, Presence, and Throne of God:

*There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early (**Psalm 46:4-5**).*

River = *naw-hawr’* / prosperity, a flood, to sparkle, be cheerful, assemble, flow together, be lightened.

Streams = *peh’-leg* / a small channel of water

Within a river are many streams of various water temperatures and even streams of various swiftness of current. All of the streams together produce one river. The river of life has many streams of inspiration; all types of worship and praise, all manner of prayer and supplication, all kinds of gifts, callings, and service. But it all flows together to make glad the City of God. This river does not flow to satisfy man. It serves to satisfy God and His habitation. It is within such flow of divine inspiration that *God dwells in the midst of*.

The prophets Ezekiel and John both had visions of the Temple of God and the river that flowed from the Temple.

**Ezekiel 47:1-9**

**Revelation 22:1-2**

Ezekiel saw the river issue out of the Temple and John saw the river flow out of the Throne of God. *This is a Kingdom river*, a river that proceeds from the very place of the heartbeat of God. This river flows from God’s Glory Presence and everywhere it goes it produces LIFE, HEALING, DELIVERANCE, REFRESHING, PRAISE, WORSHIP, PRAYER, PROPHECY – this is a river of inspiration!

This is all about restoration! This is about bringing back the Glory! This is about raising a habitation for the Ark of God’s glorious Presence (I Samuel 2:8, Jeremiah 14:21). This is about the Kingdom of God.

#### **A. The Clean and the Unclean**

**Isaiah 52:1-11**

Vs. 1-2 - *Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean. Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.*

Vs. 11 - *Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.*

We have a problem in the church world today. There is little or no difference placed between that which is clean and that which is unclean. Those that “bear the vessels of the LORD” do so with dirty hands and they wonder why their service to God is stagnant, ineffective, or non-existent. God’s Glory is not going to be restored within this kind of atmosphere. It will be restored in the place where inspired men and woman are who have awakened, who have put on the strength of God, who have been clothed with the garments of war, and who have shaken themselves from the dust of the world and have risen up and then sat down (*yaw-shab* / have been planted, established, remain, settled, and married). Sometimes we have to rise up and shake ourselves so that we can sit down and become established and rooted in God. You cannot become settled in the purpose of God whilst covered in the dust of Babylon.

Ezekiel 22:26, Ezekiel 44:23 > There must be a difference set between clean and unclean!

Musicians, (and God’s people in general) just like apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers, have the power to *spill their spirit, their river*, onto those to whom they minister – whether clean or unclean spirits! Whenever a leader (of any kind) is in the position of leadership, he/she is in the position to directly or indirectly influence those to whom they are ministering. They do so with the spirit that is upon them and within them and by the influence under which they themselves are working and living. This spirit/river, in turn, flows to others and will impact and influence their lives. Is your river coming from God’s Glory Presence, clean, pure and as clear as crystal? Or is your river defiled, dirty, contaminated with self and sin?

*Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one (Job 14:4).*

An unclean person, whether it be a believer of any kind or a minister of any kind, carries an unclean spirit. The unclean spirit moves through their words, songs, music, touch, behavior, conduct, actions, reactions, dress, presentation, body language, and ministry. It is not possible to bring that which is clean out of a dirty vessel or that which is dirty out of a clean vessel. Man may think himself clean and attempt to present himself as clean, but God looks deeper into man than that which meets the naked eye. He weighs all of our works within the spirit from which all of our deeds are born.

*All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits (Proverbs 16:2).*

## **B. Whosoever Touches You Will Be Touched By What and Who You Are**

*Seven days thou shalt make an atonement for the altar, and sanctify it; and it shall be an altar most holy: whatsoever toucheth the altar shall be holy (Exodus 29:37).*

*And thou shalt sanctify them, that they may be most holy: whatsoever toucheth them shall be holy. And thou shalt anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office (Exodus 30:29-30).*

The altar of offering (the Brazen Altar and also the Golden Altar) were sanctified. All of the vessels of the altar were also anointed and sanctified as *were the priests themselves*. Everything used in service unto God was sanctified and anointed. Having been sanctified and anointed, God said that whatsoever touched the “vessels” and the priesthood would also be holy. Look at this powerful principle here. When you, yes, you, the servant of God, are full of fire and the breath of God’s inspiration; when you are hollowed unto God, anointed, dedicated, filled with passion and zeal for God, you have the power to sanctify others by simply touching them with your influence or them touching you. Your words, your music, your song, and your set apart life unto God, your example will influence others to do the same. Those who “touch you” are touched by the spirit on and in you.

*Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure (1 Timothy 5:22).*

This is a sure warning from Paul to Timothy for him to be careful who he “touches”. Why? Be cautious not to partake of the sin, or of the sinful and unclean spirit. Be careful not to take on yourself the influence of those who are not filled and infused with the Spirit, breath, and power of God.

It was the inspired ones that David placed in positions of protecting the Ark, the Ark doorkeepers, Ark defenders, and worshippers of God’s Glory Presence. It is also this kind of prophetic inspiration that we need in the Church once again. Oh, bring back the Glory!!

In the beginning, God breathed inspiration (*naw-shamaw*) into mankind before He placed him in The Garden to *dress and to keep* it. The end is like the beginning. Are you ready to be filled with the fiery breath of God? Are you ready to be delivered from the spirits that lurk within the waste-places in your heart? It’s coming – get ready! His Glory is going to return to those who are filled with fiery inspiration to worship (*dress*), and protect (*keep*) His Glory Presence.

## VII. SUFFERING FOR THE GLORY OF THE NAME

Those who are invited and proclaimed, declared and promised by His Name, will go through trials, sufferings, and warfare that others will not. However, once again, not because of themselves but because of the sake of His great Name.

*But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you (1 Peter 5:10).*

### A. HATED FOR NAME’S SAKE

*And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved (Matthew 10:22).*

#### **B. PERSECUTED FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE**

*But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake (Luke 21:12).*

#### **C. SUFFER FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE**

*For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake ( Acts 9:16).*

#### **D. LABOR FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE**

*And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted (Revelation 2:3).*

The invitation and proclamation of the Name of the LORD over you places purpose and reason upon you; the ultimate purpose and reason being HIS GLORY - the weight, splendor, and majesty of His Name!

*For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory (2 Corinthians 4:17).*

The purpose of the affliction is the forming, the creating, and the raising of a nesting place, a habitation, a house, a temple, a permanent residence and place to host HIS GLORY!

Those who are called by His Name are called to destiny - predestined unto His Purpose for time and eternity! A proclamation has been spoken over you- not by an angel, not by a spiritual being, not by a leader, pastor, a prophet or apostle - **BUT BY GOD HIMSELF!!**

Those called by His Name are called by the very Glory of the LORD's Name for the purpose of fulfilling/filling, completing, all that He has purposed for you. However, He is not going to entrust that purpose, or the weight of His Glory for which He formed you, until you have been to Gethsemane, until the olive press is your experience, until you have been hated, persecuted, reviled, cast out, misunderstood, rejected as He was - and yet you scream NOT MY WILL BUT THINE BE DONE!!!!!!

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