

## The New Season Eternity and Time

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The whole earth is in a new season, I don't mean one of the four seasons of the year, but a heavenly season, a season in which things have changed in the earth and we will not go back to the way that things have been. We're now in a whole different season in the moving of time toward the fulfilling of divine purposes. But what exactly does that mean, "we're in a new season"?

Since the 1990s, as we approached the year 2000, prophetic voices all over the world began to utter the sound that said a new season was coming and that we now were in a transition from what used to be, to a new thing. Now what used to be, the thing that was at the time the proclamation was made prophetically that there is a new season, was the Charismatic season, the existing season in the 1990s was the Charismatic season. And I remember reading in numerous Christian publications, both national publications and ministry publications, from well known people all throughout the body of Christ. I kept hearing, from the moment we crossed the line at 1990, the word was out that we were going to be now moving toward a new season in God; that a season was ending, we were transitioning into a new season. This was heard at a national level, it was certainly heard at local levels; everywhere the prophets were prophesying a new season.

The question is: what does this mean? So I want to spend some time in the beginning of this series to explain to you what a new season is in general terms. And then we'll talk about what the new season is, we'll look at what the emphasis of the new season has come to be, and what God is revealing in the earth now and how we may enter it and access it.

One thing that is safe to say, when there is a new season all of the things of the former season that survived that season, mutate to a different understanding. So if you were to continue to do things the way that you've been doing things, you will find that there is no grace from God in which to do these things. For the majority of people that doesn't mean much because in the majority of cases involving churches and ministries and the like; from one season to another they keep doing exactly what they've done and call it God. The movements that these things represented often were movements of God, but when

the season changed and they remained entrenched, they mutated from a purposeful representation of God to representing their own interests and now calling it God. And the evidence of it is how brittle and lifeless church has become, everybody knows that. Occasionally you will have some group that has excited the people based upon some new emphasis, but it's no more than emphasis; it's not the genuine thing, in the majority of cases it's not the genuine thing. It's just another way to artfully repackage the old things and to roll them out again and that's why the present season of church is so filled and populated with personalities. And people are as apt to talk about how 'cool' their preacher is, or what a wonderful fellow or woman that the preacher is, rather than anything else.

In the majority of cases where people are quote "excited about their church" what they are excited about is the excitement of the preacher. Nobody examines it beyond that because we're so used to thinking that's the way it is. So let me try and reveal something that I think God is revealing, in the hope that you may access the new season in God and leave these crazy things behind that have no strength to them, no purpose in God to them; they're just other ways to socialize around a common heritage of going to church. Now this is blunt talk, but if the people are going to be warned to migrate to a new season, then they have to be told what is in fact true.

Even in nature when the seasons change, animals will migrate because failure to migrate may well mean the difference between survival and not surviving. And I am convinced that you will see many church denominational and mega church dinosaurs-failing to migrate to the new season of God, leaving behind their vested processes and market shares-will become extinct. This is how serious what I'm saying is meant to be regarded. But you will say, "Well who are you?" Well judge by the words that I speak, see if they testify to the truth or not, and then who I am should be apparent. I hope that I am not a voice crying in the wilderness, I hope there are more people who have a heart for God than there was in the days of John the baptist.

Well let's talk about seasons in general. Now to understand this we must begin with this truth: that there are two realms; there's the realm of time, and there's the realm of the eternal. Time is nearly as a pocket in a garment; time is the invention, the eternal is the reality. Although we who are creatures of time, born into it, not having known anything but time, are naturally inclined to think of time as the reality and everything else as somehow myths and shadows. But no, before there was time, there was the eternal. The word for 'eternal' or 'eternity' is the word 'aeion' in Greek and it means 'an age'. It has multiple meanings, one of it's meanings is 'an age', another meaning is 'from age to age', and the third and final and progressive meaning is 'age upon age' or 'endless ages'. It means that a thing that is eternal may come into a particular age; the thing is eternal, so for the duration of that age you have an expression that is eternal. For example, the thought that Jesus would sit on Davids throne, now that has relevance only so long as time lasts. After time ends, the authority of Jesus will not end because it's an eternal

authority. When it functions in the limitations of time, it is analogized to and it is focused upon the expression of Davids throne because David was representative of an eternal picture, but he was a man. So the thing that David puts into time has an eternal value and that value is the authority and rule as a king appointed by God. Jesus was the reality, David was the shadow and the type.

So when God puts eternal things into time, He usually first teaches us by a word picture or by a visual presentation. That thing that He does visually is not the thing itself, that's the representation. The thing itself will come after people have been made ready and made aware by the representation. Otherwise, since eternity is the majority realm, meaning, eternity has the dominant position. A way of explaining this might be to look at legal systems. In most nations that are comprised of multiple regions and a central government, the authority of the central government is meant to over arch and provide a legal framework that specifies the rights of people in every region of the country, but the regions of the country may have their own laws, so long as those laws do not conflict with the laws governing the entire nation. You're permitted to have local representations of national law and national policy unique to the region, but the existence of those local and unique things cannot override the national interest, otherwise you have many nations within a single border. In the United States of America, we have states rather than regions and each state has it's own body of law governing that state and the citizens of that state, but the states are held together by a body of law called Federal Law and the Federal Law is greater than the state law. So the Federal Law has a preemption when it comes to conflicts between Federal and State Law and the administrations of Federal Law represent persons who have greater authority than their counterparts in the state.

So God works with humans in a similar way: types and shadows. Types and shadows point to a reality that is greater than the type and the shadow, the reason for the type and the shadow is to point to the reality. So as long as you have a shadow, the reality has not yet come. But God will prepare to launch something from the eternal into time, so that it might be understood in time He'll prepare the people in time by pictures. Now in another broadcast I will deal with this more fully, but here at the inception I must bring it up because what I want to say is first the reality, the overarching reality, the true reality, is not that which occurs in time. Time is a venue that is more like the mist and the smoke and the haze; time was created after the eternal existed, time begins and ends, the eternal simply is.

So when God starts to bring things into time, He takes those pieces from an already assembled picture in the eternal. Think about this the way you would think of a jigsaw puzzle. In a jigsaw puzzle there are many pieces, but the idea is to assemble the pieces and to see what the picture is. The entire picture is already assembled in the eternal; God knows the end of every matter from the beginning. So He has the titles that reflect that, 'Alpha' and 'Omega', the first and last letter of the Greek alphabet. Signifying that He

knows the end of every matter from the beginning because His point of view is the real point of view and that point of view is eternal. The limited point of view is the temporal, the point of view seen from the vantage point of time. Because into time God will begin to bring the pieces of the picture and each piece of the picture is an incomplete rendition of the true picture but you can see the elements of the eternal picture in each of the pieces of that picture that is brought into time when God brings it into time.

Now when God brings an eternal piece into time, He wants to teach us by that piece to anticipate something that is like this coming into time. So He begins with creating an environment in which you may fully experience the peace that He has brought into time, when He brings it into time. This piece that He brings of the whole picture, He means for us to have. And when that's all that He has given us, He does not hold us responsible for anything else and we're not accountable for any more than the piece. And every time He brings something into time, He brings with it all that goes with it to make sure that humans get it. Let me use examples here to illustrate the point.

A hundred years ago, in the city of Los Angeles in a section of the city on a street named Isuzu, there was an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Now this was right at the beginning of the 1900s, this movement reintroduced the Holy Spirit to America and actually to the world through that movement. In this season, what God was doing was making the modern church familiar once again with the reality of the Holy Spirit. So speaking in tongues came to be a dominant feature of the restoration of the understanding of the church, of the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Now when that was the order of the day, the thing God was doing was simply making the church familiar with the reality of the Holy Spirit. At that time, nearly to 'play' with the Holy Spirit, was an acceptable undertaking. And God did not hold the people of that era to be responsible for any more, with respect to the Holy Spirit, than that. So in that season, the emphasis was not particularly on Jesus Christ, and it was not definitely upon such issues as God being our Father. These things were always true, they were always the gospel. But the emphasis that God was restoring in the earth in that time was a foundational emphasis of empowerment, He meant to empower the church. So in that time, the Pentecostal movement came up and they were known for presenting the Holy Spirit.

Now the thing that God is doing, He not only does but He keeps on doing but He adds layers upon that requiring the people who once received that impartation, to grow up. Pentecostals today understand that they're irrelevant, the whole Pentecostal movement has become irrelevant. I am not saying that the Holy Spirit has become irrelevant, I'm saying Pentecostalism as a denomination that grew up around the work of the Holy Spirit, that movement is irrelevant. Because what God was doing was not keeping in place the childishness associated with the Pentecostal movement, He was putting in place our

understanding of the Holy Spirit. But when you're a child, you should act as a child, you should think as a child. And God is doing more than just giving us amusements and allowing us to be childish.

I was at Isuzu street at the hundredth anniversary centennial and I spoke on the spot where the revival broke out 100 years ago. And my warning to the Pentecostal movement was that it's childishness had to become a thing of the past or it would become irrelevant. I don't know that my message made it in the official package of messages mailed out by the commission that sponsored the Isuzu street event, but that's neither here nor there. What I said has come to pass, is true. The Pentecostal movement, as a movement, because it has remained infantile has become irrelevant.

Now moving forward from there, the Charismatic movement came on after the Pentecostal movement, some refer to it as the "Neo-pentecostal" movement. I think that's inaccurate because I think it was a genuine new move of God building upon the old move of God. The new move was to identify and cause to be received and experienced not only the reality of the Holy Spirit but His personal administration through the distribution of gifts of the Spirit. So in the era of the Charismatic movement, the most preeminent question, the question that dominated all kinds of meetings was "What is your gift?" The Charismatic movement grew to emphasize gifts as a persons identity. So in the Charismatic movement people talked about your "ministry gift" and people were encouraged to hear the LORD, people were encouraged to operate in their gifts and that's where most people still are.

On the leading edge of something God is doing today, that still continues to be the mantra. However in the 1990s, at the height of this movement, the Charismatic movement, God introduced transition, and with transition He began to put into place the means by which the next great move of God, the next great thing God was doing, would come. And that was governmental issues, you began to see the appearing of and a prominence given to the 'doma' gifts. Historically there had been the reception of evangelists, pastors and teachers but those were nearly fashioned in the same style as denominational leadership (indeed many of these became denominations). But God began to restore, in the 80's, the prophetic movement and in the 90's the apostolic movement. And these were gifts of the Spirit, 'domata', 'doma', gifts of the Spirit, gifts of governments. And these gifts of governments were understood to be given quote "for the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry for the building up of the body of Christ, until we all reach unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God to a mature man, to the fullness of the stature that belongs to Christ." Then that would be contrasted with "when we were infants, tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine, the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful schemings," we'll leave that elementary state, that childish state, behind and we would become mature. So God was preparing the transition to maturity. The Charismatic movement was meant to give way to the

movement of the mature sons of God, that in the earth God's sons, a whole race of people who are like God, would become mature.

Now in the next broadcast, obviously, we will begin to pursue what these things mean. What I want to do in the next broadcast directly is to build upon the idea of how God speaks to us through types and shadows. But out beyond that, in other programs, I desire to talk about what the new season is like with specific focus upon coming to maturity and we'll speak about the different stages of sonship and how becoming mature is the intention of God and why He created mankind in the first place. But to summarize this particular broadcast, I will say that God is assembling the full picture, the picture of what He knew from the beginning. And He's taking pieces of that picture and He's putting it into time as it pleases Him to put these things into time. And we must, when seasons change, we must migrate from one season to another. This season will see the coming forth of mature sons of God building upon the fact that the Holy Spirit was given, that gifts of the Spirit were given, that governments were given. The intention now is that the body of Christ will finally grow up. This is the purpose of God for this generation.

I'm Sam Soleyn, God bless you. I'll talk with you more about this the next time, bye bye.