

The New Season
Signs of a New Season - Full of Grace and Truth

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We've been speaking about a new season and the evidence of a new season. And I've been explaining that the fundamental evidence of a new season is that the word becomes flesh and the things that are eternal become natural; that is, eternal truth begins to make its appearance in the natural realm and it comes with the supporting economy that requires you to repent of and change your mindset, from the last economy into this new economy. Now there's another element to the proof that you're in a new season; not just the element that the word, the thing promised that created faith has now become the substance. And there's a one-to-one relationship between the thing promised and the thing that materializes, such as, Jesus was the promised Bread from heaven. He actually shows up and speaks the word of God that feeds the spirit of man and man now has access to the Father via the Person of Jesus Christ. So that word that was spoken prophetically becomes flesh; it takes on the dimensions of time and space and appears in the ordinaryness of human life and circumstances. So that word of truth may be spoken to in symbols such as bread, and wine, and fish, and those very available elements within the human experience.

But there's another quality to the proof that a new season has come and that quality is that you can tell that this is the word that has become flesh because it is full of grace and truth...it is full of grace and truth. Jesus didn't just come as a Man who spoke from heaven but He himself was the Christ; He was Jesus Christ, He is Christ Jesus. He's Jesus who fulfilled the title, who carried the title Christ but He was also living the manifestation in the earth of the Sent One, the Anointed One from God; the Christ.

So it's more like, the prophetic word is true in that what was spoken is now the truth, has manifested itself, but the quality of the truth is discerned by the fact the quality of the revelation that was prophesied is measurable by these two elements: grace and truth, full of grace and truth. That means that there is an exact representation then of God in the earth in this season and by the particular ways that the word becomes flesh. And in the case of Jesus, the promise was that God's own Son would come and that He would come and He would redeem man, the methodology by which He would redeem man is that He would show them the Father. One of His great titles is the everlasting Father. And the

intent of God, when Jesus came into the world was to present nothing short of the very nature of God himself, in this Person. So He would be full of the grace of God, the authority and power of God and He would be filled with the truth. His ways of doing things would not be manipulative and controlling, as somebody who is trying to get his way. He would be the exact representation of the Father by fully relying on the Father to vindicate everything that He said and everything that He did or was. He would utterly throw Himself upon God, knowing with every confidence that His representational posture, His perfect alignment with God in the earth would be that which opened the doors of heaven and permitted the truths of the eternal to pour forth in the earth. So that He would not only say what is true, He would be the truth, He would be the express presentation of the truth; in word and in deed He would be the embodiment of the truth.

Now let's talk a little bit about grace; "full of grace and truth." Full means 'to the complete measure', which means God intended to measure out grace and truth in a season so that there is ample provision to sustain the economy of God in the season and therefore to sustain anyone and everyone who migrates into this new season because they've elected to trust God. That is why it is so important that when the season changes that you change, that you migrate into the new season because the new season has a completeness of grace and truth; full of grace and truth, nothing lacking. If you keep going in the old way of the last season, you have neither grace nor truth because you see, truth is sequentially revealed and the grace that sustains it is perfectly fitted to the truth that is revealed. I'll give an example. If, in this season, where God is bringing people to maturity, you still sing the songs of the last two seasons, or two seasons back; you sound childish.

I went to the Pentecostal celebration of the 100th anniversary of Isuzu street in Los Angeles as an invited speaker. And I attended a number of different sessions, where they were singing and speaking. And I was frankly amazed at how infantile, how very simplistic, the messages were. And the songs, they sounded like the things my grandfather sang and were dreadfully in need of being updated, you know there's a new sound to every season. But they were singing of their eyes being opened to the reality of the Holy Spirit and as in true Pentecostal form, their songs were songs such as "Heaven holds all for me". They saw no occupying of the earth, no demonstrating the glory that Christ left us, by which glory when it clothes us, the world would say, "Let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. Let them teach us their ways so that we may walk in the path of God." None of that. It was all about getting saved, getting filled with the Holy Spirit, demonstrating to your neighbors the reality that the Holy Spirit is real, and holding out until Jesus came. Just a whole aire and an attitude of...and it was really quite an odd combination because the merchants were doing their best to sell this message and acquire some measures of financial resources doing it, while at the same time they were singing about heaven holding everything for them and this earth doesn't have anything for them; no pull, no attraction.

It was the oddest combination because there was a day when Pentecostalism was the order of the day; it was the thing God was doing but that's been a hundred years ago. Now God is doing something else, God's moved even past the Charismatic season and past the transitional season of the five fold ministry. You see, there is a wine skin that should contain new wine. We sometimes think the word wine skin means that anything that contains what God is doing is inappropriate. No, there is an appropriate wineskin for the wine, otherwise it's wasted on the ground. But the wineskin is not the Pentecostal movement, the wineskin of this new season of God is not the Charismatic movement, it's not even the fivefold ministry wineskin. This is the wineskin called and known as 'the body of Christ' and it's about the maturing of the saints, it's about fathers and sons, it's about sonship, sons who have come to maturity; fulfilling the promise that God gave. And we will in the next sessions we'll get into some of these. I'm somewhat pulling together the things I've said in the last eight sessions and moving forward to and looking toward the next set of tapings to inaugurate, to usher in, to speak of this new season that has come. The sign is that it's full of grace and truth.

When Jesus came as the answer that God promised; bread from heaven, the everlasting Father, to show us the Father, He came full of the grace to do it, full of it. Meaning, overflowing with it. Now when He came to be that, the last season, the season of the law became starkly bankrupt because now, all of what the Scriptures spoke was standing before the world in the Person of Jesus the Christ. So now He could say, and did say, "Whoever is on the side of the truth comes to Me." And He began to teach them things like, "It was said.." and He would quote the law thus and so, "But I say to you.." but who is He to say, "I say to you"? Well He is the express image of God, He is how God expresses Himself in a human form. See, God is the same yesterday, today and forever in that He never changes. It's not God that changes, it's the thing that God is doing that changes because it ripens. If you say, "God is the same yesterday, today and forever," and you mean by that, "Nothing God ever does is different or changes according to seasons," well you're entirely wrong. Because God is Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End, because He is the same, His plan when it unfolds in every sequence of it, is consistent with both His nature and character on the one hand, and what He knew from the beginning.

It's like this. If your plans for your newborn child is related to when that child grows up and becomes mature, so you begin to lay aside funds for that child, all the way throughout the child's life you have known and taken into account all of the stages of her life before she was even born. So when she's born, as a small child you treat her in a certain way because you are training her toward an end state, that end state is all the plans that you've laid for her even before she was born are meant to come to fruition at a certain point in time. So when she is a small child, you treat her as a small child. But when she becomes an adolescent, you upgrade your interaction with her, you will lose

her as an adolescent if you keep treating her as a child. Now does that mean you've changed? No, you must change in order to be consistent if you don't change....if you say you love her and you don't change to accommodate to her changing seasons, then indeed you don't love her because she's obligated, nearly, to rebel against you as her seasons change and you don't. It's not you who changes, it's your methodology changing to accommodate to the changes that naturally occur in the objects of your love. God loved us, God knows the end from the beginning, knew the end from the beginning, and has proceeded to guide us along the path but His seasons change in order to accomplish the end He knew from the beginning.

So it's a mistake to say that the description of the LORD is the same yesterday today and forever is that He never changes His ways of dealing with us. He always changes, and the evidence of that is that He changes by the seasons of our lives as He brings new things into play and even as our lives change, He changes. So Jesus appearing came full of grace and truth for the season. So He would say, "The law was yesterdays season, today, I say to you.." now people have trouble with that because He's changing the law. You cannot say, "This has been said but I say to you," and say something different without changing the thing that is. But He could do that because the law was given as a provision, not as the end of the matter or the completeness of the matter. It was given, even as the Scriptures say, "Until the Seed should come." When the Seed comes, the fullness of grace and truth comes. The law, by contrast, was a shadow, the Scriptures say, of the things to come. The substance is Christ.

So when you understand that the changed season brings a fullness of grace and truth, you begin to understand how Jesus has all authority in heaven and on earth and how the law then must give way to the fullness of the grace that has appeared in Him. Now grace is the power and the authority from God to speak for God. So when Jesus comes He says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life," John 14, "No man comes to the Father but by Me." He is the fullness of the grace to invite people to come to the Father. He says, "From now on, I'm going to My Father and to your Father. And whatever you will ask of the Father," (My Father and your Father), "in My name shall be granted to you." I would submit to you, that's to be full of grace.

Now here, let me speak to what grace looks like when we talk about it in this way. There's a word in the hebrew called 'keli' and it means a weapon or an instrument. There's a third meaning that will come to me in a moment. But what it means is, related to a statement Paul made in the book of Ephesians chapter 3, he said, "Undoubtedly, you have heard of the grace that was given to me for you Gentiles,"..."undoubtedly you have heard of the grace that was given to me for you Gentiles." This is an understanding of grace that we haven't had. Because we've thought of grace as unmerited favor, we've always thought of ourselves as consumers of grace, not that we are the bringers of grace, that we are the instruments of grace; if you like, 'the weapons of grace', the containers of

grace. That's the third meaning, a container, an instrument, or a weapon. Now what that means is God intended that the gospel be preached to the Gentiles. And He first presented the gospel to the Gentiles via Peter but this was no more than an entree, an initial opening of the gospel to the Gentiles. The instrument, by whom God fully intended to bring the good news to the Gentiles, was Paul. Paul said, "Undoubtedly you have heard of the grace that was given to me for you Gentiles." That means, "I am the face of the appearing of God's grace to you. I have been specially constituted, I am the word, the promise that God gave to Abraham that 'In your Seed the nations of the earth will be blessed' that was fulfilled in Christ, it's appeared to you in Peter and now it has been fully presented to you through me. I come equipped to dispense the grace of God to the Gentiles." So he's saying, "When I come, when I am among you, I have everything necessary to do this work for which I have been sent. I am literally full of grace."

This is so critical, because if you see that we're not just speaking about the LORD Jesus Christ or Paul, but that you the believer in this season as a mature saint because that's what the season is about. The season is about the sons of God coming to maturity. If you can see that in this season of God, He means to deploy the body of Christ in the earth as an army across the earth, to bring the grace of God to mankind. Then you'll begin to understand the significance of us coming full of grace and truth. Now, truth is the other part of this equation and again we're still speaking about the signs that a new season has come. We said one of the two signs is, the word becomes flesh; a one-to-one relationship between what was promised and what has been delivered. An example that I gave was, bread was promised from heaven, Jesus comes as the bread of life that has come down from heaven. Coming in this way, fully in alignment with the purposes of God to appear in the earth through you, you are also characterized as being full of grace and truth. Grace, as we have said, is the specific appearing of God in a human vessel to another. In another series when I spoke of being ambassadors of Christ, one of the things I spoke about was how when you appear as grace, one of the things you've been empowered to do is to declare to others who are in sin, who are seeking reconciliation to God, that their sins are forgiven. That's grace, but you are the face of that appearing grace.

Now the last element, grace and truth. The last element of this whole pod of things that are being spoken, relative to the sign of a season, the sign that a season has come, a seasonal change has occurred; the sign of it was faith is the substance of what you used to hope for but it's confirmed by evidence. The things that are not seen, like the wind, still are subject to evidencary confirmation and that evidencary confirmation, when it comes as I said there's a one-to-one relationship between what has been promised and what appears and then the thing that appears is full of grace and truth. Full of grace, coming complete with all that is necessary, "I am the grace," Paul says, "to you Gentiles, everything that you need I come equipped to deliver because God has made me that instrument," that 'keli', the weapon, the instrument, the carrier of that grace. Full of grace and truth.

The word, when it becomes flesh, is an authentic representation of the heavenly thing. Jesus would say, again and again, “Verily, verily I say unto you,” or, “I tell you the truth,” or, “I am the way and the truth.” Just listen to a small reading from the gospel of John, just a small snippet of a reading. He says to His disciples, let's just take something from John chapter 5 verse 19. Look how many times this truth comes up, “Jesus gave them this answer, 'I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing of Himself.’” And He goes in the same reading, verse 24, “I tell you the truth..” and so on. And then He concludes, “and the truth is.” So what you say and who you are are one in the same. The truth you present and the character you present alongside the truth are one and the same. You're not given to manipulation because to persuade people to your point of view, it's not about persuasion; this isn't about personalities, grace and truth has nothing to do with personalities, it has to do with the authentic appearing of Christ in the flesh which appearing you are and you will be in your generation as Jesus said, “A sign and a token.”

God bless you, a new season has come, complete with the signs of a new season. Let us then continue our discussion to talk about what is the new season. I've supplied the proof that a new season has come, now let's get down to the business of talking about what the new season is.

I'm Sam Soleyn, God bless you, I'll see you again. Bye bye.