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It is so good to have Sam again. He's picked up a bit of a bug in Johannesburg and so have I. We know that his spirit is raring to go. Papa Sam as so many of you call him. It's so good to have you hear. Welcome.

SAM

Good morning. It's a pleasure to see you all again. I have the fondest memories of our time here last year. I have to say that I look forward as eagerly to you this time. I want to introduce some special guests coming to us today coming from San Francisco, California; Dr Santosh Varghese (feedback)...I'm not surprised this has happened...(chuckling) he has this effect on people. Actually, I should have introduced Sheeba Varghese...she creates a sonic boom (chuckling). Their part of our household in the States extends into other countries including Kenya. They have just been in Nairobi and came down to join us for this session.

Ernst Ohloff is part of the household. His father is Doug Allan. Some of you know and have met. He is instrumental in connecting this part of the family together with you. I want to acknowledge that at the outset and my profound appreciation for Peter and Charlotte. In the year that we have been absent, we have had many conversations. Peter tells me that I always respond to Charlotte's communicate promptly but I don't with him (laughs). Well there's a reason for that. You see, Charlotte asks direct questions and you can give a direct answer. Peter doesn't want just want one bite at the apple. In fact, he doesn't want just two bites at the apple. He wants (laughs loudly)...His blessed parents are saying He's been that way since a kid." I shudder to think how he would have been if he was part of the press core asking questions in Washington. But anyway....

I also want to acknowledge two other members of the Snyman and Ohloff family. Marinda from Jeffrey's Bay and Snyman, is also here. He is a professor at the University. I had the opportunity last year and this year to meet with him in his home in Cape Town. He was one of the first to greet me as I arrived again and I spent the morning with him yesterday morning. These are a few that I want to greet.

Always I give thanks, to acknowledge Peter's parents. We have a way in recognizing in truth; if they had not laid the foundation, this would not have happened. The prophetic word to you both, I am confirming, "you have not been left out of any season of the Lord. In fact there is a critical role that you must play. You have embraced this role. Speak to the generation that you represent. Speak to those of the generation that you represent and invite them into this order of God. There is something precious to God about a generation that will not stop until they behold the Lord's salvation. It's a pleasure of the Lord to let them see and to participate. Caleb is the type of that spirit; who after all the years in the Wilderness, felt that he was finally qualified to take on the hill where the giants lived. I certainly believe that is true of Peter's parents. They are giants in this land to which we've come. These are ancient things that will be turned. They won't be taken down (the giants) by one particular person or by a singular effort. We are generations coming through to take back territory to extend the reach of the Kingdom of God in our time. This spirit that was in Caleb is the spirit that is in Peter's parents. Here, here at the time when people think of retiring, God is giving them a hill where the giants live for their inheritance. I want it, and I know that I am taking a little more time to say that. But I want it said as the first thing out of my mouth as we begin this. We are greatly appreciative; I commend you on behalf of the Lord, fully in this epoch in this season of the Lord. May the Lord renew your strength so your race will be run to it's absolute and final completion. So be it. (clapping).

I actually came to South Africa in good health (coughing) but there are some pretty ferocious demons up in Johannesburg (chuckles). I thought that they were just congregated in Mossed Bay but I am discovering that they are giants in that land (chuckling). I am happy too be with you in Cape Town. This is usually where I recover (laughing).

Last year, we had a wonderful time. Um, that series, that is now on my website is entitled "The Cape Town series." It has now become famous throughout the world. I have had so many comments from people across the world. The thing that is true that even when we are speaking in a particular location, the message now has been captured throughout the world. Many of you have attended the ALS here in the Lighthouse with my dear friend and fellow laborer, Thamo Naidoo and his household. Thamo is one of my closest friends. Many of you have attended the ALS in Johannesburg with Thamo Naidoo. He is a dear friend. I want to encourage you; every time he comes, it is well worth your time and effort to attend and listen carefully because he is an absolute and remarkable carrier of grace in this hour.

What God is doing quite frankly is He is assembling a holy nation in the earth. It's in the context off a nation that the government of God is seen in its pristine claret.

As peers and fathers over households in the earth, recognize this and intend to labor together and do labor together. You've heard it from me, he is one of my closest friends and one of the men in the earth today; he is a marvelous and magnificent carrier of grace.

I know that you know this. There is a sound that is coming with us. This is sound without competition. It is not about our respective ministries. This is very much of the intent on the earth; to carry out a corporate function, a corporate man must arise. I want to say about Thamo that I recognize him as one absolute carrier of grace in the earth today. When he comes, join him fully as you would join me. He will be here Sunday evening come to finish what I have started. You will hear the real wisdom of God Sunday evening. This is warm up.

I want to commend Peter for the diligence in the manner in preparing the house of God and the faithfulness to which he executes the things of God on his watch. To the elder Snyman, you have accurately passed the torch to a most reliable son both naturally and spiritually. Thank you and thank the Lord. Amen. Don't let the beard fool you. He is as fierce as a lion. I commend his leadership to you.

Charlotte is continuing a delight to me as she discovers things that are new and fresh about herself and the Lord. The thing you already know is that she is feisty. Where I live in the United States, we would analyze her as a jalapeño pepper. When she hears the things that is true, she will take it into her heart. She will allow it to do the work in her. She'll emerge differently afterwards. This is Charlotte. So, amen.

Out the outset, I want to thank the entire staff here at the Lighthouse. They are up early and they stay up late. They take superlative care of every detail including the care of myself. Sometimes when these meetings are rushing to a close, I don't often have the opportunity to express as fully as might, my appreciation for the particular ones of you whom I have highlighted but also for all of you from managers of teams, to managers of the house, from leaders from every capacity. Among those I want to especially highlight the work of Annelise; who is just tremendous (people clapping). In fact, the person who serves me in the capacity as PA, and Annelise have become close friends and that's when things get done. I am often a stumbling block but between Chris Spring and Annelise, they keep Peter and I communicating with one another.

I want to say these things up front not as throw away things at the end. As we come year by year, we build on things which have proceeded us. I do not need to be persuaded of the value of the team effort. It is my privilege at times, to be the voice that speaks. The thing that allows that to happen, layers of people who are

just as faithful to the Lord as I am; to execute the things of the Lord; on behalf of the Lord to make it possible for things to happen. I want it to be made known from my lips, that the abundance of my heart speaks to these issues. If I don't say it again, let it now stand on the record. Amen. Alright? (clapping)

I want to lay out architecture for the lectures I will give. The key emphasis of the Lord today in the earth; is bringing people, His house to a place of maturity. Because of the gathering storm that is coming. We have seen the land ravaged by storms from Europe to Africa and particularly in the United States. We have seen physical storms come and disorient things from the small islands in the Caribbean, the fourth largest city in the United States, to places in China and even here on the African continent. We are seeing in the natural a raging of storms. It's as though nature itself is in revolt against the wickedness of man. Ours is not to condemn the world but to present the salvation that will lift man and women out of these time with the hope that lies in Christ Jesus. That light will shine through a mature people.

We begin the Gospel with the acknowledgement that we are born again. Unfortunately, we don't follow that arc very far. If you are born, unless the intent is that you are born and die as an infant; growing up is the purpose of being born. In the natural, many of you have children, most of you perhaps. If the children you gave birth to were the same age today, as they were thirty and forty years ago; you would be compelled to conclude that your hopes and dreams for them have been thoroughly frustrated. You are born again to grow up.

There is a divine purpose attached to being born. That purpose is when you grow up, when you grow up, you will become the reflection of the light and the Glory of your Father. Being born implies that you have a Father. Growing up implies that your connection to your Father, allows the nature of the Father to be revealed through you. That is the point. That is the point of being born again. It's not about escaping to heaven when you die. Although when you are not here and as long as the earth remains and there are people who are in the earth; when you are not here; it may be correctly presumed that you are in heaven. I shudder to think about the alternative if you are not here and not in heaven. Nothing that I am saying ought to be construed as devaluing heaven but what I am saying is that you are born for purposes greater than simply matriculating to heaven. Amen.

We are to discover then the reasons why you were born. That discovery requires you coming to maturity in order for it to be any benefit to you. You will also discover, and I intend to speak about this, that what aids your functioning, when you become mature, is the power and the authority of the Kingdom of God. For the Kingdom is not a matter of observation. You cannot say..."Look here is the

Kingdom or look, there is the Kingdom” for the Kingdom of Heaven is in you. It is an invisible thing, like wind is invisible. It exists to empower the purposes of God that were known in His mind before you were in your mother’s womb. Without power, you will routinely fail at anything or everything you undertake in life. The existence of the Kingdom is the existence of an invisible power NOT of this world. Therefore, it does not need resourcing from this world. That power works mightily in you and works mightily through you to enable the very reason for which you were put here in the earth. This intangible on a personal level is called “your destiny, your destiny.” It’s what you are here for. It relates directly to your identity as a son of God. God has never entrusted the accurate representation of Himself to an angel.

An angel is a servant, like wind and fire. It lacks the cultural affinity, it lacks the cultural affinity, to the Father. So, God has never said to an angel, “you are my son. Today I have begotten you.” They are servants.

But to the son, He says, “Your throne oh God is forever and ever and righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom. Because You love righteousness and hated wickedness.” Which is why God, your God has set you above your brethren and anointed you with the oil of joy. We may accurately take that whatever is said to Jesus has also been said to you. Why? Because the title “Christ” that follows the Name Jesus, the Messiah, the anointed one; refers to the mortal being which is being housed in mortal flesh. When the flesh was destroyed through death; sown in weakness, sown in corruption according to 1 Corinthians the fifteenth chapter, it was raised incorruptible. It was sown in natural body but it raised a spiritual body and to that spiritual body, you may assemble parts that match. To the spiritual man known as Christ, there is an assembling of spirits who are born again by the Holy Spirit and placed accurately within the *corpus christi*, the Body of Christ.

You will discover it in the book of Ephesians 1, that you were known in Christ before, BEFORE, the foundations of the world. You were pre-destined to be conformed to that measure, to that standard, to the likeness of Christ. The things that pre-existed the creation of the world which speak to the relevance of the creation itself. So, I wanted to sketch for you a few brief summary statements, the arc of the trajectory of this series of messages. Though, I will start with the pre-creation events, I will end up in the weeds with you as we deal with the salvation of the soul; rescuing the soul from the ability of the enemy to subjugate [definition: *to bring under control and governance; to make submissive*]¹; the soul to the desires within the soul and thus, deny God a habitation in His own house, which house you are. Thus, we will end up in the weeds. We will go from the macro to the micro.

That's the scope I intend to address in these lectures. With that said, let's get started.

Last year, you will recall, we began with this reading from the book of of Genesis. Genesis 1:1, the following is said...

Genesis 1:1-5 (NKJV) The History of Creation

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.
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6 Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." 7 Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

9 Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. 10 And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

*11 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, **whose seed is in itself, on the earth**"; and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 So the evening and the morning were the third day.*

God called the firmament heaven, not earth, heaven. You know me well enough that I understand the first reference which clothes the earth was designed to produce seed. As long as the earth remains, there is seed. The earth was configured primarily to receive seed. How many times have we read these things and it went right by us. God is about to plant a seed of Himself in the earth and He called that seed of Himself "Adam", which is man. From the earth that is called "adamah". God is about to plant in the earth, a seed out of God and He made the earth receptive to receiving seed. First the natural and then the spiritual. Let's continue to read a few more verses.

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When God says a thing and repeats it, that's "verily, verily." I want to get through the fourth day so we'll continue to read until we are through with the fourth day. Then I want to begin to extract out of this narrative things that bring us back into the creation of the world into the very mind of God. God is knowable to the sons of God.

14 Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; 15 and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. 16 Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. 17 God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

A son of God is not with regard to male or female. That is the son of man. Son of man is male or female. The son of God is a spirit being. Why? Flesh begets flesh and Spirit begets Spirit. You are only sons. That is not a son who is male or female. You are neither male nor female as a son of God. It is not a reference to your biological framework but to your spiritual descent out of the person of God. God is neither male nor female. Do you know what neither means? There's a great secret. Neither means neither (chuckling).

What are the challenges facing us as sons of God is to regard no anyone no longer according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. In all of our relationships, though we may be male or female, bond or free, Jew or Greek or whatever that person is enclosed in the flesh those definitions obscure the reality of what's clothed in that type of flesh. God would have us see one another not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Now these things are so rich, all I can do in passing is to mention on the way to the things that are more profound which is to create a structure of understanding as it regards the mind of God. Paul said to the Corinthians in 1 Corinthians chapter 2: "I decided before I came to be with you, that while I was among you, I would know nothing except that of Jesus Christ and Him crucified. In chapter 3, he gave them the reason. Because, by now you ought to be teachers. They still wanted milk. Are you not carnal? Are you still not immature?" Carnality in the Scripture refers not to so much sexual deviance or behavior but rather a state of being immature. Sexual misconduct is given separate treatment in Scripture. Its identified in its particulars and it may be included as an after effect of immaturity. But immaturity is a bigger thing than carnality or carnality, rather is a bigger thing; than merely being immature or being sexually unrestrained. Carnality is a reference to a state of being called immaturity. When you are born again, you are given the power to become sons of God. That doesn't mean you aren't a son of God, it means whether you are born in the natural or the spiritual, when you are born; you arrive in a state of infancy. There's nothing wrong about being a child when you are supposed to be a child, be a child. When you ought to be mature, it's unseemly for you to act as a child and be as a child. That's what Paul was was saying in the Bible, "I dumbed down the message while I was going to be among you to the barest elements of our faith because that is where you remain. You were carnal. You were immature. You are infants at the time that you should be teachers. But he said in the context of making that decision, he said, but we do have a message of wisdom but it's for the mature."

Today I want to open up a message among the mature. The intent of God is to bring you to maturity. Let's begin, let's start out in those verses we just read. Let's begin with the fourth day and let me finish the reading of that...Genesis 1 verse 14.

Genesis 1:14-19 (NKJV) 14 Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; 15 and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. 16 Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. 17 God set them in the

firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

The lights and the firmament are a type and shadow of something else. They were signs not just in particular configurations in the heavens indicating precise signs. Their permanence in the heavens were to indicate things that were in heaven beyond the visual heavens to light the way on the earth; to remind us that God made two realms, to store in these realms things that were meant ultimately to reveal the glory of God. So the heavens declare the Glory of God. All of this I intend to unpack. They are not platitudinal [definition: (2) *a banal, trite or stale remark*]² statements but they are signposts that when you see them, as we continue the narrative; you will have that “aha” moment.

God saw the light that it was good. A thing is good when it serves the purposes of God. That is the measure of a thing being good. These lights depicted that from heaven, light comes into the earth. This light in the heavens, whether its dark on the earth otherwise or its light on the earth. These lights would illuminate the earth the sun would illuminate; when the rotation of the earth around the sun, every portion of the sun would ultimately, in a day, would be enlightened from the heavens. Even when it was dark, even the darkness would be illuminated by a lesser light; showing the type and shadow of the sun being Christ and the moons and the stars a reflection of the greater light. It’s a picture of the body of Christ in the earth. Because the sun is the radiance; its not the source; its the reflection, When you see the reflection, you see what it is meant to reflect.

The final piece of that and the morning, so that the evening and the morning were the fourth day. Now this is where I want to stop. All that I have to say will not exhaust, over the next thirteen or so lectures, it will not plunder the depth of the first four days. There comes a time when there’s light on the earth. There comes a time when the sons of Righteousness will arise in the earth. This day is that which was spoken in the Scriptures.

Are you still okay? I am just setting up the template. Let’s go back. You remember last year, I shocked you when I read Genesis 1:1. I paused and said, “Why?” Some of you thought who is this man to ask “Why? When God created the heavens and the earth?” But when the initial shock wore off, we began to look at the fact that:

1) **heaven and earth were both created**; all the heavens, all that is encompassed in the heavens, in the beginning...God created the heavens and

the earth. If He meant to use the singular, as He did on the earth; as He referenced the heavens, He would have said “the heaven and the earth.” Its not a misplaced identification. It’s that there are multiple heavens and God created ALL that constitutes the heavens and He created the earth. Which tells us what? That the heavens and the earth are not eternal. They began. There was a time when they weren’t. You don’t create something which already existed. You affirmed it but not created it. It was appropriate to ask the question “why”; “in the beginning, God create the heavens and the earth.” Why? The answer is, having observed that they were not eternal, but further observing that they were created. We know that anything that a creator creates, in the mind of the creator, there is purpose to be served by its creation. Right?

A person who creates a piece of furniture, is not simply in the business of creating a piece of furniture. He is creating for himself a place to be able to sit, recline or whatever that particular purpose is for that design. So, God created the heavens and the earth against the purpose was already known in the mind of God. How He would populate the heavens and the earth would be in the manner consistent with what was already known in His mind.

Here, let’s touch Ephesians 1. It won’t be an exegesis of Ephesians chapter one. It will simply be a sampling of this notions of things being created to serve the purposes of God; that creation was created to serve the purposes of God.

Ephesians 1:1-6 (NKJV) *To the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus:*

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him **before** the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.*

Everything that was said about Christ, to Christ is intentionally meant to attenuate [definition: *to lessen the amount, force magnitude, or the value*] ³ to us because... next verse (verse 4). The term “adoption” means to be positioned as the heir. We will unpack that with specificity but not now. This is just the first thing to lay up pieces. If you are framing a puzzle, you sometimes, you call them jigsaw puzzles; you are framing a jigsaw puzzle...you first lay out the frame. Now a child doesn’t

do that. A child, shelter skelter tries to fit pieces which don't fit and are excited because pieces just fit; that's fine without a concept for the whole picture. For the mature you want to know the architecture. By which He made us accepted in the beloved. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. The beloved is Christ. In Him, note its in Him and it requires an assembly to Him. We are assembled by the Spirit as a particular part in the *Corpus Christi*. Consider 1 Corinthians 12. This would be a place where you would insert 1 Corinthians 12, the many membered Body; the spiritual man analogized as a natural man.

1 Corinthians 12:12-14 (NKJV) Unity and Diversity in One Body

12 For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. 14 For in fact the body is not one member but many.

Let's go back to Ephesians.

Ephesians 1:7-12 (NKJV) *7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace 8 which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, 9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, 10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, **both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.** 11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being **predestined according to the purpose of Him** who works all things according to the counsel of His will, 12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.*

Both which are in heaven and on the earth in Him. He created the heavens to place certain things in the heavens. He created the earth to place certain things in the earth. Because creation was created to display the invisible God. Heaven and earth but in particularly, the man, Christ Jesus. Go back to verse 10 (reads aloud).

So, when God created the heavens and the earth, He first envisioned Christ, the summary of all things; summarized in Him. So, in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void and darkness was on the surface of the deep.

Genesis 1:1-2 (NKJV) 1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 **The earth was without form, and void;** and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Now we go back to begin layout of this architecture. Now, note this, **the earth was without form and void**. Where was the earth at this point? The earth was still submerged in the waters. On the third day, He would say, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together in one place and let the dry land “*adamah*” appear. So, the earth at this time was submerged in the waters. Not like a thing that was formed. It was without form on the first day; it was void of purpose. You would properly assume that the earth was not round when it was submerged in the waters. It was without form. Do you know what “without form” means? Without form (audience chuckles). If you see it as round you have already attributed a form to it. This is important. I am not playing word games with you.

What is the waters? The nature of the earth was permeated by what the waters are. So, when He would give the earth form and give the earth purpose; it would be consistent to that which was in the water. Though it was formed, having come out of the waters. It would not be inconsistent with what was in the waters. I know haven't said enough about the waters for you to get the gist of my meaning and you will. But, I'm just telling you. If it said, “it was without form,” meaning it was without form. You should not attribute it's present form or roundness to it because it was **WITHOUT FORM**. EISH (chuckling). It's not because it did not exist. It existed IN THE WATERS. If the waters happened to mean more than H2O then the earth was baptized in the waters. To come forth out of the waters, to hold the purposes that are consistent with the mind that is in the waters. So there would come a time when the earth groans in anticipation of the sons of God because it will rediscover its purpose when it was in the waters.

That is why the Lord of the earth and the heavens, asleep on the waters in the boat, could say, “Relax” to the storm. It had no other alternative but to respond to the One who is the Word incarnate. It can't be otherwise. This is a message of wisdom for the mature. It allows you to tap into what existed prior to creation. Creation is not a dumb thing. It is designed to resonate to the frequency of the Word and the physical creation. When you say to the storm, “Peace be still.” If you are the Word, a.k.a. “the waters”, if you are that, any element of creation has no independence from your word. Therefore, you can hold creation together by the word of your power indefinitely. Even when creation it's manifested form passes away, the Word will not pass away.

Let's fill in some gaps here because we are coming to conclusions that already resonate in your heart but I want to give you the lock step version of this. So that you will not be moved. Amen?

If you happen to think that the waters He is speaking about here is the oceans.... "The Spirit of God was hovering over the waters..."(verse 6)... If you think that the waters here, is a reference to the oceans, then you are presuming that the world already exists in its formed but at this point, the earth has not been pulled out of the waters. Space has not come about yet. There are no stars because the firmament has not been established. So what then, is the contextual view with which we are to interpret the existence of these three things?

1) **The Deep.** The deep. There is darkness over the surface of the deep. One of the most magnificent sights over the Cape is when the clouds come down on Table Mountain and it looks like a table that has been spread. Darkness on the face of that deep is an analogous [definition: *susceptible of either in general or in some specific detail: showing an analogy or likeness that permits one to draw an analogy*]⁴ of the clouds on Table Mountain. You may not see Table Mountain when the cloud are on its top. But you who live here know that when these fierce winds of Spring come down from Antartica and blow away the clouds, there is this magnificent mountain visible to all. There is a deep that has a tablecloth upon it, if you like. The purpose of which is to obscure it from view until the appointed time. There is the deep. The deep. It's not speaking of deep space or the oceans teeming with aquatic life. They don't exist at this point. Everything in this reference, the deep, the Spirit of God and the waters are not references to anything that exists in creation because creation does not yet exist. It is that simple. It's that undeniable. It's that arbitrary. What then are the deep, the Spirit and the water? One of the clues of course, is the connection of the Spirit to the waters. The Spirit is hovering over the waters.

2) **The Waters.** What are the waters? The key to understanding happened at Jacobs well in Sychar. When Jesus met a woman who came out of the city to fetch water from the well of her fathers. Jesus asked her for water, "Woman, give me some water." She asked why He was asking her for water. "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan. Why are you asking me for water?" He replied, "Woman, if you knew who asks you for water, you would ask Him for the water that springs up into eternal life which the son of man has in Him." When you are in the image an likeness of Christ; a husband is instructed to wash his wife with the water of the Word. In creation, the water takes on the form of the Word. Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the Church, washing her with water by the Word to present her to Himself, the glorious Church without spots

wrinkle or blemish. Because, the husband is the head of the wife as Christ also is the head of the Church. As He washes the church with the water of the Word that is in Him; presenting her to Himself without spot, wrinkle or blemish. So the husband must wash his wife with the Truth, which is in the form of water. Titus would tell us.... Titus 3:5. This water is not for the putting away of the filth of the flesh. You are not taking a bath but it's the answer of a good conscious toward God by the resurrection of the dead. So when you strayed away from God, and you've become sullied by the incidencies of the prodigal. When you come home, your mind is renewed from the dalliance in the ways of the enemy by a renewing, a washing of re-generation and a renewing of the Holy Ghost. So it is incontrovertibly true that this reference to the water is a reference to the Word who would then become flesh.

***Titus 3:4-7 (NKJV)** 4 But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, 5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, **through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit**, 6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

John 1 and dwell among us and we would behold His glory as the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. So, Jesus would say, "I am going away. I, who am the Word. I am going away and I will send to you the Comforter who is the Holy Spirit and when He comes, He will take of what belongs to Me. He will distribute to You. All that the Father has is mine. There is an inseparable connection between what is the water and the Spirit. The administration that is hidden in the water is by the Spirit.

That's why the picture of the deep is that there is a deep that contains within the deep, the water over which the Holy Spirit hovers; the Holy Spirit hovers over the waters in the deep. That's the picture. Now the Holy Spirit would have to hover over the water in the deep. There's nothing outside of the deep. He fills everything in every way. Heaven can't contain Him in His totality. Neither can earth. He fills everything in every way. Everything that is coming now, in terms of creation, is now hidden in the Word previous to Creation. That's why it's called the Word because its spoken to release what is in the deep.

He who rejects me and receives not the Word that I have given. The same will be judged by the Word in the last days. The Word is a standard. The Word is a person. It's this Word who created everything in His personhood as His Word, prior to Creation. It's out of God that everything comes having previously hidden in the

Word. So the Word spoken is merely the disclosure of the thoughts and the mind of God from long ages past. Are we together? Glory to God. Before creation, before the creation of heaven and earth, before anything else existed, there is the deep, the Word, the Spirit.

3) **The Spirit.** The Spirit needs no introduction to us. He's God. The Word, the water, identified as the Word, comes into creation, in manifested presence, incarnate in the person and the son, who is full of grace and truth. What's in the water? Grace and truth. Grace is empowerment. Grace was put into creation in numerous corrections. One of the most powerful references of grace is the number 5. Five (5) refers to grace. It's seen, it can be seen any day, everywhere. It's typified in the strength of a person's hand. Five fingers depicting the economy of your power, the economy of your strength. You do things by the works of your hands. You create in creation by the works of your hands. That's why the number 5 stands for "the grace which supports."

In the temple, which is a type and shadow; the temple in the wilderness, type and shadow of these eternal things. Things that are in heaven. There's a tabernacle in heaven to be brought into the earth. But until that which was in heaven was brought into the earth, the type and shadow of it was first presented in the Wilderness. There were 5 pillars on both sides of the temple; to provide support for the structure which carried the presence of God. That was put in creation for the purpose of showing that there is a structure not made with hands that designed to carry the presence of God. That structure would be called man and man would live in the grace, empowerment, the grace of God. Grace serves the purpose of truth. The economy of God exists to support what God has said. Its grace and truth. Prior to the creation of the heavens, prior to the creation of the earth, the three that exists as one.

My point in insisting that the Word and the Spirit are in the deep is to show you the corporate nature of God. That's why you can simultaneously refer to God in the singular and the plural. Because a corporate entity is both singular and plural. It's singular in its appearance in unified form. It's plural when the fullness that is in that singularity is disclosed with particularity. That's why in Genesis 1:1, the puzzle that has tormented scholars for long is because they look at the eternal things through linear process. The answers are radically simple but they are not simple to the natural mind. The natural mind is barred from accessing the heavens. The spiritual mind was designed to give you access into the heavens. Prior to creation, God exists as the deep, the Spirit, and the Word. So we've identified the Spirit. He's the same Holy Spirit who searches the deep things of God according to 1 Corinthians chapter 2.

1 Corinthians 2:11-12 (NKJV) *11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.*

Eyes have not seen. Ears have not heard. It has not entered into the mind of man. What is in the deep for God hid in Himself - Ephesians 3:10

Ephesians 3:9-12 (NIV) *9 and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. 10 His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, 11 according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. 12 In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.*

All these things we will unpack. Let me draw it to a place where we can take a break. In the absence of creation, meaning creation has not been created and being presented with the deep, the deep primarily, and the exposure of the deep allows us to see the water and the Spirit in their married consistency. So that you cannot access the Word without the Spirit. Creation is about to be made as an allegory. Heaven and earth are about to be made as allegories, real allegories. Creation cannot contain the deep; neither heaven nor earth because they come out of the deep, at of the behest of the Word, in tandem with the Spirit reveals the deep things of God through creation. If you identify God prior to creation what you have is the Spirit, the Son and what is the deep...the Father. The Father, the Son and the Spirit. The deep is configured to the Spirit of the Father. Why is that so?

Everything exists in proximity to the Father. Do you see? Everything that is exists in proximity to a father; whether in an invisible realm or the visible. Even in God, the innate nature of God, the name that is the most descriptive of the ancient identity of God, the only Name that appropriately grasps and labels, this timeless, ageless being is FATHER, father.

Let's stop there. We'll pick it up from right there. Baie lekker! (laughing) Lekker, lekker!

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