

## The Unveiling of Gods House - session 1

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In addition to our brethren from South Africa, I am privileged to have someone with whom I have traveled, quite literally traveled the world, with us here tonight, Doug Allen. I am indebted to Doug and Nancy Allen in ways that are too numerous to mention in one setting as Judy and Corbett have been real strengths to me and strengths to the Body of Christ; my indebtedness to Doug and Nancy Allen is of the same order of depth and magnitude. I recognize of course that much of what I do and get more than my share of credit for, others are entitled to recognition, they don't seek it but it is my pleasure to recognize those with whom I have the privilege of sharing much of the burden of this work and calling, and Doug and Nancy are here tonight and I just wanted you to know that and know how I feel about them.

And last but by no means least, for many years you hear me refer to my children, and when they show up in different places I think they're surprised that everyone knows them, that they're known by their reputation. Someone repeated the story to me of my responsibility to put my children to bed at the appropriate time and how I was on the phone and you remember how that story worked out. Nick was the one who was always willing to act as if I forced him to take the Coke just before bed, he really didn't want anything and if you were going to have anything it was water, but he nearly implied to his mother that I insisted that he get this Coke out of the refrigerator just before bed. He was always willing to be overwhelmingly truthful in his representations. So he's known by his reputation and his place in many of the stories that illustrate them. Well Nick is actually here tonight and with Nick is the newest member of our family, Rebecca his wife. And she's the one the Lord showed me... I was in Lovington, New Mexico speaking and she came up to greet me and when she shook my hand, the Lord showed me that she was the one that He had chosen for Nick and I didn't arrange things, though I was tempted to do so. I had to learn the restraint of the Lord, but He was faithful to do it anyway. And Rebecca's carrying the newest member of our family, so I'm going to be a grandfather in June. Lucy woke up the other morning and was just disturbed and she looked at me and said, "The only downside to a grandchild coming is; now I'm married to a grandfather." (laughter)

I'm glad to see all of you and to be with you, I appreciate so much the brethren who live and work here, Javan and Marsha Vosberg, for example. Again, the Body of Christ is very much in your debt.

Now we're having two meetings, tonight and tomorrow at three. Good, because I'd like to develop this message over two settings because it's the kind of message that, about the time you get the foundation laid out, people have had more than they could hold and there is no opportunity for applications. Jean it's great to see you, welcome, I knew you were coming.

I want to talk to you about The House of God tonight and I'd like to talk about The House of God like I said, in two parts; the first part is to define the House of God and to tell something of how God uses The House of God to accomplish His purposes in the earth, and the second portion has to do with what does The House of God look like today, how is it to function in the earth today. Now normally when you think of a house - and especially in contemporary religious thought - when we think of a house we normal think of - and we've had great encouragement to think of it this way - a place to come where you may worship God.

The common, religious perspective is that The House of God is a place for you to come to in which to worship God because we have established that worship is the thing that God wants and we have defined worship as singing songs of adoration, singing songs the words of which tell God how wonderful we think He is, and that's about it. I mean, the core of what we stand for today, is that. And because it is such a common idea, no one questions it and people routinely come to a building and even though no one says, "This is not really the House of God," because if you press nearly anyone, they will say, "Well really we are The House of God," but we say that but we turn away from it nearly immediately and we go to the default setting that the greatest thing we could do is sing to God songs, the words to which tell God how fabulous we think He is, it's the common genre. And the place where we do that and the fact that we come together to do that, we see as the high stage of our relationship to God. So we come together in The House of God, to worship God, and of course we come on the day of our tradition to do so, which is Sundays. And this is the epicenter of our perspective on what the House of God is and who God is and what we ought to be doing in relationship to God.

I want to present to you a very, foundationally different perspective that has nothing to do with that. And in fact, I want to debunk a notion that we already know to be utterly ineffective and generally useless, which is that model. We come together and we do that week, after week, after week and we are dry and dead. If you honestly and practically examine the effects of that assertion as what is the epicenter of our relationship to God, if you honestly examine it, it is without purpose, it is dry, it is dead and it doesn't matter that we sing faster or slower, it doesn't matter if we raise our hands or we sit down, it doesn't matter if we tell God in ever, glowing terms how fabulous He is and how wonderful He is, it simply isn't getting it done, it simply is not working.

Now I know that if nothing is more shocking than that, I can't think of what it would be and that's because you see, a generation has arisen that wants to...we need to look behind the curtain because this isn't getting it done. If you take it from the result, whatever we've formulated – and I've described what we've formulated – if you take it from that result, you work back from the result, the guy behind the curtain is just an ordinary guy, "Oz never did give nothin' to the Tin Man that he didn't already have." But you see, until we're willing to look behind the curtain, we won't change anything because we won't even know how to begin to engage change.

So let's start with the idea of what The House of God is, and banish from your thoughts forever that The House of God has anything to do, at any time, with being a building. Now the problem with a false notion is that it stands in the way of what is true, the false notion occupies the position that only the truth should have and the false frustrates you and blocks the way for you to come to the knowledge of the truth. So, the longer you give standing to a false notion, the more of an inhibition it is to you to arrive at what is true; you're not even in the game when you're preoccupied with something that is false, you're not even in the game.

Now it was probably very hard on some of your ears just to hear the things I just said. And some of you I notice are kind of looking like you want to edge towards the door, just in case God slew me (laughter) in front of you all for being such a horribly iconoclast. I take no particular pride or interest in being an iconoclast; I actually want to spend my life doing something more constructive than destroying people's idols. It is of no particular value to me to spend the breath of my life destroying somebody's notions about anything. It doesn't mean that much to me, it simply doesn't mean that much to me. So I know people look for ever increasing radical things

to say because they want to be cutting edge. That stuff, to me, means nothing, means nothing. I have no interest in it. And frankly, I don't care if anyone ever follows me (laughter). Some are saying, "What is this guy doing?"

This isn't about shocking people, nor is it about wanting attention for being a 'one percenter', let the Hells Angels have the one percent status, I don't care, I mean, I don't want to be like those guys but I am on the earth to say what God wants a man to say and a whole generation is arising who have that same preoccupation because we know that some things are simply not true, although they are quite valuable in the thinkings of people. So the exploration of the truth, discovering Christ, is our purpose. You see, the truth is a Person, The Book is about The Person, The Book itself contains statements that are reliably, representative of the truth, but the truth is a Person. All statements that properly present The Person of the truth are true, but the truth is a Person, The Book itself says that Someone said, "I am the truth." "I am the Way, I am the Truth, I am the Life and no man comes to Father except through Me."

So what is The House of God? If it's not a building, what is it? And you know, I'm really just trying to find a place of common connection for us to begin our discussion because these discussions go well before time itself and they invoke understandings of things that were true well before the worlds were formed and well before The Book itself was written and such a thing is The House of God; it existed before The Book was written, it existed before God called out of nothing into its present shape and form what we now know as The Creation. The House of God, like any house, in the general definition of house, is a multigenerational family, such as The House of Winsor, The House of Castile, The House of Navarro, The House of Hanover, to name a few long lasting – that is, lasting over many generations, in some cases over many centuries – human houses.

A house is a family; we refer to a building as a house because it facilitates the life of a family, that's the only connection that a building has to being a house. Its intended construction was to facilitate the activities of the people who lived there as a family, the house is nothing other than a family. And, at the core, a family is a father and his children, even when we say, "We are The House of God because God lives in us," that is true but it is not an adequate description of a house. God certainly lives in us, but He lives in us in confirmation of who we are, we are His sons. And He lives in us to confirm that we are His sons, for the Spirit has been given as a deposit, the God who lives in us is the Holy Spirit, one of the three manifestations of the one true God is Spirit and He lives in us to confirm the truth that we are the sons of God. So living in us is not the full description of being The House of God, He's living in us because His presence in us confirms the overall truth and that is: we are His children. That is because our construction is more than flesh; the human being is more than the house that he wears. You are not your body; your body is simply where you are. All of you have been camping at some time or another and know about camping, when you get into that tent, if you're camping in a tent, or an RV, or a pleasure palace – that's an inside joke. (Laughter) When you are in that housing, that mobile housing out in the rough, you are not the housing, the housing accommodates you but you are something else, you are the being in the tent. So Paul says this from II Corinthians, chapter 5 verse 1, "Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands." You see that? It says, "We know that if this tent we dwell in," what is the thing that he is referring to as 'a tent'? This human flesh, what Milton the English poet refers to as "this darksome house of mortal clay", this tent we dwell in, when that's destroyed we know we've been promised another tent to dwell in, an eternal one, eternal in the heavens. Meanwhile we groan longing to be clothed with that because this one

that we're in is perishable and on occasion we sense very keenly it's falling down, in spite of anything we could do to prop it up and we long for one is more compatible with functions that are eternal; this one is compatible with functions that are natural. But we ourselves go from this form to the other form that we shall have, it makes us - the ones who dwell in this tent - to be different from the tent.

So what is it that is truly us? If it's not the tent, if it's not our visible appearing that is who we are, then who are we? We got our being when God breathed out of Himself as an endowment from His person into earth. The Hebrew refers to when God forms man from the dust of the ground it literally means "He literally squeezed him out of the clay," He shaped him. So we were earth at one point or 'the house' came out of the earth and it was always dirt until God put being into the dirt. And the thing that became alive in the dirt was that which God gave us as the endowment of the essence of our beings; the human being is by definition a spirit and the house that we live in clothes the spirit, this natural house clothes the spirit for the duration of our earth life. But since the spirit in us is intended to have fellowship with God and by that, to live forever....it is not that the spirit itself is meant to live forever, it is that the spirit having fellowship with God will live forever, you see. Then our being is a spirit, God created us as spirit with the intent of fellowshiping with us. So when He does, how does He fellowship with us? Spirit to spirit. That's when we know we're saved, "For the Spirit himself testifies with our spirits that we are sons of God." This is Romans 8:11-14. The testimony borne between the human spirit and the Spirit of God, that testimony is what establishes us as legitimately the sons of God.

What did I say a house was again? A multigenerational family, requiring at the least, a father and his sons...a father and his sons. God made us this way with the specific intent that we be the sons of God. This is what Luke chapter 3 establishes for us. Luke 3:37 says the following, "Noah, the son of Lamech, who was the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, who was the son of Jared, who was the son of Mahalalel, who was the son of Kenan, who was the son of Enosh, who was the son of Seth, who was the son of Adam, who was the son of God." Adam was the son of God.

Adam as the son of God means, that fact means, that when God put Adam into the earth, a son of God was in the earth. This is unmistakable, this is unquestionably the truth, this is foundationed to the reason why we are here. God put His house into the earth. If a house is a father and his son, when Adam the son of God, made in the particular fashion in which he and all human beings are made; a house of clay stuffed with a spirit that came out of God with the capacity to receive confirmation from God himself that we are His sons.

Now for us, all this seems just like give away stuff. We read this in the Bible and it doesn't mean anything to us in our current way of looking at things, this is all just that we were "fearfully and wonderfully made". Well what does that mean, that we were "fearfully and wonderfully made"? You know how we answer that? We reduce it to medical science, "Think of all this fascinating construction," and all of our ideas about being fearfully and wonderfully made relate to the house we're living in, not who we are, the apparatus that is useful to our spirits to entertain our spirits for the duration, all of which dies. But we, the beings inside these houses, were created for a purpose that transcends the existence of the house itself. Our house, this house of mortal clay, holds us here for the time necessary to fulfill the purpose of God but the purpose of God in us is fulfilled in our spirits, our flesh hold us here, our flesh permits the accommodation of our spirits. But the work that God intends to do in this earth, He intends to do through our spirits because it's our spirits that is His sons, not our flesh. He is the Father of our spirits, the

scriptures say, "Submit to the Father of your spirit that you might live." That is why when we are speaking specifically of being sons of God, not sons of men. You see, when God made man and in reference to them as "man", He made them male and female, so God made man in His own image, in the image of God He made them, male and female He created them." When the reference is to the "son of man", the being as man, then we are male and female. When the reference to us is "son of man", then the being may be properly referred to as "Jew and Greek, bond or free." But when the reference is to the son of God because you see there are two births; that which is born of flesh and that which is born of spirit. "That which is born of flesh, is flesh; that which is born of spirit, is spirit. Marvel not I say to you, you must be born again." If you are going to be born of God, the process is so distinct from being born of man as to not be confused by a common birth, you must be born again. The matter of the birth of your flesh is specific, and the matter of your birth to the spirit is just as specific and the two are distinctly different processes because "anyone who is in Christ is a new creation, the old has passed, the new has come, all of this is from God.." In the first we're alienated from God, in the latter we're reconciled to God.

So it's possible to live in the earth in this house of flesh and live in opposition to God, when you are born again of the Spirit you are reconciled to God which means that God originally had purposes for you when He made you in the flesh which now may be completed because you are born again of the Spirit. And you are a distinctly new creation, so sufficiently different that just like your initial advent into the earth came through birth, your subsequent issuance comes also through birth.

You know, this stuff is in the Bible. We have been so dumbed down by a gospel that is not the whole gospel, in fact, the best we could say for the prevailing gospel in the church culture, is that it contains elements that are true but it is so dreadfully short of what is true that it is anything but the whole picture. I'm beginning with the restoration of a fundamental principle, that God put a son in the earth when God made Adam. And because a son of God is like God, in that the son of God is spirit like God is Spirit, the purpose for your being here as a spirit being is more than so that you could be saved so you could go to heaven but in the meantime you may worship God while you are here. The purpose is far greater than that. And frankly, God is not impressed when you finally figure out that He's wonderful and adorable, King of kings and Lord of lords; He's not impressed, He was always that. God does not have an ego need for you to tell Him what He already knows, no matter how sincerely you tell Him that. What He wants to do is far more than have you tell Him how wonderful He is because He saved you. What He has in mind, why He created you, why He put His house here in the earth, is far more than so that in the end some people could arise to tell Him how wonderful He is. He knew that, so He could have avoided the whole need for that being said by simply not making you, it would not have diminished Him one bit. The fact that you finally figure out who He is, doesn't materially affect God but He has other purposes in mind and that's why He actually created you, not for this. This is shallow and banal. What He had in mind was worth creating you for. Adam was made to be a son of God and by putting Adam into the earth, God put His house into the earth; The House of God. The oldest house among human beings is The House of God, it is by far older than the House of Castile, or the House of Hanover, the House of Winsor and no human house favorably compares either in the length of its history or the purpose of it's being in the earth, no human house compares to The House of God.

The House of God is a two story house, so here I'm referring to a physical structure. The House of God is present in heaven and it's present on the earth, so I'm using an analogy to a two story

house but not a description of The House of God itself. The House of God exists in heaven and on earth because a house is a family.

Turn to the book of Ephesians chapter 3 please. I'm asserting that The House of God is in both heaven and on earth. Ephesians 3:14, "For this reason, I kneel before the Father," a reference to God, "from whom His whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name." Where is the family of God? In heaven and on earth. Now we've established enough to show that by the nature of our creation, being spirit beings, our spirits issuing out of the Person of God, God now has a being in the earth who is of the same nature; is spirit like God is Spirit and is called by God "a son of God," "Adam was the son of God." The specific making of Adam is to the specifications of a son, "Let Us make man in Our own image, after Our own likeness." That's how you make a son, in your own image, in your own likeness. Your image is "appearing like you". One of the things that Nick is discovering when he comes around, people will say to him, "You must be related to Sam Soleyn." And I'm not sure whether he thinks that's a compliment or not. So in image he's like me, but likeness is something else; likeness has to do with character, the way you are, the way you move, the way you behave, your perspectives, your culture, "You see Me, you see the Father because the Father and I are One." It's impossible for another to be like you unless he is your son. I'll say it again, it is impossible for another to be like you unless he is your son.

So God made man in His image and in His likeness. Now you know that in imagery, that is in 'looking like' another, a man can never look like God if the reference is to the flesh because God is not a man in that regard; God is not flesh and blood, God may become incarnate but that's not the true picture of who God is, God is Spirit.

So for humans to be like God, we must be spirit like He is Spirit and for us to be of His nature we must have the same character as He possesses. In that way, we are in His image and His likeness. You see, image and likeness are not the same thing, God is not saying, "I'm making man in My image and in My image," nor is He saying, "I'm making man in My likeness and in My likeness," He's saying, "I'm making him in My image and in My likeness." So there are different references, they refer to some different aspect of that which is related to God. Image is picture. We now live in the age when technology can produce an exact image, a digital reproduction. So whatever God is, man in the image of God is like God; if God is Spirit, then man is spirit. And in likeness, if God is just and righteous, holy, merciful, kind then the son of God was made with the capacity to be like that. But here, let me insert the caveat: never apart from his Father. That's why you're given the Holy Spirit and we'll come to that and we'll develop that. It's even why you're given a command that only Christ in you can fulfill, the command being, "Love one another in the same standard of how I love, love one another as I have loved you." Not a different standard, the standard of love is the same for God as it is for you. If the new commandment actually is, "Love one another as I have loved you," the "as I have loved you", that's the comparative standard. "In the way I love, that's the standard that applies to you." And since this is the new commandment of the New Testament, God means for you to behave - in the matter of love - identically to the way He behaves. That's only possible if you and He are judged to be alike and He's the one who makes the judgment.

So there are things God intends to do through His house, through His sons, that have to do with presenting Himself in the earth, they have to do with presenting God in the earth. So I'd like to show you that. This is from the book of Hebrews chapter 1 that describes what a son is like from God's perspective. Hebrews 1:1 begins, "In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the

prophets at many times and in various ways but in these last days, He's spoken unto us by His son." You will note that in your footnotes in some of your bibles that have footnotes, will suggest that the word "son" there is not by "His son" but by the word "son", "spoken unto us by son." Which certainly is referencing Jesus. But let's go on, I don't want to stop there because I'm pursuing describing what it is that a son is put in the earth to do. If God put a son, ergo, God put His house in the earth, what's His house doing in the earth? If it is not to do what I described earlier, as telling God how wonderful God is, true as that may be, if He's not doing that then why are we here? Why did He go through the trouble of putting sons - made in the image and likeness of God - in the earth? Spirit beings housed in flesh, what are we doing here? Why? What is the intent of inserting His house into the earth? This is the answer, verse 3, "The son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being." What then is the purpose of a son? 'Son' is the "out rayed", that's another term; the "radiance" is the "source from which the thing radiates".

You were put into the earth to be the location in time out of which the glory of God would radiate; you were put in the earth to be the picture, the exact representation of your Father, that's why you were put into the earth. Rather than something you could do for God, God put you in the earth so He could show Himself through you. Why would God ever want to show Himself and to whom would God want to show Himself? If you make these assertions you gotta move forward with it. Why would God want to show Himself? Why would God want to appear to be glorious, through you? Why would God want to show Himself exactly as He is, through you? And coincidentally you will keep in mind that when Jesus, the Son of God, He said concerning His purpose in being here, "I only do what I see My Father doing and furthermore, if you've seen Me, you've seen the Father because the Father and I are One." So He meets the description of a son, He meets a description for which a son is put into the earth, "The son is the exact representation of his Father's glory," "If you've seen Me, you've seen the Father for the Father and I are One." And before He returned to heaven, He said, "I'm going to My Father and I'm going to your Father and furthermore, as the Father sent Me, now I am sending you."

So there is no issue as to us being substituted into the place of the Son, so whatever the Son who came from heaven is, so are we in this present world, it's actually a quote, "As I am, so shall you be in this present world." Why? Because "I'm going to My Father and your Father and when I go to My Father and your Father, I am leaving you in My place. As the Father sent Me, you're now to continue where I have been sent." So whatever is true of Jesus the Son, is what's true of you. The purpose for which He came is to be continued through you. That raises a big question: how is that going to happen? I want leave that for just a moment and I'll come to it.

These are not particularly difficult questions, it's just that we've been so blinded by the short sightedness, the myopia of another gospel - albeit a popular one - but we haven't even considered the relevance of Scripture to the unfolding of these very matters. But I had introduced a question earlier just a bit back, in which I asked, "Why would a son need to come to be the radiance of his Father's glory?" Why would you need to bring a son to be the exact representation of your being? Why is that necessary? You see, part of our problem is, when we think of the gospel, is we don't think of what went on before the worlds were created, explaining to us therefore 'Why would You create the world?' Things went on before the worlds were created that answer the question of: why did You need to create the world and why did You need to put Your house into the world? You know, things went on before the foundations of the world; we have references to some of these things. Tell me, can you think of anything that went on before the creation of the world? Yeah, the Lamb was slain from before the foundations of

the world. Let me show you another thing that went on before the creation of the world. Turn to Ephesians 1.

You see, when you start the story before where it begins, you have questions that are answered but you are not privy to even what the questions are, let alone the need to answer them. Here is something that happened before the creation of the world and it involves you by the way, it ought to be interesting to you. This is from Ephesians 1 verse 4. I like the context of verse 3, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For He chose us in Him," I promise you, this was always here, look at what it says, "for He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight," in fact, "in love He predestined us to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ in accordance with His pleasure and will to the praise of His glorious grace."

What did He predestine us for? To be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ. When did all of that happen, when was that in the mind of God? Before the creation of the world. Do you suppose that might have something to do with why He created the world? Well if there are things going on before the creation of the world, do you suppose it might have influenced the fact that He created the world and how He created it and how He created you in it? You know, we shouldn't be surprised by this stuff. This is elementary, this is elementary. This we should have gotten from the days of our childhood growing up, they were too busy indoctrinating us in the religious garbage to get actually to what is true. No wonder we remain infants permanently, there's no framework on which to build; you can't tell whether you're going or standing still because there's no template. You don't understand what this is all about so you can't measure it at all. So it's a default setting to say, "Let me tell you what Jesus wants: He wants you to come down to God's house every Sunday morning and tell Him how wonderful He is because you've discovered how wonderful He is."

God's house is comprised of His children and He made His children to be the out-roying of His glory; He made His children to be the exact representation of Himself in the earth because there were things that went on before the creation of the world that required it to be so.

Now one of the things that existed before the worlds were made was something known as The Book of Truth, The Book of Truth; you know, there are books in heaven. These things are simple things, you should have always....one of the most stunning realities of this present time is how nearly thoroughly illiterate of basic things in the Bible most believers are after years and years of going to church. Let me show you that there are books in heaven. And I reference The Book of Truth and I will tell you some things that are in The Book of Truth. The reason for that is to say that the things that govern what happened in the world, including the creation of the world, were previously written in The Book of Truth and they're being lived out in this time and then I'll show you why the sons are put in the earth to be the exact representation of their Father because these things have to be so. You believe Revelation 20 is written in the Bible, right? I'm not patronizing, nor am I sort of beating you about the head, at least that's not my intention. Revelation 20 says, "The books were opened and another book was opened which is The Book of Life," verse 11 says, "Then I saw a great white throne and Him who was seated on it. Earth and heaven fled from His presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before the throne, and books were opened." Does it say that in your Bible? Just want to verify.

Where are those books now? In heaven because this one, this specific one, we are sure is in heaven. "Another book was opened which is The Book of Life." That's also variously referred to as "The Lamb's Book of Life". "The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead which were in them," etc, etc.

So see, there are books. There are books recording your life, for example, and then there's The Lamb's Book of Life, these books are in heaven, the record of these things is being kept in heaven. Now in Daniel 10 there's a reference to this other book, Daniel 10 verse 29, Gabriel, an archangel, came to bring a word from God to Daniel. And as he did, he came through the heavens and he was detained for 21 earth days by a character – a demonic prince – known as 'the prince of Persia'. He comes and he tells Daniel what would happen to the nation of Israel over a period known as 'the seventy sevens'. And he's still telling him about all these things that would happen, as you read on from chapter 9 and through chapter 10. Let's pick up at verse 20. So he said, Gabriel the one speaking to Daniel, "Do you know why I have come to you?" At the risk of nailing everything down to a fine point, go back to chapter 9 verse 20, I just want to show you who is speaking to whom; it is that basic, there is no wiggle room, I wish to leave no wiggle room. "While I was speaking and praying," now we know this is Daniel saying 'While I was speaking and praying', "confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel and making my request to the Lord my God on His holy hill - while I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice. He instructed me and said to me, 'Daniel,'".

So, do we know who is praying? Daniel. Who is this man who comes to him in swift flight? Gabriel. Do we know who Gabriel is? Yes, he's an archangel from heaven who comes to him. Alright? So nothing is left to the imagination. At the end of chapter 10, therefore, verse 20 is where we pick it up, so he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? Soon I will return to fight against the prince of Persia, and when I go, the prince of Greece will come;" Pay attention to that, I intend to show you what is written in The Book of Truth, I intend to show you some things that are written in The Book of Truth, "...but first I will tell you what is written in The Book of Truth. (No one supports me against them except Michael, your prince,)" and so on.

So is there a book called "The Book of Truth"? Are there books in heaven, to begin with? Yes. Do they record things that have an effect on the earth? Yes, they record among other things, your life. Now there was this particular book called The Book of Truth and it contains the progression of nations, the historical progression of nations; what will happen when nations rise and fall in the earth. You say, "How do you get that from this reading?" Well, when Daniel was taken into Babylonian captivity, what was the leading nation on the earth at the time? Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar the great king. How do you know that? Because Daniel had some visions of an image with the head of gold, chest and arms of silver, belly and thighs of brass, legs of iron, feet and toes of iron and clay; progression of nations. Who was Nebuchadnezzar as represented by that image? He said, "Thou O Nebuchadnezzar art the head of gold." There was no other greater than Nebuchadnezzar and if you know much about the story of Nebuchadnezzar, it was his pride at being the greatest king on the face of the earth at the time, that undid him.

So at the time Daniel was taken into Babylonian captivity, the mightiest nation on the face of the earth was Babylon. When Nebuchadnezzar died, his nephew Belshazzar became king. The empire of Nebuchadnezzar had not diminished in the time of Belshazzar but God judged Belshazzar as a wicked king that He was about to remove. Do you remember what the

judgment was? While he brought out the vessels that he'd taken from Israel - from the temple in Israel to have a party, the vessels of silver and gold - the hand of a man appeared in the banquet hall and wrote the judgment of God against the Babylonian empire. Until then, the Babylonian empire was at its zenith, the head of gold, and Daniel was only taken by Nebuchadnezzar and then subsequently Belshazzar for seventy years, a total of seventy years; typically not enough time for an empire to rise to the head of gold and fall. It was the hand of God writing the judgment of God that brought an end to the Babylonian empire. That very night, the Meds and the Persians - in Daniel's time - the Persians gummed up the river that flowed under the portion of the wall of the city and walked in and destroyed Babylon.

So the Meds and the Persians came, prophetically Daniel was living – when this vision was given – Daniel was living under the rule of Babylon, still the head of gold. So in the future, Persia would arise; first there was the Meds and the Persians, the Medo-Persian Empire. Daniel was in Babylonian captivity approximately the year 700 BC. When the Babylonians fell, the Meds and the Persians replaced them. Do you know then, when Gabriel prophesied, the Medo-Persian empire had not yet fully come into being; Babylon was still the reigning great Kingdom at the time but the prince of Persia had already appeared on the scene but then when Michael came and helped him and knocked down the prince of Persia, who arose? The prince of Greece. When the Persian empire was destroyed many centuries later, what empire came up? Greece. He said, "I've come to tell you these things because they're written in The Book of Truth." What is written in The Book of Truth? The history of nations; when they will arise and when they will fall and who will replace them, that much we know was written in The Book of Truth. What else do we know about The Book of Truth? Angels can look into it. Who is giving the record of what is written in The Book of Truth? Gabriel. But there are things that angels long to look into because they're not written in The Book of Truth, nor are they written anywhere else, nor are they told. They're things that God hides in Himself and the only ones who may know those things that are hidden in God, the only one who knows those things is the Holy Spirit. Why? Because the Holy Spirit searches the deep things of God. Where is that said? That is said in I Corinthians chapter 3, "Who knows the mind of a man except the spirit of man within him? And who knows the mind of God except the Spirit of God for the Spirit searches the deep things of God." Now when the Spirit searches the deep things of God, to whom does the Spirit make these things known? To us.

These are the things that angels long to look into.

Now turn with me to The Book of Ephesians again because what I'm doing is I'm explaining to you why God has to have sons who are like Him.

## The Unveiling of Gods House - session 2

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Why is He making sons? I have asserted to you there are things before the creation of the world, things that went on before the creation of the world which required the creation of the world in the fashion in which God created it and specifically things that existed before the creation of the world that required God to put a son into the world, the purpose of which being, that this son would be the exact representation of his Father. I'm about to show you, I laid up all of that background to show you this that I'm going to show. You still with me? This is from Ephesians 3, we're reading from about verse 7 and then I want to show you one of those things that existed before the creation of the world that required man being created. The information about which was not written in The Book of Truth; the information about which was hidden in God Himself. These are those things that angels long to look into, including those angels who oppose God. "I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of His power," Paul says, "Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given to me to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery," look at this, "which for ages past..." How long ago was this? Ages past, before the present age would be ages past. The Bible describes the present age as the age of the creation of man. The present age is described as the age of the creation of man, biblically. "But for ages PAST," before the creation of man, God hid things in Himself, "which for ages past was kept hidden in God." Where were these secrets hidden? In God. From when? From before the present age, because that would be 'ages past', in fact 'ages', plural. For ages past God planned to do something and He didn't write that thing He planned in The Book of Truth, He hid it in Himself where the Holy Spirit alone has access, not angels. Gabriel couldn't come to bring this message, it would require the Holy Spirit to reveal what was hidden in the mind of God because this is not in The Book of Truth; this is not nearly the forming and the destruction and the rising of nations. We have additional evidence, by the way, regarding all of these things; I'm just simply giving you the principal and enough Scripture to support the principal ????. For example, Daniel 4:7 says the decree is given by the watchers, the holy ones declare that the living may know that God is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and gives them to whomever He wills and sets over them the basest of men. In other words, the decrees of these things are revealed and declared in the time of these things by those known as the watchers, Daniel 4:17.

So as vast authority and knowledge and influence and purpose associated with the angels but their function is limited to those things whose times have come and God intends to put them into the earth. But what concerns the purposes of God for His sons in the earth, God hides those things in Himself because among the angels are those who are the enemies of God and of man. And God knew that that would happen and He does not want to give His enemies the information that will affect the wellbeing of His children in the earth before it's time for that information to be given. It is not that the angels now are the only messengers of God; it is that they serve a different kind of messaging and function than the Holy Spirit serves. The Holy Spirit is intimately familiar with the deep things of God, those things that are hidden in God himself because those things are the children's bread, those things represent the mind of God concerning both His children and the enemy of His children, whereas the things that may be generally known are written in The Book of Truth and angels have looked into those things but

there are things beyond what angels have seen. There are things hidden in God and hidden in ages before this age.

Now what are some of those things, let's see why God hides things in Himself, "Which for ages past was kept in hidden in God who created all things. His intent," God's intent, "was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known," to whom? "To rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms." By the way, this is Ephesians. In this same book, Ephesians, chapter 6 he describes rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, same book. He says, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood but we wrestle against principalities, powers, the rulers of the darkness of this world and the spiritual forces of evil..." Where? "...in the heavenly realms." So he speaks about rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, in this very book, two chapters over from where we were reading.

God's intent in hiding things in Himself was that when the time fully came, He would make known these things He had hidden in Himself and He'd make them known through the church. The church is The House of God, not an institution, not an organization but His children. He would make known to His children the things He had hidden in Himself; He would make known to His children the things He had hidden in Himself. How would He make known to His children the things He had hidden in Himself? Through the Holy Spirit because the Holy Spirit alone has access into the things God hides in Himself. That's why the children have to have the Spirit who connects them Spirit to spirit. That's how He talks to them, that's how He shows them what is hidden in the mind of God, that's how they are able to represent their Father exactly because they know who their Father is and they know what their Father is about in the earth. That's why angels serve us. All angels are ministering servants sent to serve us, we have the superior position. Ours is the position of knowing what is in the very mind of God and you can't get there unless there is something in you that is a competent receptor that may receive from the One who searches the mind of God and knows the deep things of God unless your receptor is compatible with that One, you may never know the mind of the Lord. That's why He breathed a spirit in you out of His own person. So the spirit of man is of the same kind and nature as God himself. It was how He made it, "In Our own image, in Our own likeness because in the end I'm going to hand it into the one who knows My mind so that when it's time for Me to declare what is hidden in Myself, you can hear Me, you can understand Me."

Now to whom are the children meant to reveal what has been described as "the manifold wisdom of God"? We get it from the Holy Spirit, for what purpose? We know that our purpose is about the exact representation of our Father. To whom are we meant to exactly represent our Father? Here is the answer, "His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms." Who are we to show the manifold wisdom of God to? Those who opposed God, "rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms" being variously described as "you wrestle not against flesh and blood but against rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms." There were things that existed before the creation of the world for which the world was created and we in it were created in this particular way.

Are you with me? That's the story. And God shows something known as "the manifold wisdom of God". Anybody here who is a welder knows what a manifold is; it's where the gases come together. All of the wisdom of God comes together in the sons of God, we were designed to be the manifold where all the wisdom of God - hidden in Himself for long ages past - would come together and be ignited to bring to judgment those who are first the enemy of God and

subsequently the enemy of man and indeed the children of God. Do you not know that you were made to judge angels? Do you not remember that the scriptures say, "If God spared not the angels that sinned.." The original dispute was actually over us, God never called an angel His son. I read that you know, you read it to, it's Hebrews 1, "To which of the angels did God ever say, 'Thou art My Son, today I have become your Father.' ?" But from the time that God brought His firstborn into the world, the planning for it would have been from before the foundations of the world. For who was the firstborn? The very Lamb who was slain from the foundations of the world because this is the eternal, visa vie time. Everything that would happen in time was written in The Book of Truth, in the sequencing of it. God set it up that way, that's why when the Lamb said, "Is it possible that this cup should pass from Me, is there a provision that would excuse Me from this?" And the answer could only have been, "No." It was so from the beginning.

Do you not remember that Jesus once said, "For Satan was a liar and a deceiver from the beginning." That's offstage stuff. What other things are offstage? When His disciples went out to preach, it was recorded in the book of Mathew the tenth chapter, they come back and they said, "Lord, You won't believe this: at the very mention of Your name demons ran out." And Jesus said, "I saw Satan fall as lightning from heaven." Lord Jesus, when did you see that?" Before this all came about because there was a second heaven, the last of the heavens to be created was the one we can see; we know the first heaven was not created in the time of the six days of creation. Why? Because God was on the throne in heaven. We know there are three heavens, I Corinthians 12 tells us that, "I knew a man fourteen years ago, whether he was in the body or out of the body I cannot say....he was caught up to the third heavens." So there are three of them. The highest heavens were not created at the time that God was creating the heavens and the earth because He was sitting on the throne giving a command to the Holy Spirit, "Let there be light." There was light. He was sitting on the throne when...the third heavens was not being created at that time, it was already in existence, it was from the throne where He sat in the third heavens, that He was speaking to the Holy Spirit who was hovering over the unformed void. And the second heaven, it was not created at that time either because they were already thrown into it, those who were exiled from the third heaven. It was just the heavens around the earth that were being formed in that day.

So when Satan fell as lightning from heaven - fell into the heavens - spiritual forces of evil. Where are they? In the heavenly realms. They affect the earth, their affect is on the earth but they presently rule from the second heavens. That too was in existence before these heavens were created, the ones we can see, the starry heavens. But there will be another casting forth, "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth because the devil has come down to you," now he is bound by time and space and his time is short; there is no time in the third heavens, there is no time in the second heavens but the heavens of the earth - the starry heavens - that's the beginning of the realm of time. Time is relevant because that was created for and the embodiment of time as we know it; when he comes into this lowest of the heavens, he will know his time is short, "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth because the devil has gone to you and he's filled with fury because he knows his time is short," and it goes on to say, "A sound came from heaven," and this was the sound that came out of heaven, you'll want to know about it because it involves you. This is Revelation 12:10, that's right after war in heaven, the dragon and his angels were cast out, there was no place for them, they lost their place in heaven, "The great dragon was hurled down to the earth," verse 9, "and his angels with him." Now verse 10 says, "Then I heard this loud voice in heaven, 'Now has come the salvation and the power and the Kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ, for the accuser of our brothers who accuses them before

our God day and night, he has been hurled down and they..." who would 'they' be? The brethren, that's us; that's us on earth. The Kingdom of God is in heaven and on earth, the family of God is in heaven and on earth; we live in a house that is both in heaven and on earth.

So when he is attacking heaven, when he must attack heaven, his engagement of heaven when he's thrown into the earth is going to be The House of God in the earth because he cannot reach up to and affect the brothers and sisters who have already gone from earth to heaven. There will come a time when his warfare will be against that portion of The House of God that is in the earth, "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb.." he's seeing this before it happened because when he's writing this he's in heaven, he's seeing things before they happen on the earth, "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, the word of their testimony and that they did not so much as love their lives as to shrink from death," and so on and so on and he is filled with fury because he knows his time is short.

So what I've gone forward to describe here tonight is a set of events that occurred before the creation of the world. These events involve a choice God made to have humans as His heirs and not angels. The reason He could not have angels as His heirs was He didn't make angels to be like Him. All angels, Hebrews tells us, Hebrews 1 says, "Are not all angels ministering servants sent to serve the saints." Angels are not made to be like God; though they are spirit beings, they are not made to be like God. He never spoke breath; He never imparted Spirit from Himself into any angel. So an angel was made to serve, angels were never made to love, only man, man is the only creature God ever made with the capacity to love. Why is that difference significant? Because if you're ever going to be like God, God is love. Angels are servants, they're not made to love, they're made to serve, that's why God didn't give them the role of being His sons. When they felt that their place had been given to another, some of them rose up and rebelled against God, judging God to have given what was theirs to another and refusing to serve, when that was the only purpose for which they were created.

Now God cast them out of the heavens, were they once were created, where they once existed and where they once served. But the question that they raised was not answered by merely being cast out, their question was, "Was God just in making another to be the sons?" Was their claim valid? The answer to that question could not be settled by the power and might of God or of Michael - the leader of the host of God - because that's not a question you could possibly settle by might; might only proves that you're bigger, it doesn't prove that you're right. The question had to be answered and the only ones who could answer the question were those whom God created to be His sons, were they in fact capable of being like He is.

So He made them to be spirit like He is, capable of loving like He loves and He exposes them to the enemy but He hides in Himself the outcome, He hides in Himself the outcome. He knows that the enemy, in His onslaught against them, would succeed in turning them from Him. He knows that but He hid the plan in Himself for how He himself would come and redeem them to Himself and He would animate their beings by the Holy Spirit. He would activate the minds of their spirit and He would show them who He was, He would actually show them who He was by coming to be like one of them and let the enemy do everything against that One who is like them that he had ever done against any of them or all of them. And in the life of that One, they would see the perfect picture of what He made them to be capable of being, "If you've seen Me, you've seen the Father because the Father and I are One," and when we have been properly presented with that example, that example is the truth of our being, that's why He is the truth, "I am the way, I am the truth, I am the life," and what's the next sentence, "No man comes to the

Father except through Me. This is the way God made you to be and in this way you may call God your Father and I come to restore you to the Father.” This was the manifold wisdom of God. How would He do it? He would have to come as the very creature He had created; the dispute was over whether or not this creature could ever be a son. So we were created to be fashioned after the model of God coming in the form of a man. And we saw His glory as the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Now when that would occur, the enemy would throw every offense against Him, would wage every measure of warfare against Him, would engage every tactic against Him in his considerable arsenal of understanding of how to prove to God that He made the wrong choice when God came in the flesh as one of the creatures He had made, like the creature, subject to all that this creature would be subject to, laying aside being God, not counting equality with God the thing to be grasped, making Himself to be as in the form of a servant. And in that diminished place, like all the others, He now would show them what the Father intended that they be like and that their great father Adam fell from. And in this He would restore the purpose for the creation of man.

In each one of us God put a spirit. Where did that spirit come from again? Out of the Person of God. Every one of us has a spirit, as long as you're alive you have a spirit, the body without the spirit is dead. So if you're alive, your spirit is still in your body, this spirit is who you are. God put an endowment of His own self into each of us and in that endowment we are capable of putting on display, perfectly, some aspect of the vast nature of God. God has many splendors to Him. In each of our spirits, God has put a destiny; it's called 'the calling', 'The gifts and calling of God'. So there's a destiny of God in you, something you are here to live out, it's why you are here. You carry the spirit to be able to connect to God through the Holy Spirit, indeed 'God the Spirit' and in that you are created to be connected to God so that you may put on display this particular aspect of the nature of God that you were created to put on display. Your portion of it, what you are to put on display is different from what someone else was put here to put on display and it is together that the many splendors of God can be presented as one God. So He is the sound of many waters that's why we are like God but we're not God. Are you with Me? We have the capacity to be like God in some specific fashion that He created us to be able to do and that in connection with – and never apart from – the Holy Spirit. In fact, it's the Holy Spirit who manifests God in that way through your spirit, "Apart from Me you can do nothing." Nothing of any importance, we can do lots of stuff apart from Him but none of it has any value to Him, but in Him you can become the righteousness of God in Christ. That's a particular thing, a particular aspect of the brilliance of God is meant to be put on display through you. Now in Jesus there is a spirit also, "My spirit is willing but My flesh is weak," He had a soul, flesh and spirit just like you, "I pray you be sanctified through and through, may your whole spirit, soul and body be presented blameless at the coming of our Lord." The spirit that was in the man Jesus also had a unique presentation of God, God made Him to be able to present something very unique about God, different from everyone else, not to be duplicated by anyone else. Now, what was that? The Spirit that was in Jesus was called "The Christ" because that Spirit has the ability to receive and to assemble every spirit returning to God the Father, as a spiritual body would be comprised of many spirits. So His ability, the ability of His spirit to assemble all the spirits who have been reconciled to God into one man, that entity in the earth is known as The Body of Christ.

Why is it called "The Body of Christ"? When Jesus was resurrected from the dead, His body was materially different than the body He had before He died; the body He had before He died

was a natural body, contained His Spirit. When He was resurrected, that body was a spiritual body. I know what you're thinking, "But they recognized Him, they saw Him, they said, 'Jesus.'" How could you say He was a spiritual body when He really looked the same?" Alright, fair question. Let me ask you this: when you plant a grain of corn in the ground, does it die? The scriptures say, "Except a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies..." so yes, it dies. When it comes up again...now here I'm not talking about spiritualized anything, this is wheat, this is corn, farming is just down the road here, something you should be thoroughly familiar with. When you plant that corn, that single grain of corn...cotton, that's an even better one. You plant this...I'm gonna stick with corn because cotton I don't...(laughter) but cotton is a better analogy. You plant this little black cotton seed, drop it into the ground, how does it come up? As a cotton seed on the end of something? No, it goes through an entire metamorphosis. What comes up bears no resemblance to the thing you plant. That's natural stuff, it doesn't come up as another grain of corn, it comes up as a plant that produces whole ears of corn, many of them, different, totally different because anything that is resurrected is different from the thing that was sown and that's naturally true, that is naturally true. How is a body sown, how is a body put into the ground, when a body is dead, in what form is it put into the ground? A natural body, right? I Corinthians 15 tells us this, "For the body that is planted is not the body that will be raised for it is sown a natural body." How is it raised? Well I know you don't believe so, let's read it because that's what I just told you about Jesus. This is I Corinthians 15, I'm now explaining The House of God and I'm wrapping up the whole presentation of just the description of The House of God. I Corinthians 15 verse 35, I've just asked this very question, "But someone may ask, 'How are the dead raised?'" That's the very question I asked, "Someone may ask, 'How are the dead raised, with what kind of body do they come?'" Just asked that, "How foolish, what you sow does not come to life unless it dies. When you sow you do not plant the body that will be," you plant the body that is, but not the one that will be, just as a seed of wheat or perhaps of something else "but God gives it a body as He determined and to each kind of seed He gives its own body." And then he goes on and he explains that and in verse 42 he says that's true in the natural now so it is with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, that means it can decay, it is raised imperishable. Whenever it's resurrected, it's different from the form in which it was sown, "It is sown in dishonor and it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body." Now who was the first one who was raised from the dead? He didn't have to wait till the day when the trumpet sounded cause He's going through this to show us as the One who leads the way, He's already been raised from the dead. That's why we know what is asserted here is true; He is the proof of it.

So He was sown a natural body, Jesus was sown a natural body, how was He raised? He was raised a spiritual body, as a spiritual body He does not have the limitations of a natural Body; He is now a spiritual body. What is the purpose of His spiritual body? To receive every one of us who is assembled into that spiritual body by the Holy Spirit. That's I Corinthians 12:12, "For by one Spirit are you baptized into one body." And it gives us the analogy between the human body and a spiritual body, the Body of Christ. He says with the human body it's comprised of many members but it's one body, though all the parts are many it's one body, so it is with the Body of Christ. The natural body serves as an analogy to explain the spiritual body. Now he goes on to say that we are many members of the one Body of Christ, he tells us how we get into this spiritual thing known as the Body of Christ. So I've taken you one step back from that to say what God raised was a spiritual body; when God raised Jesus – the first man to be resurrected, never to die again – is a spiritual entity in the earth and you may be put into that spiritual entity by the Holy Spirit who assembles you into that spirit. How do you get to be in that Body?

Because you yourselves are raised with Him. The whole model of baptism simulates death to establish in you that the creature who was once ruled by Adam, died, now what has been released out of this creature is the spirit that was in it, that spirit is available to be assembled into an existing spiritual Body known as the Body of Christ. So I Corinthians 12:12 says it's the Spirit who assembles you as a part of this spiritual Body of Christ. That's The House of God, that is what The House of God today is.

When God originally put Adam into the earth, it was a spirit put in flesh; God would come and talk to His son. God then put another Adam into the earth who died and was resurrected and left in the earth His Spirit who is able to receive your spirit into Himself and build up into one new man, a whole man. That man is measured by the fullness of the stature that belongs to Christ and you're a member of that Body, that House, that Being that has its head in heaven and its body in the earth. Now why is that Body in the earth? Because that's The House of God, the sons of God are spirit beings because He's the Father of our spirit. We're assembled corporately into this Body known as the Body of Christ because that's the spirit being that was sent into the earth as the Son of God to be able to die and come back from the dead and present a Body that was spirit to receive all the sons of God into it. That Body is simultaneously in heaven and on earth; the Head is in heaven and all the saints who have changed their location because they're no longer held in the earth, their spirits are no longer held in the earth by a body, their location now is in heaven. But everyone who is still held in the earth by a body is in the Body of Christ in the earth and God's intent is that now, through this Body, to show the manifold wisdom of God to principalities and powers in the heavenly realms because they said to God, "You were wrong in choosing this creature to be Your son, we were the rightful heirs." Now God is going to answer that challenge through you, His intent is that now, through us, this house, the manifold wisdom of God will be made known to principalities and powers in the heavenly realms, in the second heavens.

So what is He going to show them? He's going to show them how exactly like our Father we are. For the son is the radiance of His Father's glory and the son is the exact representation of His Father's being. The standard of our behavior in the earth, therefore, is exactly the same on the earth as it is in heaven, "Love one another as I have loved you. I'm going to show it to them who opposed Me, who said that I was wrong, who accused Me of injustice and unfairness. I'm going to use you, My sons, to put My own nature, to put My own character, on full and total display and when I do, I will crush his head under your feet." Be excellent at what is good, be innocent of evil and the God of peace shall soon crush Satan underneath your feet.

How does He intend to accomplish this in the earth, especially when you look at us and the shape we're in right now? The answer is going to be that He's going to establish His house in the earth in the same order as it is in heaven. I've made the assertion that the house is the same whether we're upstairs or downstairs, it's the same culture, it's the same culture in the house whether we're upstairs or downstairs. A long time ago when the vision of this was prophetically introduced to Jacob, Jacob was running from his brother. He had gotten the better of his brother in a particular deal and feared the wrath of his brother, so he was running. He comes to this place nearing Haran and it's on the open plains and he's falling asleep at night and he has a vision and in his vision he sees a stairway from earth to heaven and he sees angels ascending and descending on this stairway. He woke up the next morning and understood that he had been given a vision, he poured oil, he anointed a rock – the rock he slept on - and he named the place "Bethel", "beth" is "house", "El" is "God". He called the place where he saw the connection between heaven and earth "The House of God". And Jesus would

later say to Nathaniel after He had told him that He had seen him under the fig tree and Nathaniel it was a point of consternation for Nathaniel, he responded by saying, "You are the Christ," and Jesus said, "Behold the days are coming, Nathaniel, when you will see heaven open and angels will ascend and descend upon the Son of Man."

Now if what I'm telling you is true and you are that part of the Body of the Son of Man in the earth, the Head of which is in heaven, then the connection between the invisible realm and the natural realm is The House of God, Bethel. How does God arrange that house presently? That's the subject of tomorrow night's message. When the earth becomes so overburdened with Satan's influence that men are without hope, it is always God's answer to give forth the next order of His house, to bring back the understanding of God to the earth. We who grew up in conservative religions believe that the word "dispensation" means "a time box" and in one time God does this and closes it off, in another time He does this and closes it, another time He does this and closes it off. But what you read in Ephesians 1:13 tonight was not that, you read the word that God dispenses, or gives out, certain grace in every period of time. A dispensation is never a reference to a time frame, it is always a reference to "a giving out", to dispense, to give. The word 'dispensation' is comprised of two words: 'ochos' – 'nomos', from which we get the word "economia" or "economy". The economy of God is what He dispenses, what He gives out. The word "ochos" means "house", 'nomos' means 'order' or 'law'. God's intent, always, to solve the problems of the age is to give out, to give to the earth another giving forth of the order of His house.

We're about to see the revelation of the present order of the ancient house. Originally, the first giving out of the order of His house was one man, Adam, and He gave him as the order to the world to rule the world, to govern it, to govern it according to the principles, govern it according to the culture of his Father's house. When he failed at that the world fell into chaos. But then in the fullness of time God brought another Son and He made Him the King of kings and the Lord of lords and God gave to mankind another giving forth of the order of His house and it redeemed man. And now, upon His resurrection, this One provided a means by which The House of God would be assembled in the earth to be given as the solution to the problem of mankind in the day when mankind's problems would overwhelm him. We have come around now to that other time and God is getting ready to give out another order of His house, so He's forming up His house in an order to be given.

So we'll talk about what that order is and what will happen when God gives that order to the world. The result is never going to be that we're going to be snatched off the beach head as a defeated people; the result when He gives the order of that house is the world is going to say, "Come, let us go up to see the house of the God of Jacob, they will teach us their ways." Much more to the story but you can't bear it now, so tomorrow we'll press through to some more.

Do you see how much....? And we're just scratching the surface of what is here, just scratching the surface. Why are the people of God perishing for bread when The House of God is so richly appointed in every conceivable way?

Well glory to God we'll start something here or we'll carry it on in our day. Grace and peace be with you.

## The Unveiling of Gods House - session 3

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Welcome back, it's been a pleasure to be with you. We began to open up some deep realms in the Spirit to find ourselves in the moment of God, to find ourselves where God has us today.

I think one of the most dramatic, personal realizations that has ever really occurred to me was that the process from the beginning of time to the end of time was meant to accommodate the will of God, in 'time', and that there were things that went on before the creation of the world, those things are the background against which God created the world and God created humans in the world. I think it was just an enormous sense of the opening of my eyes, to that. And that it is to be anticipated that during the time we live here on the earth, during the time of humans living upon the earth that step, by step, by step, the things that God foreknew and the reasons for which God made creation would come into the earth. It isn't at all like we've been told which is: God made man, no real explanation as to why. Considering how much trouble we've been to God you would think that Alpha and Omega – beginning and end, the one who knows the beginning and the end of a matter - would know how much trouble we would be to Him, and would avoid the whole dilemma by simply not making us. You know, that's what makes good sense. We have not been the prize of creation, although it is clear that God intended that we be that.

We do not understand, nor do we choose to understand, that there were events that took place before the creation of the world which events dictated the need for the creation of the world and the specifics that go with the created world. So that it is in 'time' that God works out and resolves the matters that pre-existed the creation, which matters need to be resolved. Last night we opened up an understanding that looked at this and we considered such matters from the scriptures as things written in The Book of Truth and things that were hidden in God for long ages past; we know we live in a particular age but there were ages past in which things were written in God, as opposed to The Book of Truth. And we saw why God elected to write some things in The Book of Truth and alternatively, to hide certain things in Himself. We actually saw that there was a connection between the work of the Holy Spirit who is the only One competent to discover the things that are hidden in God and to reveal those things to us because no one may search the deep things of God except the Spirit of God. "Well who knows the mind of a man except the spirit of man within him and who knows the mind of the Lord except the Spirit of God? The Spirit searches the deep things of God."

The fantastic correlated principle that what the Holy Spirit searches out in the mind of God, He makes known to us because we have been constructed to have a spirit in us that is able to accommodate to the Spirit of God and when the Holy Spirit connects with our human spirits, He imparts the understanding that is in God to the mind of our spirits. So a person is renewed in his mind when he's saved because until he's saved it's the mind of his soul that directs him - that directs her - in their activities. And the mind of the soul is described as "the carnal mind" and that mind is said to be at enmity with God and cannot be reconciled to God, it can only be brought back under the mind of the Spirit which is the same mind that was in Christ because He himself was led by the His Spirit. Now the distinction - and Leon began to suggest to us - that the soul life really does not allow us to understand what things the Holy Spirit wants to bring forth in that particular epoch of time in which we live so that we might be updated to the

purposes of God in our moment. That is why a sound will come from heaven, that sound exists prophetically, a declaration from heaven will often first come into the earth prophetically and the intent is to setup a resonance between the realm of humanity and the realm of heaven so that when the fullness of time comes, a people on the earth could begin to reflect to heaven the sound the comes from heaven, such as on the day of Pentecost when it said, "when the day of Pentecost had fully come there came an echoing sound from heaven," When that sound is echoed back from the earth – when it's released from heaven it passes through the second heaven, we remember that from last night, we were shown that there are three heavens, "I knew a man fourteen years ago, whether it was in the body or out of the body I cannot tell, but he was caught up to the third heaven," the highest heavens, the heavens of God. When God speaks from the third heavens, the thing God speaks comes through the second heaven to the earth. Last night we saw when God sent Gabriel from the highest heavens to the lowest heavens, he had to pass through the second heavens and there he encountered the prince of Persia who was not willing to let him go unchallenged. When the word of God comes, it comes through second heaven to first heaven, as it comes through it begins to prepare second heaven for another wave of attack from God.

So God is the aggressor in this war, God aggressively wars against His enemy but when God actually shakes the earth, He also shakes the heavens because when that sound comes through from heaven and it's received on the earth and reflected back to heaven, it also passes through the second heaven again and this time the effect of that word coming through is that it begins to notify second heaven, the dwellers in second heaven - we saw that from Ephesians chapter 6 that there are spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. We said that was not first heaven, it's not third heaven - the heavens that God lives in - but it's second heaven. When that sound passes through, it dislodges the order of second heaven. In other words, when God's people on the earth agree with what God is saying from heaven, it begins to break up the demonic control over mankind. One of the reasons why the prince of Persia wanted to interrupt the message that was coming through the messenger Gabriel was, if on the earth, we hear that sound from heaven and we agree, the knowledge of the glory of God revealed through Jesus Christ, begins to break up the control that demonic spirits have over human nations. In fact we saw, according to what the angel Gabriel said, we saw that princes, demonic princes, take positions over human nations to the point where they are called by the names that nations themselves are called; the prince of Persia, the prince of Greece. Two nations: one ruled by a demonic prince who took the name 'the prince of Persia', another took the name 'the prince of Greece' because it tells us that their rule over human nations, over nations of mankind, reflects the character of that spirit that rules over the nation. So there's another prince known as 'the god of this world' because there's an entire world that has been constructed out of systems designed to have control over humans by promising humans that these systems are sufficient for them to rely on instead of their reliance on God.

Now we always knew that spiritual warfare was about warring with the invisible realm, we always knew that, "We wrestle not against flesh and blood," flesh and blood are humans but we do wrestle, but not against flesh and blood. Against whom do we wrestle? Principalities, powers, the rulers of the darkness of this world and the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. We always knew that that was what it was, however we had little or no understanding of how they warred against us; that is a colossal oversight on our part and one that does not even remotely benefit us. Now it's the understanding of the nature of this conflict that helps us to grasp why God made the world and why God made humans and how the enemy wars against humans and

what degree of success he may expect to have against them, depending upon how they respond either to God or the devil.

A real insight into all of this is how the devil came and addressed man in The Garden, surprise, surprise. Before man sinned, he had fellowship with God daily; after he sinned, the first thing he wanted to do was to hide from God. When God made him, put him in the earth, he was a son; the moment he sinned, he ran and hid from his Father. He becomes an orphan. We must surely have wondered, why did Satan come to him and say to him, "You will not surely die because God knows that in the day you eat of this tree - He told you not to eat of it but you've never been given an explanation as to why, just that 'You will surely die.' But I'm here to give you the explanation: you really will not surely die, I want to be sure you understand that God is not telling you the truth. What you should know is, when you eat of this tree your eyes will be opened and you will know good and evil and you'll live forever."

Now you have to understand that this was not just an event that 'happened', you should be asking yourself, "Who is this guy? Where did he come from?" Because he's here at the beginning. Why does he target man in the way he targets man? Why does he believe that this is the way to speak to man? This is the subject area to bring up and it worked, it worked against a person who had no prior knowledge of evil and yet falls for it. So apparently there is something in the human being that has the capacity to respond in a fashion that opposes God when he's given the alternative to being a god all by himself. Now as I read it, that's what happened. Clearly the one making this allegation is saying, "Look at me; I've gone here before, I've walked this out before. You don't have to be afraid of God; I did it, I know." Well in some ways he had done it and what he believed is what he thought he knew.

So without knowing a great deal about what happened before you would conclude: "Here's a creature with knowledge about things that did not begin on the earth, claiming to know things about God and surely being willing to challenge God as it regarded an engagement with someone who is a son of God, in the moment that this person is put on the earth and is functioning on the earth. You know there was a fascinating promise to him, he said, "Your eyes will be opened," and it happened that in all the lies he told, that was in fact true, his eyes were opened. But you will have to say, "Well wait a minute, the woman 'saw' that the fruit on the tree was pleasing to the eye, so she saw it. How then, if she saw it, were her eyes closed because it was said, 'If you eat of the tree your eyes will be opened,' but before the fact she saw that the fruit was pleasing to the eye, before she ate?" The threat was only if she would eat, "If you eat of the tree your eyes will be opened." Both God and the devil said the same thing. Well obviously this is not a contradiction, it just means there are different ways to see, there are different aspects to the human being. Your eyes in your head could see, your physical eyes.

Now the issue of the eyes then being opened was not the initial proposition of the matter of sight, of physical sight, it had to do with the manner of interpretation of what you saw; what did your brain decide what was true based on what you saw? Now the other thing we know that was true was that man was regularly speaking with God before he sinned. God came in the cool of the day, every day, so much so that when God came He didn't come as a human; Adam was a human, God didn't come as a human. We know that because of what Adam said, Adam said, "I heard the sound of the Lord in The Garden." So it's always been true that man could hear God, before man fell it was natural for him to hear God.

So he heard Him; he heard Him the day before, he heard Him the day after he sinned. So the eyes of our spirit see God, I recognize I'm different organs but the idea is not about the physical sight or physical hearing, it's about discerning...it's about discerning. The natural human eyes can see a thing as it is but what you do with what you see is determined by whether you're looking through the eyes that were once closed or the eyes that were once opened because the spirit of man hears God Spirit to spirit, that's the frequency to which the human spirit is tuned. The human spirit is tuned to the frequency of the Spirit of God, "The Spirit himself testifies with our spirits that we are the sons of God."

So if God is saying something to the human spirit, if God is saying something to the human being, the part of us that hears it is that part that is tuned to the frequency of God's voice - if you'll allow me to use current metaphors, like tuning a radio, tuning to a certain frequency. So clearly, before man sinned he could see God as God was, as God appeared. So those eyes weren't closed and he could see with his natural eyes and observe the natural world around him because those eyes weren't closed either. What eyes then were closed? The soul, the eyes of the soul were closed. And that tells us that God has made man to live in creation with his soul blindly following his spirit, that's the natural order, that's the order that functions when the divine protocol by which man is meant to live operates as it should. When that protocol is disturbed, so when the eyes of the soul now becomes how man sees, how man interprets what he sees with his natural eyes, when that becomes the operating function – the way man functionally operates – when that becomes the case, we are abnormal. And in that abnormality we will immediately begin to manifest the effects of this abnormality. For example, the man clothed himself. Why would he clothe himself, he didn't the day before? Because when the soul interprets what the human sees, it may interpret it differently than the way the spirit of man would interpret it. Now keep in mind, if the spirit of man is meant to be aligned with the Spirit of God...because you see the Spirit of God searches the deep things of God and reveals those things to the human being, reveals them Spirit to spirit. If that's the natural order, when it functions what man will see is the way things were meant to be seen from God's point of view.

I'm suggesting to you then that that is the natural way to see things. If God made it to be seen that way, then that's how it functions, that's the way it actually is. When you see it some other way, it is in opposition because you are in opposition to how God made it and you in it. Are you with me? So when the man clothed himself, he shouldn't have done that; when he hid from his Father, he shouldn't have done that. He was seeing things in a way that elicited a response that was different from God's order of things. Now what was his explanation for clothing himself? He said, "I perceived I was naked, I looked at myself and I said, 'Oops, I better cover up.'"

So the question is: was this perception accurate? Because if it was then his actions are reasonable. Was the man naked? Well it depends, doesn't it, depends on if the eyes of his soul are telling the truth or if the eyes of his spirit would say something different. Now today, if we showed up without clothes everybody including ourselves would say we were naked. So by now, this far after The Fall, our point of view still remains what it was when we fell. Now our house is not a nudist colony, that's not where I'm going with this, you understand? (Laughter). Keep your clothes on. (Laughter) Please! This is what changed. Man was always a spirit, his flesh was his clothing; we were always spirits clothed in flesh. But when our perception of who we are changes and we see ourselves as flesh, then we understand that we are vulnerable, we were weak and vulnerable because the flesh – the natural – perishes. We can die if it suffers enough woundings when it's attacked and immediately we see that we not only need to clothe it, we need to protect it, even from God. Because once you're into that mindset, nobody is on your

side, you are all by yourself, you have no Father, it's up to you. If you're going to survive, it's up to you. That's how distorted the view of things comes to be when the soul sees and interprets reality.

Now God knew that man would get there but there were things God intended to do in creation, with man, from before He made man. Did God suddenly abandon those things because now man can't see those things? Did God just say, "Hmm, I give up. What am I gonna do?" I can hear God say, "What am I gonna do, huh? Come on. I made them; I made them the way I made them, now they're just not available to Me anymore. What am I gonna do?" No, God planned the redeeming of man to the purposes for which God made him, which means that in the process of redeeming us, He was going to restore a proper view of everything. You see. But until He redeemed us, His problem was He was going to have to talk to us in the way we had become. If you are ruled by the soul and you can't hear by the spirit, while you are waiting for the redemption to be put back into the place of relationship to God where you can hear God Spirit to spirit, until that day comes either God has nothing that He can say to you or He'll talk to your soul but He cannot talk to your soul as if your soul is your spirit because if He does that, you won't hear at all. And you will maintain a culture in the process; we will maintain a culture of heaven but only in the limited way that the soul can see spiritual things.

You know how when you are in religion, you know there is something more, you know there is something more and you say, "This can't be it, there has to be something more than this." You're looking for something that you can't define, if somebody comes and says, "OK, let's say you're right, what would it look like? If there is something more, what is it?" Your answer is, "If I knew I wouldn't be looking, I would be in it." So you can know that there is more without being able to define what 'more' looks like because you see, God puts in man a desire to know God and even when we don't know what it looks like, we know that above the ceiling, if we could ever get above the ceiling, we would see what it was. So God continued to speak to man but He could only speak to us from behind the veil because the soul is like a veil between God and man. Before, the veil was not there so God could talk to us, as it were, face to face, Spirit to spirit. When the soul came up, the soul became like a veil. I'm sure you've all had the experience of going to a play, for example, and in between the scenes when the curtain is drawn and you're still sitting in the back of the audience and you're looking at the actors and the prop people scurrying back and forth, changing the scene behind the curtain....and we see movement and you have an idea that the scene is being reset. You notice somebody bringing in a chair and a lamp but it's not distinct, it's not clear, it's not sharp, it's not like a photograph, it's just kind of things being moved around. And then the curtain is pulled back and the scenery opens and the lighting comes up, you can see exactly what they were doing that they had arranged while they were scurrying around in the dark. The soul is like that, the soul of a person who is righteous can see that behind the scene, behind the curtain, things are being rearranged and that God is repositioning things and angels are involved in various activities but you can't see it distinctly until the veil parts and the light comes on and you could see what was being done while you were sitting in the darkness. That's essentially how God continued to talk to man.

Now what God was doing was, He was putting on the earth things that were copies and shadows of what things are in heaven; the things that are in heaven were put into the earth as copies and shadows, cut-outs, because God was progressing along to the time when He would redeem the vision of man so man could see God as He was and man could understand the ways of God as those ways actually are. But in anticipation of that and before man's soul could be moved out of the way, before the curtain could be pulled back and you could see and

understand, God gave him as it were 'stick figures' and cut-outs to picture, to catch for him things that were in heaven. One of those great things was - remember last night we talked about the fact that there were things that were written in The Book of Truth that angels could look into but then there were things that were hidden in God that angels could not see because only the Holy Spirit was competent to search the mind of God, retrieve those things and bring them and impart them to our spirits, that was the way that that would happen. So to tell us that that was the case, God drew a picture for Israel, it was a picture of a tabernacle, a tent, it's a picture depicting that reality by a ten. And the tent had a place where strangers and foreigners and gentiles could even come, it's called The Court of the Gentiles; it wasn't in the tent, it was outside of the tent.

Now what was God saying by that? God was saying that there would come a time when even the Gentiles could come. Then there was another court for the Jews and the congregation of the people could come to that but there was a curtain that separated that from the inner sanctuary, all the people couldn't come in to the inner sanctuary, only the priest could do that. The inner sanctuary had two divisions, all the way through there were veils and curtains that kept the next stage from being seen cause God was showing man that there were veils between him and God, that the soul had created those veils. And there were certain items in what was called The Holy Place; a lamp stand, a table in the Holy Place and those meant something because this is what a child's shadow picture. What do children call these? Stickers, this is like playing with stickers, God was putting stickers in the book so you could see something of a child's game. Then there was a thick veil between The Holy Place and something called The Most Holy Place, and in The Most Holy Place of particular interest to us was a box, it was a box made out of Acacia wood, it was overlaid with beaten gold, it had a lid to it, in the box the box contained the two tablets of stone that God had given to Moses on the mountain, contained a pot of manna and it contained Aaron's rod that budded. Pictures, children's pictures - pot of manna suggesting one thing: man shall not live on bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. The law, representing rule; Aaron's rod that budded, representing life that is not connected to the ground but life will come from above, as in a rushing mighty wind sometimes.

Pictures, what can kids know about these things? Just pictures. The box itself, on the lid of the box, was the fashion of two cherubims and their wings overlapped, signifying that there was a place where angels knew things, there was a place in all of this, in this hierarchal structure, there was a place where angels were and with a certain level of knowledge and understanding, such as The Book of Truth. Now God's presence never got into the box, God's presence was above the box; the box and the wings where the angels were was called The Mercy Seat and it was sprinkled with blood. Again, this is a sentence or two about a vast and detailed picture; the thing in heaven that had been pictured in the earth in anticipation of the time when the reality would replace the picture on the earth and the presence of God, heaven above where the wings of the angels overlapped to this note: that there are things that angels long to look into that would become available for the sons to see.

Concerning this picture, this was said in the book of Hebrews. Two things: Hebrews 8:4 speaking of that whole arrangement by which God pictured heavenly things on the earth and the priestly order that attended that. If Jesus, that's the 'He' referenced here, where on earth "He would not be a priest for there are already men who offer the gifts prescribed by the law." Verse 5, "These men," the priests under the order of Levi, "These men serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and a shadow of what is in heaven." I promise you, that's what it says, God was doing

shadow pictures but there was a reality in heaven, not a box of heaven that have golden angels on it that contain the two tablets of stone and a pot of manna, that's not the reality that was in heaven, this on the earth is a copy and a shadow, a child's drawing, because that's as much as the soul can see. Why reveal that that is in heaven to man when his soul is the only way he has of relating to it? Now look at chapter 9 verse 8, not only is there a copy in the earth but the reason there is a shadow of the thing in the earth is because God means to bring the thing that is in heaven into the earth and when He brings it into the earth He doesn't bring it as a copy and a shadow; when it comes, it comes as it is in heaven, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in the earth in the same way that it is in heaven." In the reality that it is in heaven, pray that it comes into the earth in that way, "The Holy Spirit was showing by this," by this copy and shadow, "that the way into The Most Holy Place had not yet been disclosed as long as the first tabernacle was still standing." What did that say? That the Holy Spirit's message is, "As long as that curtain barred the way into the Holy of Holies, the Holy Spirit wants you to know that as long that entire arrangement was still on the earth in that way, the way into the real Holy Place had not yet been disclosed. But there would come a time where He would have made a way into The Most Holy Place and it would be as it is in heaven.

Now when will that time come? What happened to let us know that the way into The Holy Place was now fully disclosed, what was the event that tells us that definitively? Yes, when the curtain was torn in two from top to bottom, yes. That's when now the whole of that shadow and picture was done in the earth; it was done because it held in place just a taste, just the barest taste that the soul could understand because God had nothing more to work with than the soul. When it's time now for the Holy Spirit to be able to be given, so that the Holy Spirit could give light and understanding to the spirit man, resurrecting the being that God once made and put into the earth to be able to receive these things and walk in them like they did before he fell - the man fell - when that day had occurred, now you could tear the veil, signifying that this whole picture show was over, we are no longer in the time of imagery and representation; the reality had come. That is why, for example, Jesus would say, "Pray in this way: Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on the earth as it actually is in heaven."

Now when the reality replaced the shadow, it's the reality as it actually exists; it's not a shadow, it's not a type of it. If you were to see a shadow, if you were going around a building, going around the side of a building and it's 9 o'clock in the morning and a human being is coming along the south wall of this building and the sun is behind them and a long shadow is thrown on your path as you're coming this way, if you've never seen a man before - just assume that for a moment, all you've seen is the shadow - what could you tell about a human? How descriptive, "It's a big dude, no it's a big black dude. Whatever this is, it's a big black dude; he has no depth to him." (laughter) There are things I can get away with. (laughter) That's all you would know. If you were a Martian taking back information to your home planet, you would say, "They're big, they're black, they've no depth to them but you better watch out because they move silently. I didn't want to wait around to find out that they could do to me." If you were there at night time, what would you think at night? There are black guys all over the place. (laughter) At night they become a carpet. And that would be as credible intelligence as you would have if you took your report from the soul. If your view of spiritual things comes out of the soul, that's the report you'd bring back,

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that's the point. Because you will have no knowledge of the varieties of these beings, you will have no concept that they think, that they love, that they are capable of incredible acts both of violence and of love; they are extreme in their makeups. You'd know nothing about their internal workings but that's all God meant to do when He spoke to the soul, "It's this much, it's all you can handle." Why give you information if you have no capacity to handle the information? It is only when the Spirit appears that the type and shadow means something to you and you begin to understand that God maintained a connection to His ultimate purposes by these types and shadows because that's as much as the human soul could understand when the soul was running the show. These types and shadows exist throughout.

Now the real picture – the picture that was in heaven – was the picture of a Father and His sons because that's the first thing God brought into the earth, "Adam was the son of God," and He never called an angel His son, that the earth was designed to bring forth the sons of God, that's what it was designed to do. And when they were brought forth, they would destroy the opposition to God and they would do so because they were like God himself; that was the intent. All these other things are the ways God pictured that intent and then when creation was finished, when this natural creation was finished, it would bring forth the perfected sons of God and all creation would groan in eager anticipation of this revelation, to see the revealing of the sons of God. I actually read that, seems like a pretty good story, I'm gonna stick with it. The purpose of creation is to reveal the sons of God as perfected like their Father and that from the scripture that says, "We do not know yet what we shall become but when we shall see Him," say it to yourselves, "when we shall see Him we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He actually is." When we see Him, we'll see Him as He is. We don't know yet what that looks like because we're still here but when that time comes that we shall see Him, we'll recognize Him because He'll be like us. Why? Because we'll be like Him and we'll be like Him as He actually is, "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us that we might be called sons of God." And that sonship is not some distant, made up thing – it's actually like Him.

See, we are born again from heaven but we're originally born on the earth, so we didn't first know Him. We don't yet know all of what He's like; we don't yet know that because that's not where we started, we started on the earth. We have born the likeness of the man from earth but we shall also bear the likeness of the Man from heaven, "Behold I show you a mystery, we shall not all sleep but we'll all be changed," ICorinthians 15. Yes, we've born the likeness of the man from the earth from whom we were issued according to the flesh but we're born again of the likeness of the Man from heaven and we'll also bear the likeness of the Man from heaven and when we shall see Him who is from heaven, we shall be like Him and we shall see Him as He actually is; not a shadow, not a type, but as He is.

So in preparation for this God has put on the earth, even now – see the final cut is when all is finished and all that He has done, all that He intended to do has been done. So here is some rather shocking news: even yet, there are types and shadows in the earth but we're coming closer and closer to the reality of the age being wrapped up and what He has been doing is fully done so that we shall see Him as He is and we'll be revealed to be like Him as He is. We have not yet become like that but we're getting there and it's a fact, that so long as we are on the

earth we are 'becoming', we have not yet arrived. But what I'm saying to you is, until you arrive He will help you see who He is because you don't automatically know what He's like, He will help us, "Lord I believe, help my unbelief." He helps our infirmities, He helps our lack of vision, He helps our failure of clarity because He knows that we are yet overcoming in the flesh, we are to overcome the world, the flesh and the devil in seeing who He is, seeing Him as He is.

So He gives us yet support to see this vision as it is, that's why in the Old Testament, you see, He pictured His house - which He's building which we started talking about last night - in the Old Testament He pictured His house as they could see it, a natural house. We said that The House of God is a multi-generational family, it's a family it's not a building, a building is called a house after the function for which that building is designed, the function of which is to entertain a family, to facilitate the activities of a family. It's a facility designed for the use of a family so it's also called a house, it's such a common reference that the term is used as descriptive of its function.

So in the Old Testament He gave a house, that house was a natural house, the kind you could see in the Old Testament can't see the spiritual until the Spirit reveals by the light of the Holy Spirit things that are spiritual. Things that are spiritual may be only discerned by the spirit; things that are fleshly can be discerned by types and shadows. So God gave His house in the Old Testament through a vision of a human house. So the intent of God is to show us the father and the son and to show us that in a relationship that the father loves the son, the father provides for the son, the father protects the son, the father has an inheritance for the Son, the father is like a king so a prince is born to a kingly father. All these things were shown in the picture of the patriarchs and their sons who became patriarchs. The patriarchal figure at the time is a type, a shadow, one who pictures God but in their understanding they have no spirit understanding so they could only understand the patriarch who would arm his household, 320 men, to go and get a nephew who at the time they thought was his heir, until God gave him the real heir. A patriarch basically, who would not let the son of his house be abducted and taken away and that patriarch would arm the men of his house and every man would count the life that he is going to rescue to be as valuable as his own. Now I tell you, if that's the way you war, you will be one tough fighting force because there's no point of surrender. Why? Because surrender is to save your own life but if the life of the other you're seeking to rescue has been judged to be as valuable as your own, you won't consider surrendering to save your life; you will die to save the life of another. "Greater love has no man than this..."

So He's picturing these things for us in the Old Testament. Now what we saw in the Old Testament was a promise being given to a father and that promise then would be passed on to the son and the promise would be passed on to the son's son because that's the reason that that family exists. God gave a promise to a father and He meant for the promise to be fulfilled but not in the lifetime of the father. So that whole family line came into being and that family line grew and became a nation that had one distinct purpose above everything else, that purpose was to anticipate the time would come when the promise would be fulfilled. In this case, it took forty two generations between the time of the promise and the generation to whom the promise was given and the fulfillment of the promise but the fathers maintained the connection to the promise for forty two generations. What would have happened if you did not have a family arranged in that way? What if this family dissipated because the fathers did not choose to stay faithful to their households, what would have happened? The promise would be lost if it required 42 continuous generations by which this promise would come. God was teaching us something about a heavenly line in the earth, about what the household of God looks like and He was

showing how even though the patriarch would not be the one who took care of the great-grandchildren, those grand-children would be born anticipating that they would be the next generation in the order of this family line to carry on and to wait for the promise.

The culture of the orphan is corrosive, in that it destroys any sense of relevance that the person will have if that relevance is connected to a previous line and meant to be continued forward to another generation because if you're an orphan all you know is 'it's all about you'. Fascinatingly, the only people on the earth who had a sense that they were not orphans - after Adam sinned and introduced the culture of the orphan - the only people on the earth who do not have a sense that they were adrift was that line of the descendants of Abraham and that's why they survived all the other nations of their time. You don't go around today saying, "You look like a Hittite to me." (laughter) "It's the way your forehead slants." (laughter) "You're out there hunting all the time." They disappeared, the Hittites were more powerful than the Jews at one point in time, they were contemporaries of the Jews. There was a Hittite named Uriah in the scriptures along about the time of David. What kept the people from disappearing was their connection to a promise.

Why do you think the Body of Christ, today, is so adrift? Why do you think we have such little knowledge of the scriptures anymore? Because we're not a house, we are but we're not; every man is doing what is right in his own eyes, every man's ministry has become his identity. We've become a culture of orphans, a fatherless people, when we are the inheritors of the greatest promise ever made to man, "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us that we might be called sons of God." Do you know, most believers today do not even know that they are sons of God. Am I missing something or was that? If you say to the average churchgoer today, "You're a son of God." The younger ones would say, "Really?" And the older ones would say, "I know I'm just a sinner saved by grace. They told me that a long time ago. I got saved under the understanding, the same understanding of AA, the Alcoholics Anonymous: once an addict, always an addict; we'll keep you under, keep you from falling off the wagon. The moment you begin to think that you're actually healed, that's the time when you're going to fall so we know how to fix that: we'll always label you as an addict, that way we can control you by the fear of recidivism." That's the addiction to the notion that you're still just a sinner saved by grace. Twenty five years later, after you're saved, the Holy Spirit making every attempt to conform you to the standard of a son - the Lord Jesus Christ - but I have to tell I have a track record of resisting the work of the Holy Ghost, "I am still just a sinner saved by grace." Give me a break. That's the sound of an orphan's theology and orphans tell themselves that because that's the only way they think they could motivate people to obedience. What about fathers who disciplined us for our good? Isn't that the alternative? But you can't call any man on the earth your father; Jesus himself said that, what is it, Matthew 28:8-12, "Call no man upon the earth your father." So I can't call you my father because Jesus told me that I can't call anyone on the earth my father, we have one Father in heaven."

You know, I get so irritated by - the comedian who talks about redneck, one of the things Foxworthy says....you know I've reached the bottom of the... I'm really struggling here to try to convince you of something, when I'm quoting Foxworthy (Laughter) you know I'm desperate; I'm working hard on this thing. Foxworthy said there's one thing you can't fix and that's: stupid. You can't fix stupid. I see just stupid theology, you can't actually treat it as if it's any more intelligent than that: stupid theology. That we pit one passage of scripture against another, when you do that, that's stupid. It shows you can't fix religion, it will mark out what it wants even if it means it must deny what else is true, you see. Did John not say in John 3:16, "For God so loved the

world,” did He not say that? If you don’t know that, come up here and I’ll pray for you and you’ll be saved. John 3:16, “For God so loved the world,” and in the Greek the word ‘world’ is “kosmos”... God so loved the world.” The same John also wrote in I John chapter 3, “Do not love the world,” ... “For God so loved the world...” ‘kosmos’. “Do not love the world,” ‘kosmos’. “Because if you love it, the love of God is not in you.” Well time out here, I’m really confused. God loves it, but if you love the thing that God loves, the love of God is not in you. That is totally confusing. And The Book, the words in The Book are not much help to you because it’s ‘kosmos’, “the world”.

So stupid theology says, “Choose, take your pick.” Is it, “For God so loved the world.” Is that the right one? And since it’s pretty encompassing I think I’ll go with that one. “Do not love the world,” Now what if you said, “I really like that one, so I’ll go with it. I’ll love the world because God loves the world.” Well then, the love of God is not in you so you have troubles. That’s just stupid theology, saying, “If you eat of the tree your eyes will be opened.” Well time out, did they not see the fruit on the tree? Did they grope around? How can you tell the fruit is pleasing to the eye if your eyes aren’t opened yet? That’s just making stuff up as you go. I detest that kind of stupidity when it arises among leaders; children can play that game but it’s entirely unworthy of adults. What was the answer in, “Your eyes will be opened”? Different ways to see; their natural eyes could see, the eyes of their spirits could see, the eyes of their soul were closed, when they ate the eyes of their soul were opened and the distortion began and man started to see himself as soul and not spirit. “For God so loved the world.” Does God love the world? Yes. The kosmos? Yes. Does God hate the world, to the point where if you hate the world you’re like God? Yes. Well how do you square them? Simple, simple, simple, simple. Two different meanings of the same word, like if I were to say, “I’ve been traveling in the world.” Would you know what I was talking about? Sure, I’m getting on airplanes and moving about. If I were to say, “I know this guy, man he wakes up in his own world everyday.” I am not in his world. Someone once said that, “Psychosis is building castles in the air and neurosis is inhabiting them.” (laughter) I think that was Sagie, a friend of mine in South Africa.

The world that God hates is not the world He created, it’s the world that has its own creator; it’s called “the kosmo krator”, the god of that world. And you can’t love it and simultaneously love God. It’s the same thing with “Call no man on the earth your father because there is one who is your Father who is in heaven.” And Paul saying in I Corinthians 4, “You may have ten thousand instructors and not many father’s but I became your father by this gospel.” Jesus says, “Call no man on the earth your father,” Paul says, “I became your father,” and says, “I’m sending to you Timothy, my beloved son.” Is this a contradiction of scriptures? No, because there are nine different meanings to the word “father” and one of them is exclusive to God and he’s saying nobody else is like that, no one else is your progenitor because you’re born again of the spirit, so don’t call anybody on the earth the father of your spirit, I am that.” But can you say that Henry Ford is the father of the automobile; is that an appropriate use of the term ‘father’? Sure. how could a human being be the father of an inanimate object? It’s one of the many usages of the word ‘father’; it doesn’t mean biological, it means ‘conceptual’ and not in a biological sense.

When Paul says, “I became your father,” he defines it as, “I became your father by this gospel, I’m the one who taught you the ways of God and I have a continuing duty to discipline you so that you may grow up from childhood to maturity because God still assembles people in a fashion that permits Him to raise them up to maturity and the only way that you can be raised as a mature son is if you have a father who was at one time also a son who became mature enough to be a father.” That’s how it works, that’s the type and shadow, that’s the type and

shadow. If we ever hope to see those born again escape the constant pull of the world to keep their souls preeminent, if we ever hope to see a people break free from that continuous, grinding culture that the enemy uses to entrap us in the realms below, we're going to understand then the need for fathers. Paul was Timothy's father, that's why when Paul died Timothy became the leader of the church in his day because he was not an orphan, he had a father who spoke to him as a father. Did Timothy have some problems, any that you would know about? Yeah, he was nervous as a cat, he had the word of God in him, he was called to be an apostle, confirmed by the laying on of hands but he had a hard time confronting people. Timothy was not a confronter. Do you know anybody like that? Most people are like that. Timothy was not a confronter. How did he become the leading figure in the next generation? And even in his lifetime Paul would say, "I have no other I can send to you except Timothy my beloved son who is well acquainted in my ways and he's reliable to bring the word of God to you." Did anybody send you out in that way? Is there anybody in your life that you could envisioned sending a letter ahead of you to say, "Now the best I have to send to you is this man who looks after the interests of Christ; I know no other man who looks after the interests of Christ in this way." Is there anybody in your life who would send a letter with you that says, "This is Phoebe, she is reliable in the handling of the things of God. Extend to her the same courtesy and respect that you would extend to me." Is there anybody who sends these letters anymore? I mean, they don't even let you out of the congregation, let alone send you and send you with a letter. "My house will compete with me for my ministry. I'm gonna send you?" "I have no other I can send except Timothy my beloved son."

You see what we've lost? It's why we can't gain the traction, it's why we can't take the ground, because every generation has to start over and by the time you figure it out, you're sixty years old and we're thinking, "Why didn't I know this thirty years ago?" Where would we be if fathers gave an inheritance to sons so that the sons didn't have to plow their way through - all the days of their youthful lives - plow their ways through until they're old, beating up as many people as they needed to beat up along the way to get where they got just so that they could be who they are? Where would we be if the father's gave the next generation a thirty and forty year lead, where would we be? Once I was talking about my daughter Tamarind and I was talking about the opportunities to care for her and I had a young woman come up to me and she said, "What you were saying was hurting my ears, it was too good to believe that a father would be like that to a child. I would not; I could not let my heart believe that something like that actually exists. It just disturbed me because I found myself wandering over into, 'What if my father were like that with me? Would I have to go through all these affairs that I went through to find something resembling worth and value?'" Then she said, "I began to feel the anger rise in me toward my father and I just had to say, 'I can't listen to this man, I can't listen to this man. If I let that come into Me - that truth that he is speaking come into me - it would so anger me that I had to go through this terrible internal turmoil.'"

God is putting the lonely; God is putting the orphans, into families just like He said. I'm encouraging you to stop, to just stop, if your ministry has been to just take whoever comes, they come through you and they take what they want and they go on. Stop entertaining them! Stop, you're not doing them a favor. Stop! It will never end as long as we keep thinking that the answer to this is to "show the love of God to them" by letting them come through, take what they want and go on. I have not found that procedure in the scriptures. Evangelism is to lead them to Christ, not in the sense of going to heaven, they're going to heaven, but evangelism is to lead them to come under the rule of the King so they will begin to change, they will begin to agree to change, to learn how to rule their own souls under your hand and then to learn how to rule, the

husband learning to rule so that his wife is secure under his rule and then she flourishes to where she can take up her gifts and calling, not having to fend this person off indefinitely.

So when children are born to this union, the next generation sees the picture of the Father that the first generation didn't have and by the third generation we know that we are God's house in the world because it will take three generations to get us home. But it cannot be three individual generations; it must be three connected generations because The House of God is a multi-generational house.

You know, this is the grace that is in the earth today, the grace that is in the earth today is for this because God said, "I'll turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, the hearts of the children to the fathers," the twenty and thirty-somethings are totally committed to the well-being of their children more so as a characteristic than any other generation in my lifetime, they are. They know what car seats they should have, what strollers, they know what the crash test ratings are on their knee pads and what formulas they should eat but the one thing they don't know is how to discipline their children; they're giving them every external consideration and they're nearly devoid of the understanding of internal considerations because they hadn't gotten that unless they got it from a father. But my point is that it's already in their hearts to be fathers. The last remnant of our generation, of my generation - mine and Corbett and Doug, Sylvan, Jean - the last remnant of our generation is God is rescuing a remnant of our generation and filling us with revelation and understanding and a heart to be fathers because some generation is going to have to produce the first fruit of fathers. And after our selfish, narcissistic generation when it is burned back to ashes, a few survived the burning and can be and are fathers. That's what God is planting and we're the shade under which you are to grow up.

From my generation onward, in the earth, God has planted a standard of God the Father and everyone who will arise now will have the opportunity to have a spiritual father and that's all that is required in the mix because in the next generation the desire is already there. And by the third generation no one in The House of God will be fatherless. By three generations from mine, we shall - I proclaim this as that sound from heaven, I note the reverberation of that sound from heaven - by three generations from mine, a people will arise who have no knowledge of what it means to be fatherless...they will not know what it means to be fatherless. By the time of my grandson, my grandchildren - by the time of my grandchildren who will be born without the taint of slavery. This is the vision. Write the vision! Make it plain, it will come soon! It will come quickly. Glory to God.

When we speak of The House of God, it is not a new denominational switch or twist, I am talking about fathers who lay up an inheritance for their children and I'm talking about sons whose hearts have been turned back to their fathers because it is in the earth as it is in heaven. Glory to God. Amen.