

The Emerging Church in Perilous Times

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It is a great privilege to share the Word of the Lord with you. Thank you to the KZN Gate community for taking the courage and making the effort to ask me to share the Word of the Lord. It is a great privilege. It is actually a fearful thing to share God's holy Word, especially since the issues of life and death lie in what we say. If the Word of God is adjudicated (administrated) incorrectly, we could lead the souls of many many people into eternal darkness, into a place of great suffering, of terrible ignorance. Sometimes I feel that it is an extremely difficult task to conduct.

Part of my mandate is to speak to church leaders, and I have had to learn how to stick to the mandate without trying to dilute or simplify the complexities that are in God's Word, and at the same time try to keep it as simple as possible. It is not always easy to do so, because God's Word is extremely understandable to the spiritual mind, but extremely confusing to the intellectual mind. It is a task where you learn how to just speak the way you have been clothed to speak with trust, and rely upon the Holy Spirit to give increase. One sows, another waters, but it is the Spirit that gives increase. And regrettably we cannot impact a single soul, but only prayerfully anticipate the work of the Spirit so that that seed sown in the ground can grow to become what God wants it to be.

So it is a great privilege to speak to you, and I am tempted to speak to you as if each one of you is a leader in the Body of Christ, and more specifically I have directed my message to leaders, who can make decisions that will determine the safety, immunity, and wellbeing of the souls of people that they shepherd. And that is a fearful responsibility. I have spoken to you mainly from a heart of tremendous concern, a heart that is deeply concerned, and that has been the motivation of some of the statements I have made.

Yesterday, my wife and I had a little conversation, and in the conversation she said to me, "You were a bit too tough yesterday, you came across rather strongly." And I said to

her, "I had not realized that." It is just the mood that I felt as I was sharing the Word of the Lord in a rather empty room, looking at a camera and at your faces on the screens. I had to process that because I do not get many compliments from my wife even though she is very encouraging and supportive. But I had to take that word to see whether it is just arrogance, indifference, insensitivity, a lack of understanding where God's people are, or am I just speaking down at people? Obviously, all of those things were not really in the foremost part of my being. I just feel concerned, deeply concerned! Especially at the way we leaders have interpreted the faith, and the way we have served it to our people.

In fact, while I do not want to generalize, but a large percentage of the church sincerely needs to review the way we do things, because at the end of the day, the destiny of souls, the lives of people (the blood of people) are on our hands, and we have an awesome responsibility to lead the church. And when you look at the serious challenges that the church has been faced with, especially during this judgment that has gone through a weapon called COVID-19, and it has caused many repercussions. For various systems that governs the well-being of people to shut down financially, socially, liturgically, culturally, and even in our communal living, we have been forced into such seclusion that you have to ask yourselves questions about why is God's Word not working the way it should be working in our lives? Why are there so many victims of casualties amongst God's people? What is happening? You do know that God's Word is immutable, unchangeable. Heaven and earth will pass away, but not one of His words.

We also know that God is immutable. He never changes. He is the same. We do know that the promises of God are *yes* and *amen*. God is so sure of Himself that He would not renege or move to a degree from the preexistent position that He has adopted. So, there is nothing wrong with God. There is nothing wrong with the Word of God that is contained in sixty-six books; it is a perfect Word, the eternal Word is contained in it. It does not need to be modified, edited, adapted, contextualized; that Word knows how to incarnate. It is like a seed, you put it into the ground when the conditions are right and it will grow. How it grows, we may not fully comprehend, but it does grow while we sleep, and we have parables to talk of that.

So it is very very important that you understand that God has never changed from the beginning of His dealings with human kind. But, we, the leaders, have to read the Bible in a way that we understand the way of God, we understand His patterns, His designs, His purposes, His methodologies, His operations. I pray simple things like, “God, I want to know Your ways”, like we would study the way of an eagle in the sky, the way of a serpent on a rock, the way a man relates to a woman – “I want to know Your ways”, and I want to know it in such an amplified way that I could be able to teach people how the steps of the righteous are structured, defined, or ordered by the Lord. And God’s Word is our lamp. God’s Word is our light. It is of critical importance that each one of you understand that God’s Word is not just a devotional Word where we massage it into some aching part of our body and hope that it is going to do things.

The points I have been making to leaders here were with a very very sincere heart, not judgmental. Let’s leave God to judge. I am not judging. But I am deeply concerned about the state and condition of the church, and the structures and systems that have been built. Remember a principle in Scripture: God reveals His secrets, His patterns, His blueprints, His designs, to His people, and He tells His people to build them into the complex cosmos that they live in. For example, Moses went up a mountain, took a copy of heavenly things and brought it into the earth, and he built accordingly. What he built became so accurately aligned to what he saw in the eternal that it became the venue, the domicile, through which God would engage the holy nation of Israel. We can see this in Ezekiel 43, where God shows Ezekiel a pattern, a blueprint, a patent, a template for His temple, and He says, “Show the design to the House that they may build according to design.”

Church leaders today need to understand that you cannot cut-and-paste from corporate society. You cannot go to the context, like Egypt, a Syrian context, the Babylonian context, borrow ideas, paste it to the culture of what we are building, and expect then for God to come and dwell in His fullness, in His glory. This is not the way it is done. Jesus made it clear, as I referenced it yesterday: we cannot take new wine and put it into a system that cannot contain it. Some of our wineskins have been smoked up, some of it has become

antiquated, it is irrelevant to how the eternal patterns have been given to us so that we can contain the revelation and the fullness of what God wants for us in the earth presently.

It is in that context that I am speaking to you today. And if there is any thrust retrospectively now - I have analyzed the mood and the spirit in which I have said things, and what has come out very clearly, a characteristic feature of this set of teachings, this conference, has been that God is seeking to finish the building of His city and of His temple in the earth. God is in a building disposition, and God wants to build everything that has not yet been completed. If we have been living in a house of half-ripe figs, then God wants to bring maturation, He wants to bring fullness, He wants to bring a perennial end, a finish to the things He started. The book of Zechariah is a classical book to study in this present period of time. The name Zechariah means 'God remembers'. God has not forgotten. His eternal purpose has been an integral part of His agenda. God is deeply, deeply, deeply concerned about wanting to finish His temple and His city in the earth.

Obviously, you have to study models of that, and Zechariah is a good book to study. You can study city building which is a template of how God arranges the holy nation in territories in the earth. God is not into fraternalism. He is not into networking. He is not into strange and illegal alliances. God is into arranging His people according to how He builds a nation represented in different parts of the earth; this is in territories, demographics in the earth. God arranges His households to function as tribes, and tribes to function as a holy nation in a given context. When that is correctly assembled by God and His Spirit, it is like a valley of dry bones coming together, where bones are joined, sinews are joined, flesh is placed upon those bones, and a people that have been divided will now become one mighty army for God. God is into that, territorially, wherever the church is, God wants to bring us back to oneness.

Oneness has a blueprint, a design to it. It is not just saying, "I love you my brother. I love you my sister." It is more than that; there are structures. The points I am making today is that God is building city by arranging His households to function in positions that are determined by tribal locations in the Spirit. I am not talking about tribalism or clannish behavior. But you have to belong to a context. You need to know the standard and the position in the Spirit. You have to discern the things I am saying here today.

When we talk about God building, not just the city, but the temple, we are talking about how God arranges His household so that they can become His dwelling place. It is ceremonial, liturgical, ritual, principles that governs that, and I do not mean it in Old Testament legalistic language. I am talking about how a temple is being built so that God can dwell in the midst of His people and then bring peace and security. The city and the temple concepts, eternal concepts that are preexistent concepts, designed before God called the earth and the heavens into existence, these concepts have to be unpacked. And to unpack them, God gives us apostles.

Please, I am not one that carries the title 'apostle'. Yes, I have been referenced to that and I cannot deny people their prerogative to receive me in the name they perceive me to come to them, but I do not call myself an apostle. You will not find it on my website, you will not find it on my business card, or any other descriptor of me. I leave that to the church to discern whether I am an apostle or not. Not that I am shy of the title, nor am I trying to be religiously modest. I am just simply stating a fact. But there are apostles in the earth. I do not think there are many. I think there are apostles in the earth, and these apostles are sent from God.

They are apostles of Christ and of the Lamb:

- They emerge from Christ to represent Christ.
- They are of the Lamb, a metaphoric description in the nomenclature of names, Jesus is referred to as the Lamb.
- They have a characteristic feature of one who functions substitutionally.
- They representatively function in the power of attorney.

When we talk about a lamb:

- ✓ a lamb never lives for itself
- ✓ it lives to die
- ✓ it lives for others
- ✓ it lives to give its life for others

When I talk about God restoring apostles, these are individuals that have been configured to decode the blueprint and put together the whole manner of constructing the design that God wants to implement on the earth. Moses is a good case study of how a man can bring a blueprint from the heavens, but have various technicians, craftsmen, master builders to build that. Zachariah 1:18-21 says that the four horns have scattered the church. Four is a number that speaks about the ends of the earth. Whenever you see the number four, you are actually talking about something that is happening universally throughout the earth, the four corners of the earth. The four horns have scattered the church, divided it, dismembered it, caused confusion. But now God is sending four craftsmen, architects, skilled workers, master builders; these individuals know how to take designs and educate large companies of the church that are assembled in family clusters (whether you call them clans or tribes), and inform them on how to build the structures of God into the earth. If a church is going to emerge today, that church is going to emerge by learning how to connect to true apostles.

Please, I am not talking about anybody that carries the title. I am actually very angry - if I may use the words of some of the writers of Scripture, I really do get righteously angry. I get angry when I see how people flamboyantly and flippantly and callously use the title. That is one of the reasons why I have chosen not to use it, but let people who are under the leading of the Spirit discern how that title is used.

God is returning apostles to the church, and these individuals are master builders. You have to go and study building technologies given to us through people like the Apostle Paul. These were craftsmen of the highest order that knew how to literally extrapolate the blueprints that are in the holy Scriptures. They search the Word; these people are Bible-centered, Word-centered. These individuals are never driven by opinion, by private interpretation; they stick to the Bible, strictly 'sola scriptura'.

When apostles read the Bible:

- They read it from a Christ-centered (Christocentric) perspective.
- They do not read it theologically.
- They do not read it intellectually.
- They do not read it academically.
- They do not read it cognitively.
- They read it from a vantage point of - Christ is the key to opening the Scriptures.
- They do not study theology and exegesis and hermeneutics; their tool is Christ.

That is the lenses, the looking glass through which they read the Bible.

I appeal to you today to seek to connect to apostles.

May I say this before I really get into the heart of the things I want to say today. May I just say to you that if you are heading a cluster of churches, in old language it will be called a network of churches or a family of churches, it may not necessarily mean that you are an apostle; that is not a qualification to be an apostle. If I use biblical language, you would be then known as a bishop, an elder, a leader or a presiding elder, an overseeing elder, an elder who gave oversight to a large cluster of spiritual households in a region. You can study Bible language and Bible references to understand that.

I do not think that everybody who leads a household of churches is an apostle. What I do know is that they may have a fathering grace to be able to father a cluster (a family) of churches. But you may need to be connected to an apostle of Christ, somebody who knows master building, who knows the architecture, the structural side of the building anointing. And structures are very big in the economy of God's kingdom. John the Baptist was more than a prophet, that is what Jesus tells us; he was not just a prophet, he was more than a prophet. He came with a voice that sought to make straight the way of the Lord, and He did it in a wilderness, and the metaphor of wilderness is what was called an inaccurate representation of religion. And because there was an inaccurate representation of religion, it caused devastation, and what we had was not a lush, luxuriant land flowing with streams and with agriculture and peace and prosperity, what

he came to was the devastation of religion. John the Baptist came to tell them, “Guys, let’s start to make straight our ways because the Lord is coming, the Messiah is coming.”

I want to say to you, ‘making straight’ is a structural grace, it has to do with more than just speaking reformation; it is building the various aspects of ensuring the implementation of a reformational culture. This is the fundamental characteristic of the present apostolic season that has come from the throne of God itself. So when I say that apostles are in the earth, I am not in any way suggesting that they head networks. I think most guys who head networks need to take a step back, redefine their position, and maybe start referring to themselves as an elder or a bishop - if you want to use the true biblical word which has been so institutionalized and so socialized with all the status attached to it today, that the word has lost its true meaning, and maybe adopt that name if you know you are not called to do master building. And then search out for an apostle who has an understanding of the architecture of God and seek to bring that into your life.

You will find that true apostles do not just bring the architecture by coming with clever ideas. But what they do is they go to the Scriptures and interrogate it; that is what they do. When I say interrogate it, what I literally mean is they seek to search out archetypes of building patterns from the Scriptures, and explain it so that leaders receive the raw materials that they can build into their people.

The ultimate objective of the architecture of God that comes through biblical archetypes is to produce the image and likeness of God into every member of our congregations.

The ultimate purpose of family building is to raise up God’s Son in the earth. Not the sons of Thamo, not the sons of anyone of us that lead a household, but the sons that carry the image and likeness of God. That image and likeness is called ‘Christ in you, the hope of glory’; that is the ultimate objective. It is never to bring people to self, but always to bring them to Christ, that Christ may be formed. That is the travail, that is the groan, that is what all true apostles are caught up with; not building something after their name, but building Christ into people. And they provide those resources to companies of churches located in different territories of the earth. And like Paul to Corinth, or Paul to Ephesus, he would come to a large section of Ephesus; John also ministered in Ephesus; Peter ministered

in Ephesus or in Asia. But these apostles work together to build Christ into their sections of the church so that the church can arise to be the environment in which there is peace and prosperity and immunity.

The ultimate objective when we build right is that you will not only see God's image and likeness on the earth, but you will see glory come.

Wherever there is glory there is 'gold'. Gold means blessings, provisions, peace, rest, sleep. Read Zechariah 8 - how children and old people can be sitting in literal peace and harmony in the city of Jerusalem and enjoying the goodness of God. That is what we want, so that when pestilence and sword and famine and all sorts of crises come, we are kept because we have built right. That is where I want to really emphasize. Study the models, connect to an apostolic source, redefine your position. And if you are a lone ranger ministry, you are in a very dangerous position right now, your root can be dried up. Connect, connect, connect correctly!

To do all of these things, I am asking you today to learn how to shut down and restart. There is nothing wrong with adopting the advice that God gave to a man who sat in the Sanhedrin, the counsel of the seventy, a great civil religious leader, a very powerful figure, and his name is Nicodemus. Jesus gave him a very simple bit of advice. He said, "Listen, if you want to move into this dimension you are inquiring about, if you want to see the kingdom, and then you want to enter that kingdom, you have to be born again."

Born Again literally means:

- shut down and restart
- reconfigure your whole perspective to life
- change your whole paradigm
- let go of the things that hinder you
- come down

Become like a child again, pliable, so that we can squeeze your spirit into shape, so that you can move into this dimension of spiritual and whatever living that you are searching after.

Jeremiah 1:9,10 - NKJV

Then the Lord put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me: "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant."

In Jeremiah's language, shutdown is a very very powerful process of uprooting. Uprooting is sometimes being unhinged, being removed from a very popular and comfortable position. You may have to reconnect because where your roots are, determines your well-being. And we can study that in family lineages, family trees, and so forth. But you also have to pull down. And pulling down is kind of a breaking, a deconstruction program. It is not only that you have to unhinge yourself, disconnect yourself, or kiss goodbye the things that you once attached yourself to - like the sons of Zebedee had to kiss their father goodbye. Elisha had to kiss his father goodbye. Sometimes we have to learn how to disconnect to reconnect.

But we also have to learn how to break down structures that we built. There is a time to build and there is a time to bring down what you build. It may have worked well in a previous epoch in time, but it may not work well now. You may have to learn how to dismantle what you do. And there is nothing wrong with that because the tabernacle of Moses had to be pulled down for the temple of Solomon to be built up. Even Jesus said that. After taking about 46 years to build the temple of Solomon, Jesus said, not one stone shall be left upon another. Literally, there will be a total dismantling where you cannot even see two rocks fitly joined together. We are living in that season of dismantling presently.

Some of us need to also learn how to destroy. The word destroy could also mean kill. And I do not mean this in a carnal sense but we need to learn how to kill certain things in our lives. Please consider the things that you need to kill or cause to perish. Kill an old wineskin; that is a word for perish, kill an old wineskin. Do not try to patch up a garment that you cannot wear anymore because it is full of holes. Kill it! Discard it! Get rid of it completely! That is what it means. Obviously, when you do these things, throw it away! There comes times when we have to go to our wardrobes and empty it, and not be

sentimental about it. Just put it in bin bags and put it in the bin. Trash it! Get rid of it, before we can build.

What we are building in this season is family. The idea of building family is to establish a generation that will carry the image and likeness of God. The word for build here means procreate, produce children - not members, not crowds, not mobs, not just gatherings, not that churchy thing. Come on, let's start to produce something where we are no more known anymore by how many members we have, but how many children of God we produce, how many sons of God we produce that carry the image and likeness of God in the earth. And obviously, ultimately, to plant something that Jeremiah would talk about in Jeremiah 1:10. Plant something that is immovable, firmly fixed, fully established, and cannot be removed.

I really believe that that is where we are moving to. For that to happen, I want to ask all leaders here to do something that John the Baptist asked, and Jesus spoke of it when He received the commendation from the heavens, "This is My Son in whom I am well pleased." Jesus used the word with John the Baptist, and Peter used it on the first day when they received the baptism on the day of Pentecost. And they used the word 'repent'. I will give it to you in simple language, not in theological language. The word repent means start thinking. Church leaders have stopped thinking analytically, they have stopped evaluating, assessing; and this is self-assessment. Start evaluating the things you are doing, analyze; start thinking - we are all officers.

I used a very complex word yesterday because I have seen it in the culture of South Africa, the malfeasance of public officials who have a total disregard for the law or the constitution of the country - a total disregard! We have a spiritual malfeasance in the church, a total disregard for the royal law, the new covenant law, the rules of spiritual engagement. I am asking us to think. How do we think? We have to start thinking structurally. We have to start thinking about how to build a house. Jesus said, "If any man hears My words and builds his house on the rock," there is a structural anointing. He did not say, "If anyone hears My words and just accepts them, that is fine." He uses an architectural word: build - build, build, build! But you cannot build if you do not think, or if you are not provoked to think.

The whole culture of repentance is that we will be provoked. That is called provocation. In the days of provocation, fathers rejected God and denied people access into the Promised Land. But we, today, we, as the leaders of this present generation, we are not going to allow the day of provocation to produce unbelief. In this day of provocation we are going to step into a dimension called the Promised Land. The land of fulfillment, the season of the tabernacles where all prophecies are harvested and all outstanding promises have now been fulfilled, and that God could allow for a consummation of His purposes in the earth. That is what I am asking the church.

Start thinking structurally. Start thinking systemically. The word systemically comes from the word system.

Start to think about God building a cosmos [the universe seen as a well-ordered whole]. Yes, the cosmos has been invaded through the fall of Adam, the present kosmos, the world system. The way God created that matrix to manage the whole of creation has been badly mutilated by an illegal occupant of that system called Satan himself. But there is a kosmos God is bringing into the earth. God is the **Kosmokrator**. God is the One that creates, and He is a phenomenal Creator.

[inserted: **kosmos** (*kos'-mos*); orderly arrangement, decoration: adorning, world - Strong's #2889. **kratos** (*krat'-os*); vigor ("great"): dominion, might, power, strength - Strong's #2904.]

You have to start thinking systemically, systematically. Systematic thinking becomes systemic thinking, which simply means that it becomes infectious, contagious, and so forth. If you build environments right, you will not have to teach your people about tithes and offerings. You would not have to teach them about holiness - I am not saying you will not. What I am saying is they will be living in such an infectious environment that that environment will shape their behavior in compliance with heavenly standards.

Environment shapes behavior. Psychologists will tell you this; anthropologists will tell you this; sociologists will tell you this. People that study human behavior will tell you that environment shapes behavior. By thinking structurally and systematically, by connecting to true apostles, believe me, we will not need to teach about, "Your breakthrough is on

the horizon, and favor is going to come upon you, and now God is going to bless you, and I sense it is going to happen,” these are tricks from all sorts of gimmicks that we have practiced, and God does not want that anymore. Also, start thinking strategically, which many of us will not have to think personally if you are connected to clusters that are connected to an apostle, and these clusters know how to share in the new wine. Let me tell you, you are going to get some amazing blessings that come from God.

I want to start to summarize my teachings. This phase of what I am going to say is strictly impartation. Please, I am not going to pray a prayer of impartation. I am going to speak it to you as I speak. It is strongly impartation. It comes from the story in Matthews 21.

Matthew 21:1,2a

Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples – these are His two apostles, two of the twelve, 2 saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her.

I told you about the word *tied*, it is the same word used for what you *bind* in heaven [*whatever you **bind** on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you **loose** on earth will be loosed in heaven* – Matthew 16:19]. These are very powerful words; the imagery here is more than just a narrative about a ride into a city. This is not Jesus commissioning; this is more than that. And He uses the word *loose*, the same executive powers He gave to Peter on the day that he confessed, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God.”

Matthew 21:2b,3

Loose them and bring them to Me. 3 And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and immediately he will send them.”

The word **send** is an apostolic word; it is a very powerful word in the Greek, it is the verb **apostello**, from which we get the noun **apostolos**. This is not “going”; this is not

missionary tourism to earn some points to get rewards in heaven. I am not talking about this kind of thing. This is very strategic, very powerful sending.

This is a beautiful story, but here is the first point I want to say to you in terms of what I have perceived prophetically.

I perceive that we are now living at a point in the history of the church where we are getting a clarion call from Heaven. This call is going to commission a section of the church that has complied with righteous standards, Heavenly standards, with the blueprints of Heaven. We are now going to see the commissioning of a righteous church emerge in the earth to finish the work of salvation that God started 2000 years ago in the meritorious and sacrificial work that Jesus completed on the cross of Calvary. While this church has been seeking to bring redemption to the earth, it has gone into captivity through that 2000 year period of its history. But presently I think we are going to see a commissioning.

Commissioning is going to come through apostles being sent into various regions of the earth to loose those that are accurately connected.

The woman who had the infirmity of a bent back, some say that she was so bent that her head almost touched her toes; she was a completely deformed woman. Dr. Sagie is brilliant in expounding these kind of allegories and parabolic stories. He is brilliant. I do not have the skill for that. And he explains it with his medical history. The word that is being used there of the healing of this woman is she was *loosed* from the bond of Satan, she was freed from being bent.

Luke 13:12

*But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are **loosed** from your infirmity."*

Outside of the historical narrative, the imagery of the woman here is that of a church that is bent, a church that is completely bound. But now God is going to loose that church, and straighten her to move in the elegance, the regality, the nobility, the stature, and the disposition of a people that will present the glory and the brilliance of God to the earth.

I want you to start to take that as a prophetic impartation, that there is a loosing, there is a commissioning taking place. These two animals were brought to a position of being loosed. Mark the words of these two animals because the Bible tells us that they were connected to a door, they were tied to a door. Time will not allow me to go into the details of the door principle. The door principle has to be interpreted through a variety of Scriptures, and some of these Scriptures are given to us throughout the Bible.

- Before Cain sinned by killing his brother Able, God asked Cain, “Why are you angry? Sin is **at your door**. Satan crouches at your door.”

[inserted: *So the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? 7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, **sin lies at the door**. And its desire is for you, **but you should rule over it.**” - Genesis 4:6:]*

- Moses instructed the people to apply the blood of the lamb to **the lintel of the door**, the framework of the door. You do know that a door that is not hinged to a frame (lintel) will not be able to stand.
- In the book of Ezekiel, the door principle of the waters flowing, the water flows from the door sill, from **under the door**.

[inserted: *Then **he brought me back to the door of the temple; and there was water, flowing from under the threshold** of the temple toward the east - Ezekiel 47:1]*

The Bible tells us in Revelation 22:1 that the waters flowed from the throne into the earth, bringing life.

[inserted: ***And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb - Rev. 21:1.]***

The door is speaking about being governed or submitted to the government of God. The door principle is a principle of government. The equivalent of a door is a gate, and gates

in Scripture speak about the seat of governance; it speaks about the senate, the parliaments where executive decisions are made. When a man occupies a door, it speaks of a father, an elder, who governs access, or determines who has access to his house. When we talk about being tied to the door, or the blood being applied to the doorframe, we are basically saying the administration of this house is under the leadership of God, under the leadership of Christ the Lamb.

The kind of people that God will use in this season that will be commissioned, loosed, given executive privilege, are people who learn how to function in submission to the government, the administration, the protocols, the decorum, the regulations, the statutes and the commands of God. Please, all of us can say, "I believe in the Bible. I believe the sixty-six books are absolutely authoritative, inerrant, it is immutable," and so forth. But let me tell you something. Many of us can say we believe in the Bible, but not practice the structures and the systems that determine our submission to that Bible. Regrettably, many leaders today can cut-and-paste the Scripture, eclectically extract the Scripture, but they do not live by the structures of the Scripture.

What we have done is we have fallen into the trap of Adam. We have now produced fig leaf covering, not glorious coverings. So when we talk about being connected to the door, we are literally talking about how, we, as the family of God, are submitted to the administration of God, and those are the people that God will use presently. If your structures are not compliant, whether it is administratively, financially - a lot of churches do not believe in the administrations, the economies of God, they have relegated that to Old Testament practices because they do not understand that the Old Testament was a schoolmaster in educating us in how we should function in our vocational callings. Why do you go to university to learn all the principles that you will implement in your vocation? So we have cancelled the principles because we say we do not need our university [schoolmaster] studies anymore. So we have cancelled the law and now we are living in a kind of unlicensed freedom. And that is not freedom. All freedom is governed by the Spirit. All freedom is governed by the law of God.

So today, God is calling the church to understand, that like these animals, they were connected to the door. The second thing you have to understand is that both these

animals represent families. Yesterday I told you very clearly that God never seeks to do anything outside of the corporeal principle – corporeal - ‘corpse-real’ - body becoming real. God always looks for a medium through which He becomes visible, becomes real, becomes established. God rides into families. God does not come into a city. When He sent the twelve, when He sent the seventy, He never said to them, “Go to the synagogue (temple).” He said, “Look for a house. Look for a father that heads the house. Look for a ministry that functions as a family.” He used the language of family, son. “Look for a man who is a son of peace. Look for a house that is at peace with its environment, that functions like a family, and through that family, do your business.”

The Bible says in Psalm 127:1: “***Unless the Lord builds the house (family), they labor in vain who build it***”. Whatever you build is in vain. When God comes, He always comes through a house. Study the Scriptures. When He chose people, He chose them that were part of families, “*the sons of*”, whether it was Levi or Zebedee, and so forth. He looks for families, and He works through families. God is building houses in the earth, families in the earth, and He is going to ride in them and through them. So the commissioning is very clearly a commissioning to families.

Look at these two animals. They were connected to each other; they were built together. The father/son dyad is not chauvinistic language, male dominant language. The father/son dyad is the dyad, the picture, the imagery, or the idiomatic expression of family. That is what God wants. Whether you are a male or female - it is irrespective - it is not essential. The important thing is that you understand how to function as family, because there is neither male or female in Christ. When you function as family, and a family is headed by a father, an elder - whether you are a male or female, is not the point; you are a father, you are functioning in patriarchal grace, not in the male gender grace. This is the Christological side of fathering, that God is Father, Jesus is Son, and the Spirit is Spirit. When we talk about family here, it is very important to see the symbiosis, the synergy, the congenial side to family. You can study many imageries in the Scriptures of the father/son connectivity, basically what I am talking about is the Abraham/Isaac joining, the root Naomi/Ruth connection, the congenial oneness. When we talk about family here, we are talking about families in that context.

The third point I want you to note is when families are correctly arranged, properly assembled, they are regarded as armies, the army of the Lord. (I wish I had time to go there: Exodus chapters 6, 7, and 12; Numbers 1, and so forth, but you can go and do word studies and word searches on it.) God does not build armies like we take our kids and send them to the military of our nations. God builds armies by building families. God does number people, even though He forbid David to number people. When God numbers His people, when there is a census of numbering, it is to bring people into an assembled position of family; the people that were numbered were twenty years and above, and all males. In the Old Testament, those who were twenty years and above were qualified to go to war; but unless they first found their family, they could not be part of the army of God. What the Bible tells us is that when families are positioned right, then the army is located in a city. Unless the Lord builds the house, whatever you build is in vain. And unless the Lord watches the city, they that watch it, the watchmen, watch it in vain - Psalm 127. What does that mean? Look at the study here. If the family is built right, the city, the environment in which that family lives will be kept. There is a very subtle invisible hedge that is automatically created when we build right.

I wish I could have gone into the structure of the city, but you do know that according to Revelation 21, walls are metaphors for apostles, and gates is a metaphor (imagery) for elders. When a wall and a gate is built - if you study Rahab, the prostitute that became one of the great grandmothers of the lineage of Judah, she built into the wall and she accommodated the two spies that came to spy the city of Jericho. She built into the wall.

[inserted: Joshua 2:15: *Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was on the city wall; she dwelt on the wall.*]

We need to build our families into apostolic grace and connect to a gate which is called patriarchal grace, and when that is joined together, apostles and elders are joined together, let me tell you something, no one will be able to invade your environment.

Look at the imagery here, Jesus rides on the donkey and the donkey's foal, the donkey's offspring who is called a son, the donkey's son into the city. In biblical imagery, that is a triumphant king riding into the city after a war, but riding in meekness and lowliness, a very powerful picture. The point that is being made is that when you build family that is

connected to the government of God, and then there is a commissioning, God will come, not with violent and aggressive expressions of warfare, but in meekness and lowliness He will establish His governmental order into a given region. And believe me when I tell you that we are about to see some very very powerful things happen in the earth. Your positioning in terms of the door, the gate, which is called the *vine*, the donkey and its colt being connected to the vine, to the source of divine provisions, revelation - when the church has come to the place of understanding these things, believe me, some very powerful things will happen.

[inserted: *“Judah, you are he whom your brothers shall praise ... **Binding his donkey to the vine, and his donkey’s colt to the choice vine** - Gen. 49:11]*

The first point is being connected to the door. The second key point is that when the disciples brought this family (the animals) to Jesus, they took their clothing and covered the animals. This has got to do with apostolic covering; this is divine investiture, how you are clothed. And I do not use the word investiture like the way it is used in theological circles. I am using it now where God will invest mantles of grace and anointing upon His people.

These are two stubborn, obstinate, very very proud and arrogant animals. The donkey is characteristically known as a very individualistic animal. For a donkey and its son to allow itself to be yoked in a sovereign way, so that both of them, not just one, but both of them can carry Jesus Christ into the city. They carry Him as the Son of David. All this is telling us about how God covers us as the church, which emerges now to enter this present epoch that we are entering, a glorious epoch, where there will be great salvation coming to the earth, where the church is going to arise and shine (Isaiah 60). But that arise and shine is not going to take place until the church understands that it is arising and shining because it has been clothed with *light*. Clothed! You do not buy clothing so that it can show off one’s persona, one’s personality. You buy clothing so that it can clothe your body. That is why you look for good quality cotton and linen and silk, because you want it to wrap itself around your body. It is not the clothing that makes you look good; it is your body that makes the clothing look good, when you understand how it wraps itself around you. It expresses your identity and your purpose. I believe that God is now going to bring

us to a place where the *light* has come. ***[Arise, shine; for your light has come!- Isaiah 60:1a]***

And light here is:

- illumination
- enlightenment
- revelation
- information
- the assimilation of revelation

Many of us have been loaded with information over the years, but we are now coming to a place where the glory is going to rise upon us. There will be darkness upon people, but when it comes upon us, it is going to wrap itself around us. If you read Isaiah, you are going to find that this is a radiance, a brilliance that is coming upon the church. And it is not based upon how you charismatically - when I use the word charismatic here, I am not talking about the charisma of the gifts, I am talking about how psychologists describe charisma in egotistical and narcissistic patterns of behavior, where people want to put on that show with the signet ring and the symbols of success, and they wear their clothes so that that becomes their anointing. I am talking about a mantle of anointing coming upon the church in this season, and it is a corporate anointing.

Regrettably, I am not going to have the time that I thought I would have to talk about this anointing, but this anointing is going to clothe us, and this is the anointing of the twelve. Let me tell you what the twelve is. The twelve is twelve very ordinary men, but God put into their basket the bread from heaven the twelve leftover portions. God put it in their basket. The twelve are the individuals, who at the last supper, received an inheritance from the Lord before He went to the cross. When Jesus said, "This is My body," and He took the bread, and He broke it, He was basically saying, "I am the bread from Heaven. Everything that this generation could not eat, I am investing it into you. You are now going to become vaults. You are going to become twelve resource centers. I am putting everything I have in you, but when I go to Heaven, I am not taking the assets I brought from Heaven into the earth, I am leaving it in the twelve banks, the twelve apostles."

When these twelve apostles cover the two donkeys, these donkeys are basically saying, “Now we are carrying the riches, the unsearchable blessings of Heaven. Everything we need is now covering us, we are endowed, we have been resourced to carry the fullest, the completest anointing which is in Christ, the Anointed One. We are carrying all of this, but it has come to us in the way of being mantled, clothed. That is how we carry Christ into a city, to the Hosannas, the appeals of people, ‘Save, Save, Lord!’ ”

I want to say to each one of you here today that God is going to now ride on us, because we are covered by apostolic grace. When I say apostolic grace, I am talking about the grace from Christ transferred into twelve baskets, twelve containers, twelve vessels, and through that impartation, we are now going to carry Christ into the earth. This is not the anointing of some man. This is the anointing of Christ transmitted through human vessels, conduits, pipelines. And that is how grace flows from one joint to another joint in the Body of Christ. And that is how it flows into the church.

Listen to me today. You know that grace never flows if there is no humility. The outward face or character of humility is called meekness, lowliness. And it only operates when you come to a place of being under submission and not opinionated and proud, that hubristic culture, that spirit of hubris. God hates pride! Wherever there is pride there is demonic activity. Anyone that is proud is going to fall into the trap of being demonized. Meekness is a position adopted between extreme anger and not reacting to it; that is what meekness is. It is a position where you can be extremely hostile to all the things happening out there, yet you come with the sense of, “I am not going to be indifferent to the fact that I am angry with what is happening in the state and the condition of the world or the church. And I am not at the same time being lenient. But I am going to come in a meek form and allow for the grace to flow through me. And when this grace flows through me, I am going to ride like a royal warrior, like a gentle king, I am going to come in humility and brokenness into the earth, and bring salvation to it.”

This move of God is not going to be known for faith and for hope, but it is going to be known for love, the greatest of these three. Yes, there will be faith and hope in love, but love is going to be the face of this movement. And love cannot be exhibited better than through family. When you fall in love with somebody, the end result is marriage. And the

purpose of that marriage is to produce that love in your children so that they can get married and transmit that love. That is what family does. True family is about love generated and transmitted.

Like Moses and his wife and their sons rode to Egypt on donkeys, God is now going to use those same 'donkeys'. In Moses' case, God almost killed him because he was riding without being circumcised. God had to remove the foreskin of his heart, his flesh, so that through that mutilation process, God could bring him to a place where he was the meekest man in the earth, and he became known as the friend of God. So similarly, I am asking for you today to understand that the meek will inherit the earth. But for that to happen, stubbornness, rebellion, insubordination, independence, un-surrendered aspects of our lives, all of these things have to go.

The quintessence of our lives, the hallmark of our lives, should be obedience and submission. If you want a picture of obedience and submission, it is called becoming a bondsman of the Lord, becoming a *doulos*, somebody who freely chooses to give up his (her) freedom for the sake of total surrender to a greater purpose. In this present season, with great meekness, brokenness, humility, submission, and love that embellishes everything, we will see the execution of justice, we will see mercy, compassion, we will see the widow and the fatherless no more being isolated, we will see the alien and the stranger being reconciled to God, we will even see the estranged brother coming back to know God.

God is re-clothing or re-anointing the church. And I wish I had time to explain this anointing. All anointings have come to be housed in a consummate and compounded way in Christ the Anointed One. In the Body of Jesus, the fullness, the full house of anointings is exhibited, but to unpack the fullness of those anointings called Christ, you have to study the twelve apostles. And to study the twelve apostles, you have to then go to study types and compounds and configurations of those anointings in the Old Testament. Because that is where we go to our university to learn. And when you study it in the Old Testament, you will find that all anointings consummate in one tribe, and that is called the tribe of Judah. And that is the tribe that exhibits the anointing of Jesus the best.

So sometimes, to understand the compound nature of the anointing that was in Christ – “Thou art the Christ, the Son of God” - that confession astounded Jesus - “Wow! Where did you get that from, Peter? Surely, surely, surely, you could not have received it from a human perspective. This has come to you from my Father directly, uninterrupted, in the purest way. Surely this is from God Himself. And upon this rock, this compound, I am going to build My Church.” That compound is studied analytically in its configurations by studying the tribe of Judah.

In the tribe of Judah - if you study Ezekiel, all the sticks meet. In Judah, comes the fullness. So all anointing, all tributaries, flow to Judah. That is why Jesus comes from the tribe of Judah. It takes forty-one generations to explain that anointing so that we can become the heirs and the custodians, the forty-second generation to that anointing. And in that anointing, which is the broad overarching tent, you must read Zechariah 12:7, it says there that the “Lord will save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem shall not become greater than that of Judah”.

You can study the tribe of Judah in my series [The Mantle of Changing Seasons](#). The tribe of Judah - that Judah anointing - is the tent, the overarching canopy in which you get one family group called the root of David. In this tribal anointing called Judah, there was one clan, one family called David that becomes the prototype of a Judah people. So to study Judah is powerful! You will study all the configurations of the grace of the corporate anointing exhibited that would cover the families of God in the earth. That is what is called the root of David. For example, Jesus would ask, “Who do you say Christ is?” Christ means Anointed One. They answered and said, “The son of David.” But the son of David came from a tribe. That is why Matthew 1:1 starts with the generation of Jesus Christ: *the book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham*, and then it goes to explain, that by telling us that Abraham produced Isaac, and Isaac produced Jacob, and Jacob produced Judah and the brethren (now the eleven), and Judah produced Perez, and we go down the list to David, and eventually fourteen generations later to us, the Church of Jesus Christ, the forty-second generation.

What I am saying to you today is the corporate anointing that is coming upon the church now, the full house of anointings which is in Christ - if you want to unpack it, you have to study Judah. That anointing is the most powerful case study of how the church was supposed to function in this time. The first apostolic conference - I wish I were a fly on the wall listening in, I would be so happy to just eavesdrop on that conversation that took place between apostles and elders over how do we include the Gentiles into a predominately Judeo Christian faith (inserted - see Acts 15). How do we bring the Gentiles into this with all their patterns of behavior and habits? And James stood up and said, "Hold it guys, did you not know that God in the last days will raise up the tabernacle of David, the lineage, the genealogy of David?" And to study that genealogy, you must know the tribe he comes out of, the environment he lived in, which is Judah. And in that tribe there is a root called David. And riding into the city of Jerusalem on that day, people were crying out, "Save, Save, oh Son of David!" [*Hosanna to the Son of David!*]

So what is the mantle that comes upon you? We are not the Joshua generation, he came from Ephraim. We are not the Moses generation, he came from Levi. We are not the Saul generation, he came from Benjamin. We are the Judah generation, and more specifically, if you zoom in, we are not just another broad classification of a people, but we can go right to a specific prototype and that prototype is that we belong to the house of David, which is a lineage of kings and lawgivers where David could touch priestly things and kingly things. And that is the order of Melchizedek. And if you operate in that order, then the lion and the lamb become one, the king and the priest become one, and in this people the government of God will never depart. And of His government there will be an endless expression of peace and prosperity in the earth. My time is gone, but I pray to God that you will go and search the Scriptures and start to understand that that is what we are being clothed in.

I say to you today that the Lord is going to now shepherd His people with the integrity of the heart that is found in Psalm 78.

[Inserted : "*So he **shepherded** them according to the **integrity of his heart**, And **guided** them by the **skillfulness of his hands**." - Psalm 78:72]*

He is going to guide us with the skillfulness of His hands - very powerful statements, He is going to build His sanctuary like the heights, like the earth which He has established forever. In doing so, He did not choose the tribe of Ephraim (the tribe of Joseph) - we are not a Joseph people. But He has now chosen the tribe of Judah, mount Zion which He loved, and He will build His sanctuary like the heights and the earth that He has established forever. We are now at that stage where I can say to you, arise, change your position, change your location, change the way you perceive things, take up your bed now, and shine, move, there is great momentum from the best days that are in front of us.

If we do this right, COVID-19 or no COVID-19, gross darkness or no darkness, great demonic activity or whatever, corrupt governments and failing economies, I do not care (I say this respectfully). We are now living in a day where if you move in the Spirit and in the grace and in the anointing of Christ, if you operate in the Word and the Spirit, I can tell you, the best days of our lives are before us. You will see heaven favor the righteous and exalt the righteous like we have not experienced in our walk with God before.

So I am excited about the days ahead, no matter how dark the world will be, and it is going to get darker, it will get more perilous, but a greater light is coming upon us, and that light is the knowledge of the glory of God that will clothe us to speak to nations. And the days of Isaiah 2 and Micah 4 will become a reality.

[Inserted : Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the Lord's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And peoples shall flow to it. Many nations shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion the law shall go forth, And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. - Micah 4:1,2]

The mountain of the house of the Lord shall be exalted above every mountain, and kings and merchants and the peoples of the earth will stream to us. Evangelism will be converted to a new way, and no more will we be going out, they will be coming to us and saying, "Teach us the way." The house of God, your families, on a range of mountains called Zion, people will flock to you and say, "You have the way, you have the words, you have the knowledge, teach us about your God." That is the day we are living in. The Lord bless you!

Raise your hands before Him as I pray for you. Will you look at your lives today and ask God to help you if that needs to be done. If you need to surrender your lives, do it. If you need to humble yourself, do it. If you need to kill something, kill it. If you need to give up something, give up that thing. But make a dedication, make a devotion to be part of an end time company that can bring an end to the purposes of God for this present dispensation in the history of the church. So let us dedicate ourselves to that and let me pray for you that God's grace will be sufficient for you in this time.

Father, we thank You for this conference, The Emerging Church in Perilous Times. Thank You for these Your faithful people who have given time to listen to Your Word. Lord, I am asking that that which they gathered would not just simply be information, but it will be seed that will now incubate. And for that to happen, Lord, I ask for the Holy Spirit, Your Blessed Spirit to come and activate that conceptual process in their spirit beings. Trigger off something in the womb of Your people, impregnate them in such a way that they would now start walking in the power of the Spirit, in the dunamis of the Spirit and in authority. I am asking, oh God, that this will be a new epoch in this present kairos, and that powerful things will start to take place in the lives of your people as they start to engage. Lord, this is a season of great peace and prosperity as we are shot into strategic positions in the earth, like a bow releasing an arrow, like a trajectory into every facet of human society, release us. Release your sons and daughters to fulfill Your purpose. Give them wisdom, knowledge, and understanding to understand the structures, the systems and the strategies that are foremost to You. Move us from isolation to live in

community. And make the communities that we live in, be connected to their fellow brothers in their regions so that the city of God, the city church, can be established.

I bless everyone today! I bless everyone! I believe that powerful things will start to happen in the lives of people. Let this be the day where the latter and former rain falls in one moment. Let this be a day where that which has been stored up will now be released to Your people. Let this be a day of tremendous breaking out and breaking forth and breaking through into new things. Let this be a day where there will be no more famine and lack in our churches, but there will be an abundance of bread and divine provision. Let there be such an impartation that will take place, oh God, that your sons and daughters will be elevated and clothed with grace that has come from You so that we can enjoy the fullness of everything that You have promised us. So thank You, Lord, that there is a glorious Church arising to bring glory to Your Holy Name. And to that end we dedicate ourselves today, for we ask these mercies in the name of Your Son whom we call our Lord and our Savior Jesus Christ. We thank You for hearing our prayers, Amen.



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