

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”

(John 14:26, NKJV)

- God has placed us here on earth at this time with a purpose
- This purpose cannot be accomplished without Him
- Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would lead us into all understanding and truth

Learning how to host the presence of God is key to living life out of our true nature and enjoying the fullness and promises of God

“But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.” **(1 Corinthians 2:9–10, NKJV)**

- The Holy Spirit searches for things that have never been seen or heard by human eyes and ears
- He is the greatest search engine in the whole universe
- He searches the greatest reservoir of all – The heart of the Father

“If I should count them, (God’s thoughts) they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.”

(Psalm 139:18, NKJV)

“I know what I’m doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for.” (Jeremiah 29:11, The Message)

I could die of starvation with a million dollars in the bank

- If I don't make withdrawals from what's in my account wealth is no better than a dream, principle, or fantasy
- Everything in our account in Christ is beyond our wildest dreams
- We can't make a withdrawal if we don't know what exists
- The promises in His Word give us great insight into this superior reality

The bottom line is that He has given us everything that belongs to Him

- And the Father gave Him everything!

“He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.”

(John 16:14–15, NKJV)

- The Holy Spirit releases what Jesus alone possesses into our accounts through declarations
- Every time He speaks to us, He transfers the eternal resources of Jesus to our account
- Enabling us to complete our assignment

“For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.” (1 Corinthians 12:13, NKJV)

- Salvation was not the only goal of Christ’s coming
- He desires to fill each believer with the power of the Holy Spirit
- He wants for us to overflow with Himself
- That we might be filled with the fullness of God
– **Ephesians 3:19**

The gift of the Holy Spirit is about power

“For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power.”

(1 Corinthians 4:20, NKJV)

- The Holy Spirit allows us a glorious entrance point to a lifestyle of power – **Luke 24:49, Acts 10:38**
- We are to dispossess the strongholds of hell and take possession for the glory of God

The truth is we are hosting the very presence of God

- Not just for miracles
- He desires to bring the atmosphere of heaven through a person
- This forces a shift in the atmosphere over a home, business, or city
- Heaven has come to influence earth in this baptism

The idea of hosting the presence of God may sound strange to many of us

- He owns everything, including our bodies
- He certainly doesn't need our permission to go somewhere or do anything
- But He made the earth for humanity and put it under our charge
- He will not violate the way He set things up
- He will not force Himself on us
- He longs for relationship and partnership
- He is a person, not a machine
- He longs for fellowship – He loves to love!

Adam and Eve were designed to rule like God

- God's rule is much different than the common view of ruling today
- It is always a rule of protection and empowerment
- Adam and Eve and their descendants were to represent God on earth to the rest of creation
- Their position was not instead of God but because of God
- He came in the evening to walk and talk with Adam and Eve
- Their place of rule was an overflow of their place before God's face as an intimate being
- The earth belonged to God, but now humankind became His delegated ones to rule in His place
- God's Kingdom is about delegated authority

“The centurion answered and said, “Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” (Matthew 8:8–9, NKJV)

- This Roman military leader realized that his authority came from being under authority

Jesus praised him because he had an understanding and insight into how submission in the kingdom of Rome as well as the Kingdom of heaven

We can only release the benefit of God’s rule to the degree that we allow His rule to be over us

“Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.” (James 4:7, NKJV)

- It is impossible to resist the devil if we are not submitted to God’s word and His authority in our lives

We can fast and pray, read our Bibles and rebuke the devil all day long but if we are in rebellion in some area of our lives it will do us no good

- Drawing near to God in a relationship is true spiritual authority
- *“I and My Father are one” – John 10:30*
- *“The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do” – John 5:19*

God created everything for His pleasure and enjoyed it

- But His interaction with humanity is different than all of the rest of creation
- It was personal
- Revealing the richest blessing of being created in His image
- This is why God gave Adam the assignment of naming the animals
- It was like a true father-son interaction
- We are given the position of co-laborers

“Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” (Genesis 1:28, NKJV)

- Adam’s immediate responsibility was to tend the Garden
- His ultimate responsibility was to bring the same order to the rest of the planet

When Adam and Eve fell into temptation it was because they questioned what God said

- They questioned His authority
- As soon as they did they fell out of relationship with Him
- They would regularly walk with God and commune with Him in the Garden
- After they fell they hid from Him
- Of course, God already had the plan to redeem us and crush the serpent's head – **Genesis 3:15**

Jesus' primary purpose was to restore our relationship with God along with the authority we had given away in the Garden

- All of mankind's authority flows from our relationship with God
- Satan never was the focus of the fall
- He didn't need to be, as he had no authority
- Adam and Eve gave him his authority when they stepped out from under God's authority
- When they did that they immediately hid in fear

All of our actions either come from a place of love or fear

- We should never attempt to do "*spiritual warfare*" from a place of fear
- It is true we are not to be ignorant of the enemy's devices – **2 Corinthians 2:11**
- Our strength comes from putting on the full armor (authority) of Christ – **Ephesians 6:10-18**

Adam and Eve, the ones who saw God the clearest, had no instruction on warfare as their dominion repulsed the enemy in the same way the light drives away the darkness

- If they had never stepped out from under the light they wouldn't have fallen into darkness
- That's when fear entered, and they hid

The devil has always wanted to be worshipped and he doesn't care how he gets our attention

- When we react out of fear we are merely giving worship to the devil

Jesus walked in response to the Father and Light, He never allowed darkness or the devil to influence Him

- We must learn to do the same
- True spiritual warfare and authority come from a place of intimacy

“You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.”

(Psalm 23:5, NKJV)

The truth is that even on his best day the devil can only play into God's hand

- It's important to note that the devil didn't take Jesus' life
- Jesus laid His life down – **John 10:18, 1 John 3:16**
- On numerous occasions, the religious leaders tried to kill Jesus and He slipped away
- It wasn't the right time for Him to die
- When the time was right, He gave Himself like a sheep to the slaughter
- Had the devil known God's plan he wouldn't have played into it

*“However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for **our** glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.”*

(1 Corinthians 2:6–8, NKJV)

Four things to take note of in these verses

- The rulers of the age are passing away – Abolished
- God’s wisdom is a mystery, hidden until He chooses to unveil it
- The purpose of the mystery being revealed is for the glory of mankind
- The key to realizing the potential of this mystery is the crucifixion (and resurrection) of Christ

The heart of God is for partnership with His created likeness

- We are designed to rule as God rules
- In generosity and kindness, not self-serving, but always for the higher good of others

“But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant.”

(Matthew 23:11, NKJV)

We are to rule over creation and darkness, that we might plunder the powers of darkness and establish the rule of Jesus everywhere we go

- This was always God's desire
- When sin entered our domain at the fall of man, darkness infected the Kingdom
- Disease, sickness, afflicting spirits, poverty, natural disasters, demonic influence, etc.

While our rule is still over creation we are to focus on exposing and undoing the works of the devil

– Luke 10:18, Ephesians 5:11

- That is the ministry of Jesus that we inherited through His commission

“For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.” (1 John 3:8, NKJV)

Our story started in a garden – God walked with Adam in the cool of the night

- Communion, companionship, partnership
- It ended because of sin
- But then it started again
- This time was also in a garden

“Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid.” (John 19:41, NKJV)

“Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.”

“But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Then they said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.” Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, “Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to Him, “Rabboni!” (which is to say, Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.’ ” (John 20:1,11–17, NKJV)

- In a very real sense, Jesus was born twice
- The first time was His natural birth through the virgin Mary
- The second was through His resurrection

“But God raised Him from the dead.” (Acts 13:30, NKJV)

“And we declare to you glad tidings—that promise which was made to the fathers. God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.’”

(Acts 13:32–33, NKJV)

- We see here that His resurrection was considered a birth – *Colossians 1:18; Revelation 1:5*
- He was not the first to be raised from the dead, He raised many Himself
- He was the first to be raised and die no more – *first fruits*
- We inherited His DNA and will rise in His likeness

“But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.”

(1 Corinthians 15:20, NKJV)

The first person to touch Jesus in His natural birth was his mother Mary, the virgin

- Representing purity and all that is right
- She welcomed Jesus into the world for His role of fulfilling the law and becoming the perfect sacrifice

The virgin introduced and welcomed the One who would fulfill and close out the dispensation of the law

In His second birth, His resurrection it was Mary Magdalene

- The one who had seven demons cast out of her and healed of her infirmities
- She represents all of the unanswerable needs of the spirit, soul, and body
- She welcomed Him into the world for His role in building a family out of the least qualified in any way
- The tormented one introduced Jesus into the season of grace where everyone would be welcomed

In the first garden, the presence of God was taken for granted

“And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.” (Genesis 3:8, NKJV)

- God walked in the garden one more time after Adam and Eve had eaten the forbidden fruit
- Their eyes were opened to their condition, and they covered themselves with fig leaves to hide their nakedness
- It was the last time we hear of God walking in the garden to be with man

In the second garden, Mary would not make the same mistake

- She grabbed on to Jesus and wouldn't let Go!
- Jesus sent The Promise of the Father, and God would be with us, even to the end of the age – **Matthew 28:20**