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Product Description
Restoring the Tabernacle of David Bible Study reveals God’s plan for the restoration of The Tabernacle of David. Readers will broaden their understanding of the plan of God by investigating key scriptural passages and learning how to apply them to their own lives.

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Part 1

“The One who holds the plumb line in His hand has God’s eternal purpose and plans.” The Holy Spirit

Intro

Beloved, the heart of this message is to impart a deeper love for Jesus Christ and a greater understanding and appreciation of what God is doing upon the earth today. God has promised in Amos 9:11 that He would rebuild the Tabernacle of David and that He would rebuild it "as in the former days."

Why? Because in restoring the Tabernacle of David, God will crush the head of the enemy and expand the Kingdom of Jesus Christ throughout the entire earth.

Failure to understand the Heavenly plans and purposes by the Lord within the Tabernacle of David’s restoration has left the Church of Jesus Christ acting just like the world.

How so? Because the Church of Jesus Christ is trying to carry the Presence and Glory of God on the shoulders of entertainers when the Church should be insisting on consecrated vessels. Beloved, if we continue down this road, we will suffer great loss for the Kingdom and will have forfeited our God ordained eternal purpose as priests and kings unto our God. (see Revelation 1:6)

In this message, let us learn the truths that David understood and become a people called out to God; wholeheartedly committed to the eternal plans and purposes of our Lord Jesus - The King of Glory.

Objectives

The Holy Spirit’s objectives are threefold:
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- To call out a company of people who are radical in their love for Jesus Christ and exuberant in their praise to Him.

- To upgrade our knowledge and understanding of whom God is for us and in us; in all His majesty, His supremacy and His sovereignty.

- To provide practical instruction on corporate praise and corporate spiritual warfare.

Let us begin.

In rebuilding the Tabernacle of David, rebuilding is restoring!

Look at Acts 3:21

For he (Jesus) must remain in heaven UNTIL the time for the final restoration of all things, as God promised long ago through his holy prophets. Acts 3:21 NLT

There is Kingdom Life on the other side of UNTIL.

Look in Daniel 7:21-22

I kept looking, and that horn (anti-Christ) was waging war with the saints and overpowering them UNTIL the Ancient of Days came and judgment was passed in favor of the saints of the Highest One, and the TIME arrived when the saints took possession of the kingdom. Daniel 7:21-22 NASB

Look in Hebrews 1:1-2

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds. Hebrews 1:1-2 NKJV
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Putting these three verses together we see that the **restoration of all things** (in Acts 3:21) is **unto the Heir of all things** (in Hebrews 1:2), The LORD Jesus Christ.

When will this occur?

After **judgment is passed in favor of the saints**; the saints will take possession of the Kingdom. (Daniel 7:21-22)

God the Father has promised at the end of the age that He would restore the Tabernacle of David, which had fallen down.

In Amos 9:11-13 we read this great promise of restoration.

On that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, and repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old; That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and all the Gentiles who are called by My name,” Says the LORD who does this thing. “Behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “When the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him who sows seed; The mountains shall drip with sweet wine, And all the hills shall flow with it. Amos 9:11-13 NKJV

God is providing for His Church “New Wine for this time.”

Now let's look at Acts 15:6-19 to get a New Testament perspective; gaining insight into what the restoration of the Tabernacle of David looks like. We pick up the record of the Apostles and Elders considering what God is doing by pouring out His Spirit upon the new Gentile believers.

Acts 15:6-19 NKJV

“Now the apostles and elders came together to consider this matter. And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up and said to them: “Men and brethren, you know that a good while ago God chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe.
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So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us, and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. Now therefore, why do you test God by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they.” Then all the multitude kept silent and listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring how many miracles and wonders God had worked through them among the Gentiles. And after they had become silent, James answered, saying, “Men and brethren, listen to me: Simon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name. And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written: ‘After this I will return And will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, And I will set it up; So that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD, Even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, Says the LORD who does all these things.’ “Known to God from eternity are all His works. Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to God,” Acts 15:6-19 NKJV

In the books of Amos and Acts, we see the heart of the Father God in the restoration of the Tabernacle of David unto the Heir of all things - His Son Jesus Christ.

What’s God’s heart?

"So that the rest of mankind may SEEK the LORD, even all the Gentiles who are called by My Name, Says the LORD who does all these things." "Known to God from eternity are all His works."

In pouring His Spirit out upon all flesh (Joel 2, Acts 2), God is actively turning people wholeheartedly back to Him. God is expanding the Kingdom of His dear Son, the LORD Jesus Christ, by bringing Heaven to earth and reaping a Harvest of souls for the Kingdom of God.
Jesus Christ deserves to have a full inheritance for the great sacrifice that He made on the Cross of Calvary.

It is the LAMB’s right, by the shedding of His Blood, that everyone should hear the Gospel of the Kingdom.

**Search The Bible For Praise And Worship**

In searching the Scriptures in both the Old Testament and the New Testament, have you ever asked yourself this question, “Why is there so very little practical instruction concerning praise and worship in the New Testament?”

Comparatively speaking?

We see a few verses in the New Testament such as Ephesians 5:19,

*Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord. Ephesians 5:19 NASB*

*Also in Colossians 3:16*

*Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16 NASB*

In our search of the New Testament, we don’t find very much written about praise and worship. Why?

The reason is simple!

Because God gave this corporate pattern of praise BY REVELATION to David in the Old Testament. We call it Davidic; but in truth God, by progressive revelation, taught it to David.
David received the initial revelation from his time with the prophet Samuel and over a period of many years, and a few mistakes, David came to understand the Revelation, which we now call the Tabernacle of David.

It’s not Jewish; nor was it based upon the priestly order of Aaron. It’s God’s heavenly pattern. God taught David deep truths about praise, worship, the prophetic, intercession, declarations, proclamations and warfare. God taught David how to be a priest and a king unto God, but NOT on the order of Aaron.

God taught David truths that only angels and heavenly beings knew and understood. If you can receive it, things that Lucifer himself understood.

I want us to see that the “Tabernacle of David” was not something that David came up with on his own. This revelation was spiritual truth and understanding, that The Holy Spirit led David into over a period of years.

After King David, there were other Kings that implemented this same heavenly pattern by revelation and by commandment from God.

Hezekiah, for instance, implemented God’s pattern for corporate praise by following the commandment of David who was a type of Christ.

King Hezekiah - 2 Chronicles 29:25 KJV

And he [Hezekiah] set the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet: for so was the commandment of the LORD by his prophets. 2 Chronicles 29:25 KJV

This heavenly pattern was established by God and was implemented by direct commandment of the Lord through the prophets.
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David was given specific revelation about praise and worship and as David obeyed, he was able to be an instrument in the hand of the Lord to establish this corporate pattern from Heaven upon earth. God used this Heavenly pattern to capture hearts and to conquer the surrounding enemies of God.

This truth is far greater than anything we’ve yet to encounter or experience. Listen; here on earth, we can never say that we’ve arrived in praise and worship, or warfare, or intercession, or the prophetic. Why? Because there are always higher and greater levels to be entered into in order to possess the Kingdom. In reality, the MORE we press into the KING - The LORD Jesus - the MORE Jesus possesses us as His Inheritance. We need to move beyond the shallows into the DEEP things of God.

Why? Because the DEEP things of God is calling us into the DEEP.

In the Old Testament, every time one of the Kings or leaders of Israel implemented this heavenly corporate pattern of praise and worship, they experienced great spiritual breakthrough and revival - winning great military victories over the surrounding nations.

So, if this was just something that David came up with on his own, then when anyone else tried to implement it - it would have failed right?

However, just the opposite occurred.

After King David, seven specific leaders embraced these truths and experienced great spiritual breakthroughs, revivals and military victories.

They were:

King Solomon - II Chronicles, Chapters 5-7 around 1010 BC
King Jehoshaphat - II Chronicles Chapter 20 around 896 BC
King Joash - II Chronicles, Chapters 23-24 around 835 BC
King Hezekiah - II Chronicles, Chapters 29-30 around 726 BC
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King Josiah - II Chronicles, Chapter 35, around 623 BC
Ezra - Ezra 3:10-13 around 536 BC
Nehemiah 12:28-47 around 446 BC

What was it that David and the prophets understood about this heavenly pattern that we call the Tabernacle of David upon Mount Zion?

What was so powerful about the Tabernacle of David that expanded the Kingdom of God upon the earth and brought surrounding enemy nations to their knees? What was the secret you may ask? It was this,

The tabernacle on Mount Zion was the bringing together of praise, prayer, intercession, worship and the prophetic which became incense unto God which God Himself inhabited. But like a double-edged sword this mixture became warfare against the enemies of God.

The Presence of God inhabited their praise and God Himself dwelt among His people. All the instruments in the Tabernacle of David were weapons in the hand of the Lord to expand the Kingdom of God and to plunder the enemies’ kingdom. God used the Tabernacle of David to crush the head of His enemies and expand His Kingdom upon the earth.

God will do so again in this generation, bringing Heaven to earth through the rebuilding of the Tabernacle of David.

In order to fully understand and appreciate this heavenly dynamic, we need to look throughout Scripture at the specific points of revelation that David obtained from the Lord.

If we search the scriptures concerning Samuel and David, we find an interesting connection between priests, prophets and minstrels.
The Priest, Prophet and Minstrel Connection

During the time of Samuel, there was a company of prophets and minstrels who followed him, praising God in song and attempting to call the people wholeheartedly back God. Samuel, speaking to Saul said,

1 Samuel 10:5-11 NKJV After that you shall come to the hill of God where the Philistine garrison is. And it will happen, when you have come there to the city, that you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with a stringed instrument, a tambourine, a flute, and a harp before them; and they will be prophesying. Then the Spirit of the LORD will come upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man. And let it be, when these signs come to you, that you do as the occasion demands; for God is with you. You shall go down before me to Gilgal; and surely I will come down to you and offer burnt offerings and make sacrifices of peace offerings. Seven days you shall wait, till I come to you and show you what you should do.” So it was, when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, that God gave him another heart; and all those signs came to pass that day. When they came there to the hill, there was a group of prophets to meet him; then the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them. And it happened, when all who knew him formerly saw that he indeed prophesied among the prophets, that the people said to one another, “What is this that has come upon the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?” 1 Samuel 10:5-11 NKJV

Here we see that the Spirit of the LORD used a company of prophets and minstrels to change the spiritual atmosphere; turning Saul into another man. There was an impartation that occurred when the Spirit of the Lord came upon Saul, transforming him into another man. Under the influence of this powerful anointing, Saul began to prophesy along with the company of prophets.
Fast Forward To: 1 Samuel 16:15-18 David & Saul

Later on, after Saul disobeyed the Lord, the Spirit of the LORD left Saul and an evil spirit troubled him. Saul’s servants, seeing Saul’s dilemma, counseled the King to send for a minstrel who would play his stringed instrument and drive the evil spirit away.

1 Samuel 16:15-18 NASB Saul’s servants then said to him, “Behold now, an evil spirit from God is terrorizing you. Let our lord now command your servants who are before you. Let them seek a man who is a skillful player on the harp; and it shall come about when the evil spirit from God is on you, that he shall play the harp with his hand, and you will be well.” So Saul said to his servants, “Provide for me now a man who can play well and bring him to me.” Then one of the young men said, “Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite who is a skillful musician, a mighty man of valor, a warrior, one prudent in speech, and a handsome man; and the LORD is with him.” 1 Samuel 16:15-18 NASB

Note: That David was a “skillful musician (some translations say cunning)” on his instrument. One of the words for praise is the Hebrew word - zamar.

Praise - Zamar [2168] a plucking or striking with the fingers on stringed instruments while singing.

Look in Psalm 9:2-3 NKJV to see an example. Notice that as the Psalmist praises [zamar] his enemies are turned back and fall; perishing at God’s Presence.

I will be glad and rejoice in You;
I will sing praise [Zamar] to Your name, O Most High.
When my enemies turn back,
They shall fall and perish at Your presence. Psalm 9:2-3 NKJV
Now, back to the record in 1 Samuel 16:15-18 NASB.

Saul’s servants understood a great truth - not only can music soothe a savage beast, but an anointed minstrel can drive demons away, dispelling the darkness with God’s light through music. David had played for many years before the Lord and had calmed his father’s sheep and driven wild beasts away. But, now he was being called upon to minister unto the Lord in King Saul’s presence and drive an evil spirit away. We need to understand that David was a prophet, a priest, a King, a minstrel, and the sweet psalmist of the Lord. Therefore, when David played before Saul, he was anointed. The anointing upon David broke the yoke off of Saul - albeit temporarily.

If you look at the life of the prophet Elisha (2 Kings 3:15 NASB), he too understood the power of the LORD, which came during the playing of an anointed minstrel upon stringed instruments.

Elisha said, “But now bring me a minstrel.” And it came about, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him.” 2 Kings 3:15 NASB

Powerful!

**Fast Forward To: I Samuel 19:20-24 Samuel & David**

Later in David’s life, through the prophet Samuel, David learned that the corporate anointing was so powerful that it could change the atmosphere over an entire region and prevent God’s enemies from harming him.

In this record we will see that Samuel led a company of prophets and minstrels to protect David from his enemies.
1 Samuel 19:20-24 (NKJV)

Then Saul sent messengers to take David. And when they saw the group of prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as leader over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.

And when Saul was told, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. Then Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also. Then he also went to Ramah, and came to the great well that is at Sechu. So he asked, and said, “Where are Samuel and David?” And someone said, “Indeed they are at Naioth in Ramah.” So he went there to Naioth in Ramah. Then the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on and prophesied until he came to Naioth in Ramah. And he also stripped off his clothes and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Therefore they say, “Is Saul also among the prophets?” 1 Samuel 19:20-24 (NKJV)

We see here that King Saul sent three different companies of men to go and capture David, but these elite soldiers of the King were no match for the Spirit of the LORD that was among Samuel, David and the company of prophets and minstrels.

It was so powerful that all of them stripped off their clothes and prophesied before Samuel. See in verse 24 where it says “he also stripped off his clothes” and “prophesied before Samuel in like manner.”

No harm could come to David as long as Samuel, the prophets and minstrels ministered unto the Lord. We also note that the prophet Samuel was standing as the appointed leader over them. This prophetic anointing was so strong throughout the entire region that as King Saul approached the city of Naioth, he began to come under the influence of the anointing and began to prophesy. Saul continued to prophesy all the rest of the way and upon arrival, he laid down naked all that day and all that night and Saul prophesied.
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It must have been a powerful experience!

Through these experiences, David began to understand that the combination of praise, worship, prayer and intercession, along with the prophetic (mixed together) would be incense unto God, but warfare against the enemy.

We see this heavenly insight ascending in the Psalms.

In Psalm 120 we see a “A Song of Ascents” before God.

Then in Psalm 144:1 NKJV, the Psalmist blesses the LORD because God trains my hands to war and fingers for battle upon his stringed instrument.

Psalm 144:1 NKJV
Blessed be the LORD my Rock,
Who trains my hands for war,
And my fingers for battle

Then in Psalm 149:6-9 NKJV, we begin to see direct confrontation and warfare executed from Mount Zion against the enemies of God.

Psalm 149:6-9 (NKJV)
Let the high praises of God be in their mouth,
And a two-edged sword in their hand,
To execute vengeance on the nations,
And punishments on the peoples;
To bind their kings with chains,
And their nobles with fetters of iron;
To execute on them the written judgment—
This honor have all His saints.
Praise the LORD!

In the book of Revelation 8:3-5 NKJV, we see the confirmation of this heavenly pattern from Heaven’s perspective.
Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel’s hand. Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake. Revelation 8:3-5 NKJV

In Revelation Chapter 8:3-5 NKJV, we see the angel of the Lord “was given much incense, that he should offer it with” the prayers of the saints. Once this mixture of incense (praise, thanksgiving, adoration, worship) along with the prayers of the saints was prepared; this mixture was offered before the Lord as a sweet aroma.

Once the Lord received this corporate prayer, praise, thanksgiving, and worship all mixed together; then the angel cast the fire from heaven down to earth.

David was taught this heavenly pattern over many years so that by the time he set up the Tabernacle on Mount Zion, he was prepared to implement this heavenly pattern in a national corporate setting.

Again, here is what David learned and understood.

The tabernacle on Mount Zion was the bringing together of praise, prayer, intercession, worship and the prophetic which became incense unto God which God Himself inhabited. But like a double-edged sword this mixture became warfare against the enemies of God.

In Part 2, we will look at some lessons David learned in carrying the Ark into Jerusalem. David gained great insight, which became the foundation of many of the Psalms that he wrote for the LORD.
Carrying The Presence and Glory of God

Historical Perspective:

The Ark of the Covenant was a Gold-covered acacia wood box measuring 2.5 x 1.5 x 1.5 cubits and represented the Presence and Glory of God. It is first mentioned in Exodus 25:10-22 among the furnishings of the tabernacle. The Ark’s top cover, also called the Mercy Seat, supported two winged beings called Cherubim. They faced each other across the top of the Ark and their outstretched wings touched at the tips.

In looking at the Old Testament, we need to understand that the Old Testament is the New Testament concealed whereas the New Testament is the Old Testament revealed.

The two Cherubim whose wings touch reveal the New Testament truths of Matthew 18:19-20 KJV.

Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father, which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Matthew 18:19-20 KJV

As New Testament saints, we must be intentional when we gather together to make certain that we are gathering IN HIS Name according to His Eternal Purpose and Plans. In that place of agreement and intentionality - Jesus promises that His Presence will be in our midst. The closer we get to the throne of God and His Glory, the more intentional we must become as the people of God.

So as you can see, Matthew 18:19-20 KJV has conditions that need to be met if we desire the Presence and Glory of God to be manifested in our midst. Beloved, we must be intentional about “gathering in His Name.” When we come into “agreement” on earth as touching anything, it shall be done by our Heavenly Father.
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This is particularly true when we are praying in agreement to God’s Heavenly purposes and plans.

The two permanently attached poles insured the mobility of the Ark. These poles reveal the truth that the people of Israel and their God had no fixed dwelling place. Even when the Ark was permanently located in the Holy of Holies, according to 1 Kings 8, the poles remained, which was a visual reminder that God would "tabernacle" among his people, but that His Presence and Glory could be withdrawn.

In the book of Revelation 1:13 KJV we see Jesus in the midst of the seven candlesticks. Jesus expressly warned the Church of Ephesus in Revelation 2:5 KJV that “I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.”

What was wrong? The Church of Ephesus had left Jesus as their first love and ministry became their first love. Jesus warned them to “keep in mind how far you have fallen.” He warned them to repent and “perform the deeds you did at first.” But if you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your candlestick from its place.”

Selah

Before we look at the two attempts of bringing the Ark into Jerusalem, we need to consider one of the worst days in Israel’s history - when the Ark was captured. This account in 1 Samuel 4 describes the wicked sons of Eli taking the Ark into a battle against the Philistines. These wicked priests attempted to use the Ark much like a lucky charm, hoping to assure a victory. When the people were come into the camp, the elders and Israel said (1 Samuel 4:3) “Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shiloh unto us, that when it comes among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies.”
The people called the Ark an “it” meaning they didn’t view the Ark as the Presence and Glory of God nor did they honor or regard His Presence as His Person.

In 1 Samuel 2:30 KJV it says,”But now the LORD saith, ‘Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.’” (1 Samuel 2:30 KJV)

It is notable that the people never inquired of the LORD about taking the Ark into the battle; the people came up with this idea all on their own. We must understand that what God does not initiate; God does not appreciate.

Therefore, Israel lost a major battle where 30,000 men perished, and the Philistines captured the Ark. When the prophet Eli heard of his sons’ deaths in battle and how the Ark fell into the enemies’ hands, he fell backwards, breaking his neck and died. Eli’s pregnant daughter-in-law then goes into labor and dies while in childbirth. In recognition of the tragic losses of that day, the child is named Ichabod, meaning, "the Glory of the Lord has departed."

The Philistines kept the Ark for a short period of time; however, in every city where the Ark was taken, the people got sick and developed tumors in their secret parts. Finally when the Philistines could take no more pain, they put the Ark on a new cart pulled by oxen and returned the Ark back to Israel.

Take notice how they sent the Ark back to Israel, because this method of transport will come up again.

Next, the Ark had a very brief stay in Beth-shemesh because 50,070 died when someone decided to take a look inside and removed the mercy seat, which covered the sins of Israel.

Then He struck the men of Beth Shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD. He struck fifty thousand and seventy men of the people, and the people lamented because the LORD had struck the people with a great slaughter. 1 Samuel 6:19 NKJV
Huge mistake!

The Ark then traveled to Kiriath-jearim and stayed in the house of Abinadab for twenty years. Abinadab (meaning - father of a vow; or of willingness) whose son, Eleazar (meaning - divine helper) is consecrated to guard the Ark for twenty years, which was such a long time that “the house of Israel lamented after the Lord.”

Now, the Bible says that during the reign of Saul, "the people did not inquiere of the Ark." When David became King and defeated the Philistines as recorded in 1 Chronicles 12 and 2 Samuel 5, he held a meeting to discuss returning the Ark to Jerusalem. Everyone agrees that it’s a wonderful idea, so they plan an elaborate celebration of pomp and prestige; inviting people from all over Israel to join in this historic event.

First Attempt - Failure

Then David consulted with the captains of thousands and hundreds, and with every leader. And David said to all the assembly of Israel, “If it seems good to you, and if it is of the LORD our God, let us send out to our brethren everywhere who are left in all the land of Israel, and with them to the priests and Levites who are in their cities and their common-lands, that they may gather together to us; and let us bring the ark of our God back to us, for we have not inquired at it since the days of Saul.” Then all the assembly said that they would do so, for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people. 1 Chronicles 13:1-4 NKJV

So they carried the ark of God on a new cart from the house of Abinadab, and Uzza and Ahio drove the cart. Then David and all Israel played music before God with all their might, with singing, on harps, on stringed instruments, on tambourines, on cymbals, and with trumpets. 1 Chronicles 13:7-8 NKJV
And when they came to Chidon’s threshing floor, Uzza put out his hand to hold the ark, for the oxen stumbled. Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against Uzza, and He struck him because he put his hand to the ark; and he died there before God. 1 Chronicles 13:9-10 NKJV

And David became angry because of the LORD’s outbreak against Uzza; therefore that place is called Perez Uzza to this day (Perez means "to breach" or "to burst forth." and Uzzah “means to be strong or powerful.”). David was afraid of God that day, saying, “How can I bring the ark of God to me?” So David would not move the ark with him into the City of David, but took it aside into the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. 1 Chronicles 13:11-13 NKJV

David asked the question that we all need to hear, “How can I bring the ark of God to me?” How can we host the Presence and Glory of God Almighty? Certainly not by trying to do it like the world, but as we will see, hosting God’s Presence and Glory requires following God’s heavenly pattern.

**Second Attempt - Success**

*David* built houses for himself in the City of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched a tent for it. Then David said, “No one may carry the ark of God but the Levites, for the LORD has chosen them to carry the ark of God and to minister before Him forever.” 1 Chronicles 15:1-2

Skip down to 1 Chronicles 15:13-14 NKJV,

For because you did not do it the first time, the L ORD our God broke out against us, because we did not consult Him about the proper order.” So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the L ORD God of Israel. 1 Chronicles 15:13-14 NKJV

Although this mistake was costly, David learned a valuable lesson that God had a proper order about how the Presence and Glory of God was to be carried; upon consecrated human vessels.
Lessons Learned

We cannot carry the Presence and Glory of God on our own terms! It requires consecrated and anointed vessels prepared and meet for the Master’s use.

David tried to carry the Presence and Glory of God just like the Philistines; just like the world. Uzzah died when He tried to steady the Ark by his own strength and his own power.

The record of King David bringing the Ark back to Israel is one of failure and judgment, but also of restoration and blessing.

The first attempt failed and resulted in a tragic death and public embarrassment. But after searching the Scriptures for God’s Will on the matter, the second attempt succeeded; resulting in tremendous praise for God and blessings upon the nation of Israel.

At first, Israel took a page out the Philistines’ handbook and tried to carry the Ark back on a new cart pulled by oxen. Everything was going smooth until the oxen stumbled, causing the Ark to shift on the cart. A man named Uzzah reaches out to stabilize the Ark. But when Uzzah touches the Ark, God’s wrath pours out from the Ark, killing him and ruining the national celebration.

King David Impacted

This was his first national event designed to demonstrate God’s choice of David as King and his unique leadership as the political head of his nation. The Scripture says "David was angry." But after three months, David learns about the blessing of God upon the house of Obed-edom, where the Ark was left. David searches the Scriptures to find out what went wrong.

David’s second attempt to bring the Ark into Jerusalem reveals important principles that he learned for carrying the Presence and Glory of God. The Ark represented the Power, the Glory, and the Presence of God.
David was a man after God's own heart, but he made some foolish mistakes regarding God's Presence and Glory. Now, David takes a biblical approach to accomplish the task in which he had previously failed, which results in success.

**The Word Of God Is The Will Of God**

The first principle of carrying the Presence and Glory of God is to submit to Scripture. After failing to bring the Ark to Jerusalem, David searched the Scriptures to discover the specific instructions for transporting the Ark (1 Chronicles 15:1-2 NKJV). This revelation has enormous application for New Testament believers. David learned that the Ark was supposed to be carried by priests, not displayed on carts or pulled by oxen.

The Old Testament priests literally carried the Presence and Glory of God upon their shoulders. These specific instructions were a picture of the amazing truth revealed in the New Testament concerning those who follow Christ.

The Bible describes Christians as "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.” 1Peter 2:9 NKJV

In David's first attempt, he called a meeting where everyone voted unanimously to build a new cart for the Ark and pull it into Jerusalem using oxen.

However, God had established the pattern for transporting the Ark within Scripture. So, in the second attempt, David humbled himself and did it God's way.

**Honor The Holy Things Of God**

The contrast between the two attempts is startling.
While the first attempt was more like a carnival atmosphere, the second was a reverential yet joyful experience. The first attempt was filled with pomp and fanfare; the second was filled with sacrifice and blood.

When the people recognized that the LORD was helping them to carry the ark into Jerusalem, they made a special sacrifice.

And so it was, when God helped the Levites who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that they offered seven bulls and seven rams. 1 Chronicles 15:26 NKJV

Then every six steps they began to sacrifice a bull and a fatted calf according to 2 Samuel 6:13 NKJV.

And so it was, when those bearing the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, that he sacrificed oxen and fatted sheep. 2 Samuel 6:13 NKJV

Notice how the priests traveled. After the priests took six steps, they sacrificed a bull and a fatted calf. This happened several times as recorded in Scripture. Showing that the road to God's Presence and Glory is filled sacrifice and blood. Hebrews 10:19 NKJV tells us, “Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus.” Jesus laid down His life as a sacrifice and shed his Blood so that we could be redeemed and enter into the holiest of all.

The entire second journey to Jerusalem was a bloodstained road of praise and rejoicing, worship and exalting the one true God who delivered Israel from their enemies and established the future success of the nation.

For the journey of the Presence and Glory of God, there are two key points here:

- It was made by sacrifice and by applying the Blood
- Carried upon shoulders of consecrated and anointed vessels.
At the first attempt, David was dressed as King to acknowledge his military exploits and royalty. But by the second attempt, David humbled himself in his understanding that God will never share His Glory with another. Therefore, King David refused to wear his royal garments. Instead David wore the same linen ephod as a common priest to identify himself with Israel as a “Kingdom of Priests.”

The second attempt was all about God, the King of Glory.

Psalm 24 provides a brief snapshot of some of these truths. Scholars believe that Psalm 24 NKJV was sung as the Ark was being brought into the city. Let’s look at **verses three through six** where David provides the **four hinges of consecration** that the ancient gates and everlasting doors swing upon.

Psalm 24:3-6 NKJV
Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD?
Or who may stand in His holy place?
He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol,
Nor sworn deceitfully.
He shall receive blessing from the LORD,
And righteousness from the God of his salvation.
This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him,
Who seek Your face. Selah

Here in these verses we see the four hinges of consecration:
- Clean hands
- A pure heart
- Not lifting up your soul to an idol
- Nor swearing deceitfully

As New Testament priests and kings, when we possess Christ-like character traits then we will receive the Blessing of the LORD’s Presence and Glory.
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As consecrated vessels, we see that David and Israel moved on in **verses seven through ten** as they carried God’s Presence and Glory into the heavenly gates and ever lasting doors with high praise.

Psalm 24:7-10 NKJV
Lift up your heads, O you gates!
And be lifted up, you everlasting doors!
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The LORD strong and mighty,
The LORD mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O you gates!
Lift up, you everlasting doors!
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
He is the King of glory. Selah

David in Psalm 24 NKJV asks the question, "Who is the King of Glory?"

His answer illustrates the desire of King David to move all the attention away from himself as King and give all the Praise and all Glory to God Almighty - King of Kings and LORD of LORDS.

Question: "Who is the King of Glory?

Answer: “The Lord Strong and Mighty. The Lord Mighty in battle”

To carry the Glory of God, to carry His Presence - we must treat the sacred things of God with the holy reverential fear of The LORD, with honor, in awe and sensitivity and intentionality.

**Sanctification Of The Vessel**

First Chronicles 15:12-15 NKJV describes David's exhortation for the priests to "consecrate themselves" in **preparation** for carrying the Ark of God.
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1 Chronicles 15:12-15 NKJV

He said to them, “You are the heads of the fathers’ houses of the Levites; sanctify yourselves, you and your brethren, that you may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel to the place I have prepared for it. For because you did not do it the first time, the LORD our God broke out against us, because we did not consult Him about the proper order.” So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel. And the children of the Levites bore the ark of God on their shoulders, by its poles, as Moses had commanded according to the word of the LORD. 1 Chronicles 15:12-15 NKJV

But in the New Testament, our consecration and sanctification are only found in Christ - The LAMB Of God.

New Testament Consecration - The Blood of The LAMB

Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Hebrews 10:19-22 NKJV

As New Testament priests after order of Melchizedek (Rev. 1:6, Psalm 110:4, Heb. 5:6, Heb. 5:10, Heb. 6:20, Heb. 7:1, Heb. 7:10), we apply the Blood of the LAMB upon our lives.

In our personal journey with God, we must allow The LORD to continue to sanctify us through and through according to 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 NKJV.

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it. 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 NKJV
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When we do sin, it is a matter of repenting of our sin and asking the LORD Jesus to forgive us and cleanse us of all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9 NKJV says, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Paul exhorted young Timothy to keep himself clean and pure.

But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work. 2 Timothy 2:20-21 NKJV

As a royal priesthood, we must embrace the call to be separate from the world and be holy, because our Savior the LORD Jesus is holy. Romans 11:16 NKJV says, “For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, so are the branches.”

Personal holiness is a deep recognition and resolve to allow the light of God's goodness and grace to shine in and through us unto transformation. Jesus said to let our light shine. Since Jesus is our light (Isaiah 60:1-4 NKJV), our vessels must be transparent in order for His Presence and Glory to shine through us. I believe God is looking for a company of people who are wholeheartedly committed to Him to lay down their lives upon the altar as a living sacrifice - nameless, faceless, selfless vessels prepared and meet for the Master’s use.

The sad reality today is that there are many Christians who have been redeemed by the precious Blood of the LAMB for the expressed purpose to be a king and priest unto God. They, too, are called to carry the Presence and Glory of God to the nations. However, by the freedom of their will, they have chosen to be involved in sin-filled and worldly lives. Lives which no one can see the light of the Glory of God within them.
It’s interesting that the Ark of God resided at Abinadab’s house for twenty years without any manifestation of God’s Power, Blessing, or Glory.

How long will the Glory of God remain dormant in our lives because of an unwillingness to repent of self-centeredness, selfishness or sin?

God’s Presence and God’s Glory will only shine through consecrated vessels; transparent vessels, prepared and meet for the Master’s use.

As Christians, we must “own it” as our call to be kings and priests according to the order of Melchizedek. *We are called to stand at the golden altar and pray in agreement with Jesus, our Apostle and High Priest of our confession.* (see Hebrews 3:1 NKJV)

Jesus has made us a kingdom of priests on the order of Melchizedek.

“And He [Jesus] has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.” Revelation 1:6 NASB

Therefore let us press on to know the LORD.

“So let us know, let us press on to know the LORD. His going forth is as certain as the dawn; And He will come to us like the rain, Like the spring rain watering the earth.” Hosea 6:3 NASB

Selah
Upgrade Our Understanding

In upgrading our understanding and knowledge of God, we need to see Jesus Christ, the promised Seed, in a different light.

In Genesis 3:15 NKJV, the battles lines were drawn between God and satan, between satan and the woman, between satan’s seed and the woman’s Seed - Christ.

And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise (crush) your head,
And you shall bruise His heel.”
Genesis 3:15 NKJV

In Genesis 3:15 NKJV, God declared “WAR” upon satan. The word enmity is “the state or feeling of being actively opposed or hostile to someone or something.”

To be at enmity with someone is to be an enemy. So we’re going to look at Jesus Christ in light of this truth of Genesis 3:15 NKJV.

Lion Of The Tribe Of Judah

In upgrading our understanding we need to see Jesus, as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah.

Why?

Because the Lion speaks of warfare and victory while Judah speaks of praise!

The Lion speaks of His Kingdom, His Dominion and His eternal Power while praise is what releases God’s breakthrough in warfare.
The tribe of Judah also speaks of a company of people who go before Him in praise. It is from His majestic throne in Heaven that there extends an ever-expanding circle of praise, prayer and worship that eventually will include the entire universe of which earth is only a small part. But the mandate for now is to bring Heaven to earth. How? By restoring the Tabernacle of David where Jesus will be enthroned upon the praises of His people. From that place upon mount Zion Jesus will crush His enemies.

Joel 3:16 NKJV says,

"The LORD also will roar from Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem; the heavens and earth will shake; but the Lord will be a shelter for His people, and the strength of the children of Israel."
Joel 3:16 NKJV

Look in Hebrews 12:22 NKJV,

“But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels.”
Hebrews 12:22 NKJV

In Revelation chapter 5, the primary focus is on the Lion of the tribe of Judah, who is also the LAMB that was slain standing at the center of the throne. His Presence there as the LAMB is an eternal reminder that victory comes through the laying down our lives.

Now let’s look at Jesus as the LORD of Hosts

**Jesus Christ The LORD of Hosts**

The word “LORD of Hosts” is used approximately 236 times in Scripture and means “LORD of the armies.”

In all these references, the name is used to emphasize the mighty power of God and His great host of angels "that excel in strength, that do his commandments" (Psalm 103:20 NKJV).
Not only is God Himself omnipotent and omniscient (after all, He is the Creator of all things!), but He has "an innumerable company of angels" (Hebrews 12:22 NKJV) at His call. Occasionally, some of these mighty hosts have actually been seen by men, as in the days of Elisha (2 Kings 6:17), and at the birth of Christ (Luke 2:13).

Look in Isaiah 31:4,

For thus says the LORD to me,  
“As the lion or the young lion growls over his prey,  
Against which a band of shepherds is called out,  
And he will not be terrified at their voice nor disturbed at their noise,  
So will the LORD of hosts come down to wage war on Mount Zion and on its hill.”  

Isaiah 31:4 NASB

God has established His War Room upon Mount Zion, upon the Holy hill of God and it is through praise and proclamations, prayers and supplications that Jesus will defeat His enemies and the enemy of our soul - satan.

**Jesus Christ A Man Of War**

Now, let’s look at another aspect of the Lord, as a Man of War.

The Scriptures declare in Exodus 15:3 that the Lord is a Man of War.

The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.  

Exodus 15:3 NKJV

Are you getting the picture beloved, that Jesus Christ is perhaps more than you thought He was? As a friend of mine used to say, “No single word can explain Him and no single Name can contain Him.”

Beloved, everyone loves the LAMB, but it’s the Lion, the Man of War, the LORD of Hosts - that people struggle with at times. But these truths are here in the Scriptures for all to see.

Why are we looking at these different aspects of the LORD Jesus?
Because, Jesus is coming back as a conquering King and the book of Revelation says that His vesture will be dipped in blood (Revelation 19:13) and beloved it’s not necessarily His own blood. I know this is a hard pill for some people to swallow; but the LORD is a man of war!

As we have seen from Genesis 3:15 NKJV, there is enmity between Jesus Christ and satan. Jesus Christ came to destroy the works of the devil. Look in 1 John 3:18 NKJV,

For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 1 John 3:8 NKJV

Now lets look at some biblical war strategies shall we?

**War and Strategies**

Wars are won by great strategies. Wars are won by out-maneuvering the opposition.

The Holy Spirit wants to upgrade our understanding of who Jesus Christ is for us in all His majesty, in all His supremacy and in all His sovereignty.

**A Brilliant Strategy: Restoring The Tabernacle Of David.**

God has a great strategy against the enemy in these end times and it’s best seen in restoring the Tabernacle of David.

For the weapons of our warfare [strateia] are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds. 2 Corinthians 10:4 (KJV)

Here is the Lord’s strategy against the kingdom of darkness as seen within the Tabernacle of David.
In High Praise, we ascend the hill of the Lord, Mount Zion, to encounter the LORD Jesus as the Lion of the tribe of Judah! When we reach the top, the Lord Jesus greets us by inhabiting the praises of His people. From that place of union with the LORD, an innumerable company of angels join us in the fight.

As The Lord directs us through the Holy Spirit, we enter into warfare through utterance.

**Utterance** is a spoken word, statement or vocal sound. As God’s creation, we were given the joy and privilege of using “words” to communicate and articulate. It is through words that we praise God and it is through words that we declare and proclaim the Word of God. It is through words that we pray, that we intercede. It is also through the words of the saints that we declare the judgment already written in the Word of God concerning satan and his kingdom of darkness.

As we are led by the LORD, we declare the judgments already written in the Word of God concerning the enemy through prayer, through intercession, through high praise; through declarations and proclamations! All these are done in utterance as we’re led by the Spirit of the LORD.

But that’s not all. We also enter in warfare through the leading of The Holy Spirit by speaking in tongues, diverse kinds of tongues and prophetic utterances and declarations.

It’s through high praise, prayer, worship, tongues, diverse kinds of tongues, prophetic declarations and proclamations that the angels of God are dispatched to enforce the judgments already written against the enemy.

Psalms 103:20 NLT says “Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, “Listening for each of his commands.”
Praise the LORD, you angels,
you mighty ones who carry out his plans,
listening for each of his commands.
Psalms 103:20 NLT

When we speak God’s word (logos), either through the written Word of God or through The Holy Spirit (rhema), we become His voice upon the earth and the angels of God will carry out His Word.

It’s not too good to be true! It is too true to be ignored!

Hebrews 12:22 NKJV says, “But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels.”

Utterance - The Power Of The Tongue

God’s Word declares that death and life are in the power of the tongue. Look in Proverbs 18:21 NKJV.

Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
And those who love it will eat its fruit. Proverbs 18:21 NKJV

Beloved, we will eat the fruit of our words; either for death or for life. Therefore, choose your words wisely. Choose to speak God’s Word.

Graham Cooke made a statement years ago that I believe is true regarding prayer. He said that “Prayer is finding out what God wants to do and then asking Him to do it!”

Beloved the entire Bible is filled with promises that we can pray and ask the LORD to fulfill. All of the promises of God ultimately have their complete fulfillment in Christ - the Heir of all things.
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Look in 2 Corinthians 1:20 ESV,

For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. 2 Corinthians 1:20 ESV

It is through our utterance with faith that we see the promises of God come to pass in our lives. Because Jesus Christ is the Heir of “All Things”, all of the promises of God in Him are a resounding “Yes” to our “Amen.”

In other words, God is saying “Yes” to us in and through His Son, Jesus Christ when by faith we say “Amen.” Amen simply means we’re agreeing with the promises of God by saying “So Be It.” Like Mary, in Luke 1:38 KJV who said “be it unto me according to thy word.” We too can agree with the promises of God with our agreement within the “Amen.” Mary was agreeing with the promise made to her through the angel Gabriel, and through her agreement the eternal plans and purposes of God for her life were set in motion. Through Mary’s agreement Jesus Christ, the Promised Seed, came into the earth. Jesus Christ came to destroy the works of the devil by dying on the Cross of Calvary for you and me.

Agreement With Jesus Christ Our High Priest

When we bring our tongues in agreement with the Kingdom of God, The LORD Jesus, as our High Priest brings Heaven to earth through our utterance.

Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession [homologia], Christ Jesus. Hebrews 3:1 KJV

We see here in Hebrews 3:1 KJV that Jesus Christ is “the Apostle and High Priest of our profession.”
Look in Hebrews 10:23 KJV

Let us hold fast the profession [homologia] of our faith without wavering; for he is faithful that promised. Hebrews 10:23 KJV

The word homologia means whom we profess to be ours and what one professes [confesses]

As we come into agreement with the LORD Jesus Christ through agreeing with His Word, the LORD as our High Priest will use our Spirit led professions of faith to bring Heaven to earth. Praying Scripture is one of the most powerful ways to come into agreement with Jesus Christ as our High Priest.

As we’re led by the Holy Spirit in prayer (Romans 8:14 KJV), God will at times direct us to pray with our understanding in our own known language. However, God will also lead us to pray in the Spirit through speaking in tongues and diverse kinds of tongues.

The Apostle Paul taught it like this,

What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. 1 Corinthians 14:15 KJV

Through the Holy Spirit, the LORD may lead us to speak in the tongues of men or He may direct us in a heavenly language which angels themselves will understand.

The Apostle Paul taught,

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 1 Corinthians 13:1 KJV

You may ask, “Why would God have us speak in the language of angels?” Because angles “hearken unto the voice of His Word.”
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Look in Psalms 103:20 KJV.

Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Psalm 103:20 KJV

Psalms 115:16 KJV tells us that “The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.”

Through prayer, through utterance, the LORD Jesus is able to exercise His Kingdom authority upon the earth through His people. Yes, the earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof, but beloved God has given the earth to mankind. It is as we come under the government of God through the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ that Heaven’s power is released into the earth. God can and will at times act sovereignly; however, He prefers to work through human vessels that are submitted to His eternal plans and purposes.

As painful as it is to say, most of the evil occurring on planet is a direct result of a “prayerless Church.” Jesus said about His Church, that the “gates of hell will not prevail.” However, the Church of Jesus Christ, particularly in the western culture, are not prevailing in prayer, but simply playing defense.

Why? Again, because of our “pray-less-ness.”

On the day of Pentecost, God began to fill mankind with His Spirit so that through a spirit filled life we would overcome. Those who are born again can now receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit and live a spirit filled life. It is through the baptism of the Holy Spirit that we can speak with “the tongues of men and of angels.” 1 Corinthians 13:1 KJV

Look in Acts 2:4 KJV,

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:4 KJV
On the day of Pentecost, exactly ten days after the LORD Jesus ascended into Heaven itself, the Spirit of God was poured out upon human vessels who were prepared to receive it.

Since that time, millions of born again believers have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. God uses “the tongues of men and of angels” in prayer through utterance as the Spirit of God gives it to them.

As we ascend Mount Zion in praise, in the Spirit, we come unto the city of our living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels.

Look again in Hebrews 12:22 NKJV,

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels. Hebrews 12:22 NKJV

As the Holy Spirit directs us in prayer, there are three utterance gifts of the Spirit that the LORD can use.

Three Utterance Gifts [see 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 KJV]
- Tongues/Diverse Tongues - languages of earth or heaven
- Interpretation of Tongues - interpretation of the message given
- Prophecy - God speaking through a person with a message for another person or group of people to build up, comfort, and encourage - edifying the Church.

During prayer, the Holy Spirit may reveal things to you through the three revelation gifts.

Three Revelation Gifts - [see 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 KJV]
- Word of Knowledge - Divine information or facts - non-directional - not by five senses
- Word of Wisdom - Divine insight and direction on what to do
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- Discerning of spirits - ability to recognize and distinguish between different types of spiritual activity, whether divine or demonic

As the Spirit leads, God may release the power gifts to get the job done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Three Power Gifts - [see 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 KJV]
- Faith - unlimited faith for the impossible situation
- Gifts of Healing - ability to heal all kinds of sicknesses and diseases
- Working of Miracles - God’s creative power in action

Whereas “love” is the key fruit for all nine fruits of the Spirit [Galatians 5:22-23 NKJV], “faith” is the key gift for all nine gifts of the Spirit.

Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God [Romans 10:17 KJV]. It is key to understand that faith is the bridge to the unseen realm and that faith is energized by love. [See Galatians 5:6 KJV]

Spirit Led Utterance In The Psalms - Warring Psalms

As you read through the Psalms, you will see many that have the word “Let” in them. The word “Let” is a command. God uses this word “Let” to implement His Will on earth as it is in Heaven.

We first see this command used in Genesis NKJV, where God says, “Let there be light…” Genesis 1:3 NKJV

We are going to look at Psalm 68:1-4 NKJV, but before we do, we need to understand that ‘no one’ can command God. However, under the unction of the Holy Spirit, King David was inspired to write words “Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered.” Psalm 68:1 NKJV
This was not King David commanding God to arise, because ‘no one’ commands God, but rather the Holy Spirit inspired the text that as God arose, His enemies would be scatted.

Now, let's look in Psalm 68:1-4 NKJV, where David says “Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered.”

Let God arise,
Let His enemies be scattered;
Let those also who hate Him flee before Him.
As smoke is driven away,
So drive them away;
As wax melts before the fire,
So let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
But let the righteous be glad;
Let them rejoice before God;
Yes, let them rejoice exceedingly.
Sing to God, sing praises to His name;
Extol Him who rides on the clouds, [a]
By His name YAH,
And rejoice before Him.
Psalm 68:1-4

Here we see that as David was inspired by the Holy Spirit to write “let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.” David was also inspired within this Psalm to write the words “But let the righteous be glad: let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.”

Here is another example of a warring Psalm 35:5-6 KJV

Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the Lord chase them. Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of the Lord persecute them. Psalm 35:5-6 KJV
Here in Psalm 35:5 KJV we see David invoking the word “Let” for the angel of the LORD to chase his enemies. In Psalm 35:6 KJV we see David invoking the word “Let” for the angel of the LORD to persecute his enemies. Keep in mind that this Psalm is a song of praise to God.

We see the examples of Spirit led warfare in Scripture in Psalm 144 NKJV and Psalm 149 NKJV. We see the Lord teaching and leading David into warfare through praise and prophetic declarations and proclamations of victory as he sings.

Psalm 144:1 NKJV Blessed be the L ORD my Rock,
Who trains my hands for war,
And my fingers for battle—

David realized as he played his stringed instrument, God was teaching his hands to war and his fingers to fight in the Spirit realm.

In Psalm 149 NKJV, we see the Lord leading David through prophetic song in a direct assault against the enemies of God when He proclaims in song,

Let the high praises of God be in their mouth,
And a two-edged sword in their hand,
To execute vengeance on the nations,
And punishments on the peoples;
To bind their kings with chains,
And their nobles with fetters of iron;
To execute on them the written judgment—
This honor have all His saints.
Praise the L ORD!
Psalm 149:6-9 NKJV

Remember that even though these verses from Psalm 149 NKJV speak of the heathen, kings and nobles, we must realize that we wrestle not against flesh and blood.
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*Our battle is not with people.* But, our battle is against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness from on high. (see Ephesians 6:11-18 NKJV)

David was a man of praise; a man of prayer; a man who worshiped God; but David was also one of the greatest warriors in the Bible.

Psalm 141:2 NKJV Let my prayer be set before You as incense, The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Within the Psalm David wrote he understood God was leading him in praise and warfare. The more David obeyed, the more God could trust him.

However, the Key of David was not praise and worship as many believe. The Key of David was that David had a heart after God’s own heart. In other words, David wanted to see God’s Will implemented on earth as it is in Heaven. The Tabernacle on Mount Zion was the implementation of bringing “Heaven to earth” thereby destroying the works of God’s enemies - the kingdom of darkness.

*Spiritual Warfare* is not as much about us exercising our authority over the enemy; even though we do exercise spiritual authority from the great I AM within - Jesus Christ. But more importantly, we conduct spiritual warfare through an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. It is out of our intimate relationship with Jesus Christ that we discover His majesty, His supremacy and His sovereignty. Jesus is the Lion of the tribe of Judah and is resident within us! He is our reigning and conquering King! Through HIS LIFE within we OVERCOME all sin - the lusts of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life. Jesus Christ’s OVERCOMING LIFE conquers us WITHIN and then overflows to conquer on earth as it is in Heaven.

Scripture affirms that we are more than conquerors.
No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. Romans 8:37 NLT

David understood a great truth about mixing prayer, praise, worship, intercession and the prophetic together. Combined in a corporate setting, it becomes incense unto God which He inhabits, but lethal warfare against the enemy of our souls - satan.

Jesus Lived A Spirit Filled Life

On earth, Jesus lived by the Spirit; He didn’t live from His soul. Jesus had a soul; however, He brought His soul into subjection to the government [Kingdom] of God through the Spirit.

John 5:19 NASB tell us that Jesus only did that which the Father showed him - “unless it is something He sees the Father doing.”

Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner. John 5:19 NASB

Hebrews 10:7 NASB says of Jesus, “Then said I, Behold, I have come (in the scroll of the book it is written of me,) to do Your will, O God.”

Simply put, Jesus Himself came to implement the eternal plans and purposes of the Father on earth, as it is in Heaven.

This puts Jeremiah 29:11 KJV into perspective where it says, “I know the plans I have for you...” That verse is not talking about us bringing our plans to God. Jeremiah 29:11 KJV is talking about God’s eternal plans and purposes for our lives. If we do not know these plans, then the Scriptures exhort us to “Call to me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.” Jeremiah 33:3 KJV

Jesus saw life from the eternal perspective of the Spirit.
If all we can “see” is this temporary world around us, which has been pulled over our eyes by satan (2 Corinthians 4:4 KJV), then beloved we will struggle in the day of trouble. Why? Because throughout Jesus’ life, He showed us that it is from the eternal perspective of the Spirit that you and I overcome the enemy.

Jesus overcame the world and now has entered into our human vessels as the LIFE of every Christian, we too overcome the world through the LIFE of the Son of God within.

**What can we as Christians learn from King David?**

That through the anointing upon him, David lived a spirit filled life!

As a visual aid, let’s reconsider the record of I Samuel, Chapter 19 a little deeper; but this time with spiritual eyes.

From the context of I Samuel Chapter 19 NKJV, we’ve seen previously that Saul tried to kill David twice. Once with a javelin and the second time by trying to take him while he slept.

In this record we see that King Saul, frustrated by these failed attempts, sent *three* separate companies of messengers to take David. They were sent to “TAKE DAVID BY FORCE.” I believe that they were no ordinary solders. I believe they were Special Forces!

Think about that for a moment! If you were King Saul and David was your enemy, wouldn’t you send the very best you had to take him? Sure you would. I believe these men, under the authority of King Saul, were some of the most elite solders in the entire nation of Israel. They were committed to King Saul and were willing to risk their lives in order to take David. In other words, they had evil on their minds.
But when each of the three companies came to take David, we see an incredible miracle occur. The Spirit of the Lord came upon them and their hearts were captured by the praise, prayer and worship that they heard. The anointing broke the yoke of deception and set these men free from the spirit of murder.

I very much believe that these men never went back to King Saul. Scripture doesn’t tell us, but I believe that’s why we see King Saul sending more and more soldiers to take David.

It was through the high praise, prayer and intercession along with the prophetic, all combined that released the anointing that captured the hearts of these men for The Lord.

What we can see from this record is an example in typology (types and shadows) of David living in the Spirit. Think about that for a moment! While wave upon wave of enemy attacks came crashing against him, David stayed in the Spirit, all the while plundering the enemies kingdom.

David fought from a position of strength; he did not come out to fight the enemy according to his own soul or according to his flesh. David did not try to fight the enemy on the enemy’s own turf or on the enemy’s terms. But, David defeated the onslaught of the enemy by staying in the Spirit of high praise, prayer and worship. Can you see the wisdom of God in this type of spiritual warfare?

Likewise, we too can fight from our heavenly place; seated in Christ Jesus under the shadow of His wings. (see Psalm 91 KJV)

Instead of trying to fight the enemy from our soul or from our flesh; we need to learn how to live in the Spirit, which is our place of strength - seated at the right hand of the most-high God - in Christ Jesus.

The greatest position that God has placed you into - IS IN CHRIST!

It’s Christ IN YOU the Hope of Glory!
Beloved, if we do not learn to live in the Spirit, then we’re going to process life more and more through our soul; our mind, our will, and our emotions. That’s the enemy’s playground; it’s a much lower level of living.

Living from our soul we are earthbound.

The problem with living from our soul is that if our minds are un-renewed or worse yet - carnal, then we’re going to come to wrong conclusions and make wrong decisions. If our emotions are up and down, then we will forever be on a roller coaster ride and the enemy of our soul can take us at will. Much like a “Yo-Yo”, we will be tossed to and fro with every wind of doctrine.

Living in the Spirit is where we learn to overcome the enemy by stepping back into our spirit man in the “secret place.” In the “secret place” the enemy cannot follow us and our victory over him is certain. The Bible calls this our “hiding place” because it’s the place in our spirit that the enemy cannot see us.

It is here that we are “hidden” under the shadow of His wings. For God is our hiding place; God is our resting place. It’s only when the enemy can lure us out into our soul that he can detect where we are. But when we learn to live in the Spirit, not only can we overcome in this life, but other Christians around us can learn by our example and overcome as well.

Right now, the Holy Spirit is promoting the development of the inner man of your spirit. You will either live in your soul or you will live in your spirit of the inner man. Your soul is not wrong, it’s just very limited; especially if it’s carnal.

Your soul loves God, but your soul wants God on its own terms. Apart from “dying to self”, your soul is selfish and self-centered. The Spirit of God is Christ-centered, not self-centered.
Your soul is only going to be satisfied when it learns to submit to the inner working of the Spirit of God. It is what we call “the cross life” so that we put to death our soul to the end that our soul comes under the government of God and begins to serve the inner life of the Spirit.

Psalm 17:15 KJV says that we will only be satisfied when we awaken in His likeness, “As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.”

God is awakening men and women in this hour who will be instrumental in awakening more and more men and women for the Kingdom.

When you learn how to walk with God in the “secret place”, the wisdom that you receive will give you a whole new perspective on situations and circumstances. There is wisdom that comes from above [see James 3:17 KJV] that cannot be obtained by academic study. The wisdom that you obtain and the things that you see in the secret place are forever yours to be released into the earth.

Deuteronomy 29:29 KJV says,

“The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever…”

Deuteronomy 29:29 KJV

During times of the enemies’ oppression, knowing how to walk with God in the secret place provides you with a peace and tranquility of spirit that becomes a weapon against the enemy. It is in this place that the God of peace will crush satan under our feet (see Romans 16:20 KJV). Once you know how to step back into your spirit man and access that peace of God and His rest, then it just becomes a discipline to live from there.

We are only going to learn how to overcome when we allow the Holy Spirit to develop us internally by abiding in The Vine - Christ Jesus.
Listen, when God comes to us in manifestation, such as in a move of God, He is coming into our world to connect with us in the natural so that He can capture our hearts and conquer our souls.

But when God withdraws in hiddenness, He does so because He wants to pull us into His world in the secret place of the Spirit.

Beloved, this is the realm of FAITH! Faith is the bridge to the UNSEEN REALM.

This is where warfare then becomes a place where your intimacy with JESUS gives you victories that knowledge and experience simply cannot.

Don’t try to fight the enemy from a soulish or a fleshly perspective. Don’t get sucker punched into fighting on his terms. The most intimidating thing about you to the enemy is your intimacy with the Jesus Christ. Think about that!

The Christian Life is not about stumbling around fighting in the dark, but it’s about walking in the light, even as He is in the light.

It is light beloved, which dispels the darkness.

The Lord is calling us to draw near to Him. We can be as close to Jesus as we desire. The only thing keeping us from drawing closer is our own lack of love and commitment.

The Lord is the great God chaser because it was God who came looking for Adam. It can be said that Adam left the hiding place and went into hiding because of sin, but immediately God went looking for him for redemption and restoration.

God is still looking for MAN. God is still chasing us, calling us up higher. God is calling us to the city on the Hill whose maker and founder is God. God is calling us to come up in high praise to the heavenly Mount Zion; to the heavenly Jerusalem; to an innumerable company of angels.
Putting It All Together

Let’s look at King Jehoshaphat, who was King of Judah and how God performed a mighty miracle as the people of God praised the LORD.

Jehoshaphat was KING OF JUDAH - (PRAISE)

Scriptures: II Chronicles 20:1, 3-30 NKJV

It came to pass after this also, that the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them other beside the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle. 2 Chronicles 20:1 NKJV

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And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. So Judah gathered together to ask help from the LORD; and from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.

Then Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court, and said: “O LORD God of our fathers, are You not God in heaven, and do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand is there not power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You? Are You not our God, who drove out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel, and gave it to the descendants of Abraham Your friend forever? And they dwell in it, and have built You a sanctuary in it for Your name, saying, ‘If disaster comes upon us—sword, judgment, pestilence, or famine—we will stand before this temple and in Your presence (for Your name is in this temple), and cry out to You in our affliction, and You will hear and save.’
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And now, here are the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir—whom You would not let Israel invade when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them and did not destroy them—here they are, rewarding us by coming to throw us out of Your possession which You have given us to inherit. O our God, will You not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You.” Now all Judah, with their little ones, their wives, and their children, stood before the LORD.

Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel, the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly. And he said, “Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the LORD to you: ‘Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God’s. Tomorrow go down against them. They will surely come up by the Ascent of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the brook before the Wilderness of Jeruel. You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!’ Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the LORD is with you.”

And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem bowed before the LORD, worshiping the LORD. Then the Levites of the children of the Kohathites and of the children of the Korahites stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with voices loud and high.

So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, “Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper.”
And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying:

“Praise the LORD, for His mercy endures forever.”

Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated. For the people of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir to utterly kill and destroy them. And when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they helped to destroy one another.

So when Judah came to a place overlooking the wilderness, they looked toward the multitude; and there were their dead bodies, fallen on the earth. No one had escaped.

When Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away their spoil, they found among them an abundance of valuables on the dead bodies, and precious jewelry, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away; and they were three days gathering the spoil because there was so much. And on the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Berachah, for there they blessed the LORD; therefore the name of that place was called The Valley of Berachah until this day. Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, with Jehoshaphat in front of them, to go back to Jerusalem with joy, for the LORD had made them rejoice over their enemies. So they came to Jerusalem, with stringed instruments and harps and trumpets, to the house of the LORD. And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries when they heard that the LORD had fought against the enemies of Israel. By revelation of the LORD that the victory would be won, the people of God “stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with voices loud and high.” 2 Chronicles 20:3-29 NKJV

In 2 Chronicles 20, verse 21 we see that the King appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness.
And when he [The King] had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: “Praise the LORD, for His mercy endures forever.” 2 Chronicles 20:21 NKJV

Note what happened next. The victory came as they sang praise unto God in 2 Chronicles 20:22 NKJV,

Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated. 2 Chronicles 20:22 NKJV

Praise the LORD!

Implementation - So Where Do We Begin?

How do we implement the truths of the Tabernacle of David?

First, by being intentional.

Remember what we learned from Matthew 18:19-20 NKJV.

Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Matthew 18:19-20 NKJV

We need to be intentional as to why we gather. First, we must gather in His Name according to His eternal plans and purposes.

God will give each house a specific vision and a specific mandate; however, all of God’s people should be aligned to the throne of God. We are the Church; each one members in particular are to be connected to our head - Christ Jesus through an intimate relationship.
Secondly, our vision and mandate individually and corporately should always be aligned with His eternal plans and purposes that are only found in Jesus Christ, the heir of all things.

**Do Not Despise The Day Of Small Beginnings**

Remember not to despise the day of small beginnings. Find and gather people together who are “hungry and thirsty” for more of Jesus Christ. Find people who want to press into more of God. It may only be two’s or three’s, but get together and contend for this truth that David understood.

Remember, this is not a formula! This is a relationship! They that are led by the Spirit these are the Sons of God. (See Romans 8:14 KJV)

If you don’t have musicians, minstrels or psalmists, use anointed music in the background or anointed videos. Then begin to press in - in praise, in prayer, in supplications. As the LORD leads you, declare and proclaim verses of Scripture that proclaim the victories that you have in Christ. You may have to start small, but God will give the increase as you ascend Mount Zion in the Spirit, the LORD Jesus will lead you.

We praise Jesus because He’s worthy of all praise; we come with thanksgiving and gratefulness in our hearts with one purpose to “Gather in His Name” that He might receive a full reward for the great sacrifice that He has made. Focus on Him and ask Him to lead you in praise, prayer, intercession, proclamations, and declarations. Use Scriptures; use the Psalms; particularly the Psalms that have the word “Let” contained within them.

Sometimes, it’s helpful to imagine yourself standing next to Jesus as your Apostle and High Priest of your confession. As Jesus takes hold of the four horns of the Altar of incense that represent the four corners of the world - simply ask Him for His burden to pray to intercede; to praise and to proclaim.
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Jesus said, “My house will be a house of prayer for all nations.” (See Isaiah 56:7 NLT, Mark 11:17 NLT)

Again, here is what David learned and understood.

The tabernacle on Mount Zion was the bringing together of praise, prayer, intercession, worship and the prophetic which became incense unto God which God Himself inhabited. But like a double-edged sword this mixture became warfare against the enemies of God.

Will you take your place on spiritual Mount Zion and fight for the Kingdom’s sake? Will you fight for Your King in the great Harvest to come; to set men and women free?

Therefore let us press on to know the LORD.

“So let us know, let us press on to know the LORD. His going forth is as certain as the dawn; And He will come to us like the rain, Like the spring rain watering the earth.” Hosea 6:3 NASB

Selah