

## KINGDOM CULTURE

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Ps 84:4-7

4 Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; They will still be praising You. Selah

5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, Whose heart is set on **pilgrimage**.

6 As they pass through the Valley of Baca, They make it a spring; The rain also covers it with pools.

7 They go from strength to strength; Each one appears before God in Zion.

NKJV

Ps 84:5

5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the **ways** of them.

KJV

### Ways - mecillah

OT:4546 mecillah (mes-il-law'); from OT:5549; a thoroughfare (as turnpiked), literally or figuratively; specifically a viaduct, a staircase:

KJV - causeway, course, highway, path, terrace.

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Blessings are a direct result of positioning oneself in a dwelling relationship in the House of God. When we locate ourselves in the ways of God we pass through the Valley of Baca, make it a spring and the rain covers it with pools of water. Strength to strength is to move from glory to glory. It is to be on a pilgrimage in God discovering more of Him in us.

The ways are a staircase or highway. It's a path in God. God reveals His ways through His word.

Ps 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

NKJV

Baca is a place of weeping. We who discover the paths of God walk through this Valley. David knew how to walk through the Valley of Baca.

1 Sam 30:3-6

3 So David and his men came to the city, and there it was, burned with fire; and their wives, their sons, and their daughters had been taken captive.

4 Then David and the people who were with him lifted up their voices and wept, until they had no more power to weep.

5 And David's two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite, had been taken captive.

6 Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. But David **strengthened himself** in the LORD his God.

NKJV

David prevailed and remained consistent in the Lord. He was faithful to God in his valley. When we follow the ways of God we pass through the Valley of Weeping and God makes it a place of rain. This is a place where the rain falls. We must discover the highway or the staircase in God so that we do not remain in the place of weeping but move to the place of blessing.

We are blessed in Christ but we live on earth and must locate His ways. The early church located themselves within a culture that protected and provided for them.

*Acts 2:40-42*

*And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation."*

*41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.*

***42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.***

**NKJV**

Immediately after being saved the newborn babes who desired milk positioned themselves in a culture.

There were four pillars that the early church was to continue steadfastly in:

- Apostles Doctrine
- Fellowship
- Breaking of Bread
- Prayers

Within this culture there was a manifestation of God's power, provision and favour

*Acts 2:43-47*

*43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.*

*44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,*

*45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.*

*46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,*

*47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.*

**NKJV**

They discovered a pathway or a staircase in God that would carry them through every Valley of Baca or every weeping in their lives.

These four principles must be decoded through scripture. God conveys His blessings and protection upon a people that live within this culture.

CULTURE – derived from the Latin word “cultura” which means to “cultivate”

Foster the growth of

Prepare for crops

Adapt to the environment

Teach or refine to be discriminate in taste or judgment

EDUCATE – create by training or teaching.

NATURALIZE – make into a citizen

Culture cannot be spiritually imparted. It must be taught and one has to be trained in it. This will bring transformation through information that is imparted. Every Israelite had to be taught the ways of God.

*Deut 6:6-7*

*6 "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.*

*7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.*

**NKJV**

We are citizens of the household of God

*Eph 2:19-22*

*Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.*

NKJV

As citizens we know our rights according to the constitution. We have legal rights. In order for us to learn the culture we must enter the household. Citizenship is part of the kingdom but culture is practiced within a household. As believers we are part of a household of faith.

*Gal 6:10*

*10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith .*

NKJV

Within a household there is a Father who would develop this culture so that those that are part of his household would be protected and provided for.

To cultivate you need a gardener, vinedresser, shepherd, farmer, architect, builder, set man etc

*Gen 2:15*

*15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.*

NKJV

Tend – serve, till, labor, work

Paul labored for Christ to be formed

*Gal 4:19*

*19 My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you,*

NKJV

*John 21:16*

*16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?"*

*He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You."*

*He said to him, "Tend My sheep."*

NKJV

Tend – feed, shepherd, pastor

Culture must be cultivated by feeding, serving, tilling, shepherding the family that God has given us.

Culture is generally derived from our roots.

ROOT

Where something begins

Anchors the plant in the ground

Someone you have descended from

The Root is Christ

*Isa 11:10*

*10 "And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious."*

NKJV

Our culture must be developed from Christ. There are several scriptures that unlock this culture with great benefits. Culture produces certain spiritual dynamics within a local household of faith as well as within families.

### **CULTURE TO PRODUCE KINGS**

Jesse had a culture where David learnt in his priestly role to serve and in his kingly role to rule. Jesse had roots that were strongly based on covenant. Ruth his grandmother represents the structure that carries the seed to birth forth a kingly lineage. She was in covenant with her vinedresser, Naomi. This tending and protection led to Ruth entering into covenant with the Redeemer (Boaz) who metaphorically represents Christ. Ruth's servanthood brought her into ownership and dominion.

Out of Jesse's roots Christ the King was born. King David grew up in such a culture. The four pillars of this culture are seen in the household of Jesse.

They respond to Samuel the prophet - APOSTOLIC DOCTRINE

*1 Sam 16:5*

*5 And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice.*

*NKJV*

David is anointed in the midst of his brothers and the elders of the city - FELLOWSHIP

*1 Sam 16:13*

*13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.*

*NKJV*

David takes bread, wine and a young goat - BREAKING OF BREAD

*1 Sam 16:19-21*

*19 Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep." 20 And Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine, and a young goat, and sent them by his son David to Saul.*

*NKJV*

David played the harp – PRAYERS

*1 Sam 16:23*

*23 And so it was, whenever the spirit from God was upon Saul, that David would take a harp and play it with his hand. Then Saul would become refreshed and well, and the distressing spirit would depart from him.*

*NKJV*

Within David's life there was the practice of these four pillars that led to him becoming a successful king that ruled in the midst of his enemies. We who kings and priests in Christ must also reign in this life.

*Rom 5:17*

*17 For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)*

*NKJV*

Our rulership is determined by the culture that we must maintain in our lives. If we remain within the culture it would empower us to rule. David ruled over many enemies.

Ps 110:1-2

*The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."*

*2 The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!*

NKJV

When David became king he conquered many enemies and ruled over them.

*2 Sam 8:1-14*

*After this it came to pass that David attacked the **Philistines** and subdued them. And David took Metheg Ammah from the hand of the Philistines.*

*2 Then he defeated **Moab**. Forcing them down to the ground, he measured them off with a line. With two lines he measured off those to be put to death, and with one full line those to be kept alive. So the Moabites became David's servants, and brought tribute.*

*3 David also defeated **Hadadezer** the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover his territory at the River Euphrates.*

*4 David took from him one thousand chariots, seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand foot soldiers. Also David hamstringed all the chariot horses, except that he spared enough of them for one hundred chariots.*

*5 When the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David killed twenty-two thousand of the **Syrians**.*

*6 Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus; and the Syrians became David's servants, and brought tribute. So the LORD preserved David wherever he went.*

*7 And David took the shields of gold that had belonged to the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.*

*8 Also from Bethah and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, King David took a large amount of bronze.*

*9 When Toi king of Hamath heard that David had defeated all the army of Hadadezer,*

*10 then **Toi** sent Joram his son to King David, to greet him and bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and defeated him (for Hadadezer had been at war with Toi); and Joram brought with him articles of silver, articles of gold, and articles of bronze.*

*11 King David also dedicated these to the LORD, along with the silver and gold that he had dedicated from all the nations which he had subdued —*

*12 from Syria, from Moab, from the people of **Ammon**, from the Philistines, from **Amalek**, and from the spoil of Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah.*

*13 And David made himself a name when he returned from killing eighteen thousand Syrians in the Valley of Salt.*

*14 He also put garrisons in **Edom**; throughout all Edom he put garrisons, and all the Edomites became David's servants. **And the LORD preserved David wherever he went.***

NKJV

These are enemies we must have rule over:

Philistine "Flesh"

Moab "What Father" – spirit of independence

Hadadezer "Noisy helper" – one who causes strife

Syria "Lofty" – pride

Toi "My wandering" – people that move from church to church. Wilderness position.

Ammon "Tribal" – sectarian and racial

Amalek "Dweller in the valley" – depression and hopelessness

Edom "Red" – anger and rage

When David conquered these enemies the Lord preserved him wherever he went. The culture will help us to be preserved.

## CULTURE BRINGS ABUNDANT RAIN

Elijah confronts the system of Ahab that has brought drought and famine over the land. In order to handle systems and cause rain to fall again we must stay within the culture of the kingdom.

When we are steadfast in the word we are not double minded – APOSTLES DOCTRINE

*1 Kings 18:20-21*

*So Ahab sent for all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together on Mount Carmel.*

*21 And Elijah came to all the people, and said, "How long will you **falter between two opinions?** If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people answered him not a word.*

NKJV

Jesus is Elijah who is to come and Jesus is the Word of God.

*Matt 11:14-15*

*14 And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come.*

*15 He who has ears to hear, let him hear!*

NKJV

The teaching of the Word ensures that we do not falter between two opinions. We must be sure of what the word says and follow it's instruction. Elijah was the one carrying the Word of the Lord. He was the doctrine to the people. The word brings division.

*Heb 4:12*

*12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

NKJV

We must not falter between opinions. God's word must be our standard and we must live by this.

When we do this we fulfill the first pillar of Apostles Doctrine.

Repairing of the altar was done with stones. We are the living stones joined together - FELLOWSHIP

*1 Kings 18:30-31*

*30 Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." So all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down.*

*31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, "Israel shall be your name."*

NKJV

The people all drew near to Elijah who is Apostles Doctrine. He rebuilt the altar with stones that represented the twelve tribes. These stones had to be fitted together. We are the living stones that must be joined together.

*1 Peter 2:5*

*5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

NKJV

*Eph 4:15-16*

*15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ —*

*16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.*

NKJV

The bull was the sacrifice symbolizing Jesus in the New Covenant – BREAKING OF BREAD

*1 Kings 18:33*

*33 And he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood, and said, "Fill four waterpots with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice and on the wood."*

*NKJV*

Jesus was our sacrifice laid on the wooden cross. We remember His death by the breaking of bread.

*Luke 22:19-20*

*19 And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."*

*20 Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you."*

*NKJV*

When Elijah had set things in order; he prayed – PRAYERS

*1 Kings 18:36-37*

*36 And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, "LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word."*

*37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that You are the LORD God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again."*

*NKJV*

The prayer was made at the time of the evening sacrifice, which is the ninth hour. Peter and John were going to the temple at the ninth hour

*Acts 3:1*

*Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.*

*NKJV*

This prayer was a corporate prayer. When we gather together in one accord and begin to pray God will heal our situation. Solomon gathered in the temple when prayer was made to God.

*1 Kings 8:22*

*Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven;*

*NKJV*

When prayer was made by the Apostles and their companions there is a manifest presence of God.

*Acts 4:31*

*31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.*

*NKJV*

Elijah was standing in the midst of the assembly of Israel when he set things in order and prayed. Corporate prayer within a culture is essential. Gathering together with the Body and making utterances and decrees causes God to hear. Jehoshaphat understood the need for corporate prayer.

*2 Chron 20:4-6*

*5 Then Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court,*

*6 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?"*

*NKJV*

## The result of the Culture

### 1.) Fire

*1 Kings 18:38*

*38 Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench.*

*NKJV*

Fire consumes everything. When we are in the culture we become consumed in it. It destroys everything that is contrary to the culture.

### 2.) Confession

*1 Kings 18:39*

*39 Now when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, "The LORD, He is God! The LORD, He is God!"*

*NKJV*

Culture will make you confess that there is only one God

### 3.) Baal is executed

*1 Kings 18:40*

*40 And Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal! Do not let one of them escape!" So they seized them; and Elijah brought them down to the Brook Kishon and executed them there.*

*NKJV*

#### **Baal**

OT:1167 ba`al (bah'-al); from OT:1166; a master; hence, a husband, or (figuratively) owner (often used with another noun in modifications of this latter sense):

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Everything that we have been married to and everything that has taken control of our lives will be executed and dealt with. Kishon means to "set a trap" or lay a "snare". All things there was a trap or snare can be dealt with within the culture.

### 4.) Sound of the abundance of rain

*1 Kings 18:41*

*Then Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of abundance of rain."*

*NKJV*

Rain is a symbol of blessings.

*Deut 11:10-11*

*10 For the land which you go to possess is not like the land of Egypt from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and watered it by foot, as a vegetable garden;*

*11 but the land which you cross over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water from the rain of heaven,*

*NKJV*

*Deut 11:13-14*

*13 And it shall be that if you earnestly obey My commandments which I command you today, to love the LORD your God and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul,*

*14 then I will give you the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil.*

*NKJV*

In the midst of drought the culture can make you experience rain while others are in famine.

## How does the rain come?

1 Kings 18:43-44

43 and said to his **servant**, "Go up now, look toward the sea." So he went up and looked, and said, "There is nothing." And **seven** times he said, "Go again."

44 Then it came to pass the seventh time, that he said, "There is a **cloud**, as small as a man's **hand**, rising out of the **sea!**"

NKJV

It is the **servant** who sees the rain. The posture of a servant's heart will cause you to see and experience rain. Elisha as a servant to Elijah received an abundance of the anointing. He received the blessing of the firstborn. Ruth served Naomi and received an inheritance when she married Boaz the Redeemer who is Jesus Christ.

The servant went seven times. When we are in rest in God we will experience rain. Blessings flow from rest. Christ is our rest and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He gives us rest for our souls when we "yoke" ourselves to Him.

Matt 11:28-30

28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

NKJV

Sea is a symbol of the multitudes

Gen 32:12

12 For You said, 'I will surely treat you well, and make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.'"

NKJV

Out of the multitudes God raises the hand symbolizing the fivefold **grace**

Eph 4:11

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

NKJV

They come with rain to invoke God's blessings upon the people of God.

When people are within the culture there is the abundance of rain.

Acts 4:34-35

34 Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold,

35 and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need.

NKJV

None of the pillars can be missing. All four pillars must be fulfilled in order to receive preservation and provision. This is to walk in steadfast continual and daily benefits from God. God has a culture to bless us and promote us. Drought is broken when we are within the culture. As we maintain a servant heart and receive those who carry grace we will experience and abundance of rain.

## CULTURE GIVES YOU THE BIRTHRIGHT

Elisha asked Elijah for the double portion, which is the blessing of the firstborn. This is the birthright. Elisha demonstrated the culture of the New Testament church through locations that he went through with Elijah.

Elisha comes from Abel Meholah

*1 Kings 19:16*

*16 Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place.*

NKJV

This place means the "Meadow of Dancing" symbolizing a place of happiness and tranquility. Elisha entire life was about to change when a mantle is thrown on him. His place of happiness and dancing was about to change to a journey in God. Many times our happiness and tranquility becomes a hindrance to the kingdom mandate for our lives.

Elisha was ploughing the field when the call came. While we are working our field God will call us.

*1 Kings 19:19*

*So he departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he was with the twelfth. Then Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle on him.*

NKJV

Elisha's exit into the call of serving was started on the principle of honour

*1 Kings 19:20*

*20 And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah, and said, "Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?"*

NKJV

Elisha entered the call through sacrifice

*1 Kings 19:21*

*21 So Elisha turned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen and slaughtered them and boiled their flesh, using the oxen's equipment, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and followed Elijah, and became his servant.*

NKJV

The sacrifice of the yoke of oxen symbolized the sacrifices he would make as he yoked himself to Elijah as a servant. Many have entered without sacrifice.

Disciples entered through the principle of sacrifice

*Matt 4:19-22*

*19 Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."*

*20 They immediately **left their nets** and followed Him.*

*21 Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them,*

*22 and immediately they **left the boat and their father**, and followed Him.*

NKJV

Barnabas entered through the principle of sacrifice

*Acts 4:36-37*

*36 And Joses, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus,*

*37 having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.*

NKJV

Elisha enters the culture through the principle of sacrifice

Elisha was with Elijah in Gilgal – APOSTLES DOCTRINE

*2 Kings 2:1*

*And it came to pass, when the LORD was about to take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal .*

*NKJV*

Gilgal means “a wheel or to roll away”. This place is a very significant in scripture as it is a place of transition. Joshua was about to cross over into the Promised Land and God brought them to Gilgal.

*Josh 4:19*

*19 Now the people came up from the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and they camped in Gilgal on the east border of Jericho.*

*NKJV*

Before the people could cross over, Joshua was instructed by God to circumcise all those that would cross over. This circumcision was done with a flint knife

*Josh 5:2-3*

*2 At that time the LORD said to Joshua, "Make flint knives for yourself, and circumcise the sons of Israel again the second time."*

*3 So Joshua made flint knives for himself, and circumcised the sons of Israel at the hill of the foreskins.*

*NKJV*

This circumcision is a cutting or rolling away of the flesh. The word of God, which is Apostles Doctrine, cuts away the excess flesh in our lives. This is a place of cutting. Elisha had to go through Gilgal with Elijah. This is a place of circumcision of the heart.

Before we can transition into the land of Canaan we must be circumcised through the word of God. One who carries the word causes the heart to be circumcised.

Elisha follows Elijah to Bethel, which is the “House of God” - FELLOWSHIP

*2 Kings 2:2*

*2 Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So they went down to Bethel.*

*NKJV*

Jesus called the temple His house

*Mark 11:16-17*

*16 And He would not allow anyone to carry wares through the temple.*

*17 Then He taught, saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it a 'den of thieves.'"*

*NKJV*

People gathered for fellowship in the temple, which is the House of God

*Acts 2:46*

*46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,*

*NKJV*

Bethel is a place of fellowship. Within the house of God there must be fellowship amongst believers

Elisha follows Elijah to Jericho – BREAKING OF BREAD

*2 Kings 2:4*

*4 Then Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So they came to Jericho.*

*NKJV*

Jericho means "fragrance" – Christ's death on the cross was the sweat smelling aroma unto God

*Eph 5:2*

*2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.*

*NKJV*

We celebrate this sacrifice by breaking bread so that we can also become the fragrance of God. When we make sacrifices it is an aroma that fills the house of God

*John 12:3*

*3 Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.*

*NKJV*

Mary's sacrifice to the Body caused an aroma to fill the air. Our sacrifice in serving the Body of Christ is an aroma unto God. It is a fragrance that fills the atmosphere of the House of God.

True Apostles bring the fragrance of God

*2 Cor 2:14-17*

*14 Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.*

*15 For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.*

*16 To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life. And who is sufficient for these things?*

*17 For we are not, as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ.*

*NKJV*

Those that peddle God's word are a stench and not a fragrance.

When we break bread we remember the scented offering that Christ became for us so that we could walk in triumph. Our lives must give of the fragrance of the Lord. People must be attracted to the perfume of the anointing that is on our lives. It is the art of the perfumer that makes the anointing oil so attractive in our lives.

*Ex 30:25*

*25 And you shall make from these a holy anointing oil, an ointment compounded according to the art of the perfumer. It shall be a holy anointing oil.*

*NKJV*

It is the anointing that would be the fragrance of our lives. Christ is the perfumer that develops the anointing in our lives so that we become an aroma to all.

Elisha followed Elijah to the Jordan - PRAYERS

*2 Kings 2:6*

*6 Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So the two of them went on.*

*NKJV*

Jordan means the “descender” – When we pray before God we humble ourselves and descend before Him humility knowing that we are in need of His mercy and grace.

Jesus descended before John to be baptized by him.

*Matt 3:13-17*

*Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.*

*14 And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"*

*15 But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him.*

This caused the Holy Spirit to descend upon Him, which led to His ascension

*16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.*

*17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."*

*NKJV*

Our descending causes the Holy Spirit to descend upon us so that we can ascend in the things of God and function under an open heaven. To receive an open heaven we must function in humbleness and humility. When we pray before God we must come with brokenness before God.

*Luke 18:10-14*

*10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.*

*11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men — extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.*

*12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.'*

*13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'*

*14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."*

*NKJV*

We can do the right things with the wrong heart.

These four areas caused Elisha to receive the double portion.

*2 Kings 2:9-10*

*9 And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?" Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me."*

*10 So he said, "You have asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so." NKJV*

In order for Elisha to receive the double portion the culture had to developed in his life. He had to be with Elijah at all times in order to receive the double portion. There had to be closeness and nearness in order to receive the mantle.

### **Mantle**

OT:155 'addereth (ad-deh'-reth); feminine of OT:117; something ample (as a large vine, a wide dress); also the same as OT:145:

KJV - garment, glory, goodly, mantle, robe.

OT:142 'adar (aw-dar'); a primitive root; to expand, i.e. be great or (figuratively) magnificent:

KJV - (become) glorious, honourable.

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This mantle was the glory that was upon Elijah. The glory was transferred because Elisha was in the culture. This glory brought upon him was the blessing of the firstborn, which is the double portion. Jesus is the firstborn.

*Col 1:15*

*15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.*

*NKJV*

We are born from Him and we are the firstborn on the earth

*Heb 12:22-24*

*22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels,*

*23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect,*

*24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.*

*NKJV*

To enjoy the double portion and the blessing of the firstborn we must stay within the culture of the kingdom. To have this blessing is to be first in rank, time and in place. This comes because of kingdom culture.

Elisha positioned himself under grace by following Elijah. Elijah established the culture in Elisha's life so that he would be more successful than himself. The culture must produce a generation that would be more successful than the previous generation. Elisha did twice the number of miracles that Elijah did. He served Israel as a prophet for sixty years

Elisha cried My father, My father. It is within the culture that a father and son relationship is developed.

*2 Kings 2:12*

*12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried out, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!" So he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces.*

*NKJV*

It is in the Spirit of the Son that we cry My Father, My Father. Jesus called out from the cross

*Matt 27:46*

*46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?*

*KJV*

It is the father and son relationship of Jesse and David that produced a king. It is the relationship between Elijah and Elisha that produced one with a greater glory. The glory of the latter house will be greater than the former house. If the former house is the father then the latter house is the son. It is in the principle of sonship that God will reveal His glory that will cover the earth. We who are the sons of God in Christ are His glory. We carry the mantle to reveal God's power and authority. Our birthright is to reveal Christ on the earth. As the firstborn in Christ we must be the reflection of all that the Father is. We are born from above and carry everything that heaven possesses within our spirit to reveal the nature, attributes, manifest presence and the excellence of our God.

## **CULTURE INFLUENCES MULTIPLICATION**

God has chosen to multiply Himself, and make Himself visible through Man. In order for the exact representation of God to be made on the earth within the Kingdom Culture there is multiplication. Culture breeds from one generation to the next. Culture produces certain mindsets and belief systems that would move people from glory to glory in God.

Christ's miracle in multiplying the bread and the fish is an example of culture that influences multiplication.

*John 6:2*

*2 Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased.*

*NKJV*

There must be a migration from a sign culture to a word culture. Signs must verify the word. Christ is the word and it is His word that must become the sign to the people. There must be a shift from the healing to the healer and the gifts to the giver of the gifts. Multitudes will follow because of the signs but the same multitude will shout "Crucify Him"

*John 6:3*

*3 And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.*

*NKJV*

Christ sits with disciples on the mountain. This is denoting a position of elevation and progress. Growth must be seen in the lives of disciples. Disciples are taught while climbing mountains. As the air gets thinner one must rely on the breadth of the Spirit of God to equip us to summit the mountain. We as the church have come to Mount Zion.

*Heb 12:22*

*22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels,*

*NKJV*

This is a place of rulership and dominion in Christ. Only those disciplined enough will summit this mountain.

*John 6:5*

*5 Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?"*

*NKJV*

From the mountain or the elevated position Jesus looks at the hungry multitudes. There is a literal hunger for bread but a spiritual hunger for the bread of life. Applying the principle of contextual appearance Christ appears as the Bread from Heaven to the masses that are hungry. The food they need is APOSTLES DOCTRINE – they need the teachings of Christ. Christ Himself is this doctrine.

*Col 1:28*

*28 Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.*

*NKJV*

For multiplication to take place Doctrine must be present in every environment. Teachings must be passed from generation to generation. It must multiply itself. Throughout the generation of the Israelites the words of the law were passed down as people taught their generations. Even Christ as a little boy understood the scriptures when He sat with scribes and Pharisees in the temple.

*John 6:5-7*

*He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?"*

*6 But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.*

*7 Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little."*

*NKJV*

Philip did not understand that the Bread of Life was sitting with Him. Many times our natural perspectives veils our eye's from knowing whom Christ is in us. When we are overwhelmed by a medical problem we are veiled to see the great physician. When we are overcome with marital issues we are veiled to see Christ the Bridegroom, the Husband and the Father.

When we see from the natural our eternity in Christ is veiled from us. Within the culture of the kingdom He who is the Bread of Life is present to solve all issues.

*John 6:10*

*10 Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.*

*NKJV*

*Mark 6:39-40*

*39 Then He commanded them to make them all sit down in groups on the green grass.*

*40 So they sat down in ranks, in hundreds and in fifties.*

*NKJV*

*Luke 9:14*

*14 For there were about five thousand men. Then He said to His disciples, "Make them sit down in groups of fifty."*

*NKJV*

The people were asked by the disciples to sit down in groups. This is FELLOWSHIP – no one was allowed to sit alone. Fifty is the number of Pentecost. The disciples were all in one accord in the upper room when the Holy Spirit fell. Before the Holy Spirit fell there was fellowship in one accord in the upper room

*Acts 2:1*

*When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*

*NKJV*

### **Accord - Homou**

NT:3674 homou (hom-oo'); genitive case of homos (the same; akin to NT:260) as adverb; at the same place or time:

KJV - together.

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### **Homogeneous**

"of the same kind" – every seed will produce after its kind. Christ the "Seed" will produce after its kind in us. When we are within a culture of fellowship the seed will multiply itself in all that are in one accord with each other. All that were in the upper room received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. In the Genesis principle seed produced after it's kind on the third day.

Gen 1:11-13

11 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

13 So the evening and the morning were the third day.

NKJV

Christ rose from the dead on the third day to give us resurrection life. This is the life of God in us that is reproduced after the Seed called Christ. A third day people know how to produce a culture of homogenous people who are in the same place, same time, same belief system and of the same kind.

All eight within Noah's ark had to be in one accord and fellowship with each other. The animals went in two by two. The two became one to become fruitful and multiply on the earth again.

Gen 8:16-17

16 "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you.

17 Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you: birds and cattle and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth."

NKJV

When the people sat down in groups there was a culture of fellowship created so that multiplication can take place.

John 6:11

11 And Jesus took the loaves

NKJV

Christ who is the loaf is about to break Himself and distribute through His disciples to the multitude.

This is the BREAKING OF BREAD.

There were twelve cakes placed on the table shewbread

Lev 24:5-7

"And you shall take fine flour and bake twelve cakes with it. Two-tenths of an ephah shall be in each cake.

6 You shall set them in two rows, six in a row, on the pure gold table before the LORD.

7 And you shall put pure frankincense on each row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, an offering made by fire to the LORD.

NKJV

These twelve cakes symbolized the twelve tribes of Israel. Frankincense was the aroma from the bread. Christ who is the Bread of Life, His Body was broken on the cross and it became an aroma unto God the Father as a living sacrifice.

Eph 5:2

2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

NKJV

The culture of breaking of bread was celebrated from house to house

Acts 2:46

46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house

NKJV

It is in the breaking of bread that our eye's will be open to see Him not just hear about Him

*Luke 24:30-31*

*30 Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.*

*31 Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.*

*NKJV*

It is in the breaking of bread that the disciple's eyes were opened

### **Open - Dianoigo**

NT:1272 dianoigo (dee-an-oy'-go); from NT:1223 and NT:455; to open thoroughly, literally (as a first-born) or figuratively (to expound):

KJV - open.

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This word means to open the womb when a male sleeps with a virgin and also when the womb is opened through the birthing of the firstborn child. Christ is the firstborn from the dead. In the breaking of bread Christ the firstborn from the dead has opened the womb for us to breakthrough. He is the Seed that has broken forth like Zerah the son of Judah. Zerah means "seed". He opened the womb for His brother Perez whose name means "break through". Our breakthrough is in Christ the Seed.

*Gen 38:27-30*

*27 Now it came to pass, at the time for giving birth, that behold, twins were in her womb.*

*28 And so it was, when she was giving birth, that the one put out his hand; and the midwife took a scarlet thread and bound it on his hand, saying, "This one came out first."*

*29 Then it happened, as he drew back his hand, that his brother came out unexpectedly; and she said, "How did you break through? This breach be upon you!" Therefore his name was called Perez.*

*30 Afterward his brother came out who had the scarlet thread on his hand. And his name was called Zerah.*

*NKJV*

We are the firstborn in Christ that have broken forth in Him. The veil has been torn and we are functioning from beyond the veil. We are functioning OUT from Christ and not going into Christ because we are in Him. When bread is broken it symbolizes how Christ has broken through for us already.

*John 6:11*

*11 And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted.*

*NKJV*

Jesus took the loaves and the fish and gave thanks - PRAYERS.

Prayers must be from what is finished. When Jesus prayed for Lazarus He said:

*John 11:41*

*41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.*

*NKJV*

Jesus as the Christ already saw Lazarus in Him. You can only call forth what is already in you. We must pray from what is already complete in Christ. It is not our will but the will of the Father. Although there were only five loaves and two fish, Christ saw it as the seed in Him that could produce after it's kind, therefore there was the multiplication of loaves and fish and not anything else.

Whatever little we have when it is within the culture of the kingdom it will multiply. The culture will produce as much as you want. The people ate as much as they wanted. We can only eat of Christ as much as we want. Christ is the bread and the meat (fish). There is the milk, bread and meat of God's word. Depending of how much we want we can eat. Our hunger must not diminish for the word of God.

*Jer 15:16*

*16 Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.*

*NKJV*

We must eat or we will be eaten by the carnal nature of the flesh. Vultures and dogs will eat our fleshly nature if we do not maintain a hunger for God's word.

*John 6:12-13*

*12 So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost."*

*13 Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.*

*NKJV*

Christ multiplied Himself in the form of bread and fish and nothing must be lost. All the fragments of bread and fish were put into twelve baskets symbolizing the twelve disciples. Christ as the bread of life multiplied Himself into the twelve so that they could produce after the same kind. The culture must only multiply Christ. All that we need and desire is in Christ. He broke Himself into pieces of bread and fish and distributed Himself. This is the Body of Christ. These twelve baskets would later become Apostles that are sent to distribute bread to the entire world.

*John 6:32-35*

*32 Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven.*

*33 For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."*

*34 Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always."*

*35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.*

*NKJV*

The culture must produce the bread from heaven in each one of us. When this bread is in us it becomes flesh. All who see us must see the bread in us and eat of that bread. When we are within the culture this bread will be produced so that we can multiply after the same kind.

Christ wants to multiply Himself through us.

*Luke 9:58*

*58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."*

*NKJV*

Christ wants to place His head upon a Body. Foxes multiply in a hole and birds multiply in a nest. Christ wants to lay His head upon a Body so that He can multiply Himself through the Body, His church. The Body of Christ is for Christ to multiply Himself

## **CULTURE WILL BRING YOU UNDER HIS WINGS**

The purpose of kingdom culture is to connect us with Christ. We are in Him but we must understand His culture and how it operates on the earth. Culture cannot be spiritually imparted but must be taught. God told Moses that the law must be taught to the people. They needed to meditate on the law day and night. All the ways of God had to be learned. Every Jewish child knew the law by the age of 12 years. They were taught. We who are gentiles do not have the discipline of Hebrew culture and have to be schooled in the ways and the culture of the kingdom that must connect us with Christ.

Ruth was a Moabite that had to learn the culture of the Jewish community that she married into. She had to be naturalized into a culture she was not familiar with. She had to be taught the ways of the Hebrew people so that she could practice their culture. An examination of Ruth's life displays how the culture connected her to Boaz who is a type of Christ.

*Ruth 1:1*

*Now it came to pass, in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem, Judah, went to dwell in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons.*

*NKJV*

Elimelech means "God is King" – He moved from Bethlehem to Moab. This is a migration from the "House of Bread" to the place of "What Father". This position is a place of spiritual famine. It is a Father that nourishes and feeds spiritual food. Such a location brings spiritual death. Both the sons die and the daughter in laws and left with Naomi.

*Ruth 1:6*

*Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had visited His people by giving them bread.*

*NKJV*

Naomi had heard that there was bread in Bethlehem. Bread is a symbol of the word, which is APOSTLES DOCTRINE. One must return from the place of fatherlessness and find bread. It is God's word that sustains us. Ruth was about to enter a culture of the word. To do that she had to be committed to Naomi who would guide and direct her.

*Ruth 1:14*

*14 Then they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.*

*NKJV*

To get back to the place of bread there must be a clinging to the one that can guide and direct you.

### **Clung - dabaq**

OT:1692 dabaq (daw-bak'); a primitive root; properly, to impinge, i.e. cling or adhere; figuratively, to catch by pursuit:

KJV - abide fast, cleave (fast together), follow close (hard after), be joined (together), keep (fast), overtake, pursue hard, stick, take.

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This is what Elisha did when he pursued Elijah to the Jordan. This is what Joshua did when he stayed with Moses on the mountain. This is what Timothy did with Paul in the midst of much unrest and difficulties. This kind of clinging will bring you to the place where bread is.

*Ruth 1:15-17*

*15 And she said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law."*

*16 But Ruth said: "Entreat me not to leave you, Or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God.*

*17 Where you die, I will die, And there will I be buried. The LORD do so to me, and more also, If anything but death parts you and me."*

*NKJV*

Ruth was not willing to go after her gods, She wanted to adopt the culture of Naomi and Israel. As a Moabite she would be introduced to a new way of living. She was willing to lodge, socially transform and spiritually reform. Culture will bring a new formation to Ruth's life and more importantly a spiritual connection.

*Ruth 1:22*

*22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. Now they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.*

*NKJV*

They returned at the time of the Barley Harvest, which is the time of the Passover. Ruth was about to enter her Passover from Moabite Culture to Israelite culture. We must transition from worldly culture to kingdom culture. Christ is our Passover and He must lead us into His kingdom culture. His culture must impose itself onto our culture.

*Ruth 2:2*

*2 So Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, "Please let me go to the field, and glean heads of grain after him in whose sight I may find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."*

*NKJV*

Ruth was sent into the field by Naomi. Success in the field is determined by a sending. We must know how to be sent.

*Ruth 2:3*

*3 Then she left, and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers. And she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.*

*NKJV*

Ruth followed the law and gleaned after the reapers. This was common among the Israelites as it was a law.

*Lev 19:9-10*

*9 When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest.*

*10 And you shall not glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather every grape of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger: I am the LORD your God.*

*NKJV*

By law, the gleanings of the field were left for the poor. As a poor woman Ruth started out by practicing what the law ordered. The law is our tutor that will bring us to Christ.

*Gal 3:24*

*24 Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*

*NKJV*

The field belonged to Boaz who is a type of Christ as a Redeemer. The law eventually tutored Ruth to bring her to Christ.

*Ruth 2:14*

*14 Now Boaz said to her at mealtime, "Come here, and eat of the bread, and dip your piece of bread in the vinegar." So she sat beside the reapers, and he passed parched grain to her; and she ate and was satisfied, and kept some back.*

*NKJV*

Ruth was invited to the reapers table – FELLOWSHIP. This poor woman was invited to sit with those that reaped.

*Matt 13:39*

*39 The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels.*

*NKJV*

The reapers are the angels who are the messengers of God carry the word of God as the voice of God. They are the Shepherd's voice to the church. Ruth is a picture of the church and is fellowshiping with messengers that carry a word. Our fellowship must be maintained around God's word.

Ruth dipped her bread in vinegar and ate parched grain – BREAKING OF BREAD. She broke bread with the reapers. The culture was beginning to manifest in Ruth's life. As she came into Bethlehem the place of bread, which is doctrine, now she is fellowshiping at the table and breaking bread. Seated at the table is Boaz. Christ is our doctrine, our fellowship and our bread.

*Ruth 2:15-17*

*15 And when she rose up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her.*

*16 Also let grain from the bundles fall purposely for her; leave it that she may glean, and do not rebuke her."*

*17 So she gleaned in the field until evening, and beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley.*

*NKJV*

As we immerse ourselves within a culture, favour begins to manifest in our lives. Grain falls purposefully in our path. The word purposely means "spoils or plunder". Culture will cause the spoils to be on our path as we glean behind the reapers. As we pick up the grain behind the messengers of God, God will cause the plunder and the spoils to be on our path. We will start out in the law but finish in the spirit. Culture must bring upgrade to our lives.

*Ruth 2:18*

*18 Then she took it up and went into the city, and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. So she brought out and gave to her what she had kept back after she had been satisfied.*

*NKJV*

The spoils and the plunder of the field were shared with the one that gives insight and direction to Ruth's life. Naomi's main purpose is to connect Ruth to Christ.

*Gal 6:6-7*

*Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.*

*7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.*

*NKJV*

If we share our material things with those that equip us we will reap after the same kind. Ruth understood this principle even as a Moabite. Naomi taught her and she shared her good things with her. What Ruth sowed she reaped when Boaz shared his wealth with her

Ruth 3:1-5

Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, shall I not seek security for you, that it may be well with you?"

2 Now Boaz, whose young women you were with, is he not our relative? In fact, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor.

3 Therefore wash yourself and anoint yourself, put on your best garment and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.

4 Then it shall be, when he lies down, that you shall notice the place where he lies; and you shall go in, uncover his feet, and lie down; and he will tell you what you should do."

5 And she said to her, "All that you say to me I will do."

NKJV

Naomi wants to seek security for Ruth so that it will be well with her. To seek security is to bring someone into rest. Ruth had to follow the instructions of Naomi

- 1.) Wash Yourself
- 2.) Anoint Yourself
- 3.) Dress Yourself
- 4.) Go to the threshing floor
- 5.) Hide Yourself
- 6.) Prostrate Yourself.

This is a lifestyle of PRAYERS. We wash ourselves in the word, we anoint ourselves in His presence, we dress ourselves with righteousness and praise, we separate ourselves at the threshing floor, we hide ourselves in humility and we submit ourselves to His authority.

When Ruth lay down she covered herself with his mantle. This is called the "tallith" that had four tassels. Every Jew wore this as instruction from the God.

Num 15:37-41

Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

38 "Speak to the children of Israel: Tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a blue thread in the tassels of the corners.

39 And you shall have the tassel, that you may look upon it and remember all the commandments of the LORD and do them, and that you may not follow the harlotry to which your own heart and your own eyes are inclined,

40 and that you may remember and do all My commandments, and be holy for your God.

41 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD your God."

NKJV

They wore the tallith to:

- 1.) Look at it
- 2.) Remember the commandments
- 3.) Do the commandments
- 4.) Remind them that their eye and heart can turn to evil
- 5.) Be holy unto the Lord

When Ruth came under the cover of Boaz she came under his wings. The tallith had four wings. This was the covering that overshadowed Ruth. When we are in the culture we come under the wings of the Lord.

Ex 25:20

*20 And the cherubim shall stretch out their wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and they shall face one another; the faces of the cherubim shall be toward the mercy seat.*

NKJV

The wings of the cherubim's covered the mercy seat

Ps 17:8

*8 Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings*

NKJV

Ps 91:4

*4 He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.*

NKJV

Jesus wanted Jerusalem under His wings

Matt 23:37

*"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!*

NKJV

Culture must bring us under the wings of the Lord.

Ruth 2:12

*12 The LORD repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge."*

NKJV

Repayment and reward is under the wings of Boaz who is Christ. His wings are His covering and His authority. When we come under the authority of Christ we come under His Lordship. Protection, provision and promotion come from being under His wings. Boaz protected Ruth, she was provided for by Boaz and Boaz promoted her. Christ is our protector, preserver and promoter. All we must do is maintain the culture and come under His wings in total submission to His will and His word. Our inheritance is at His feet. Ownership is at His feet. He will exchange the sandals from His feet so that we can receive our inheritance because of our joining to Him.

Ruth 4:7-8

*7 Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging, to confirm anything: one man took off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was a confirmation in Israel.*

*8 Therefore the close relative said to Boaz, "Buy it for yourself." So he took off his sandal.*

NKJV

Boaz has the beautiful feet that bring good news

Rom 10:15

*15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"*

NKJV

Until we lie at His feet we will not come under His wing. Whatever covers Boaz (Christ) covers us. We as Ruth the church through culture will be under His wings and receive the good news which the gospel of the kingdom.

## **CULTURE GIVES US RESURRECTED LIFE**

There were many resurrections in the scriptures. All those who had risen died. It is Christ that rose and took on immortality. This is the manifestation of sons. When in the twinkling of an eye we can be like Him in His immortal state then we are resurrected. We do have resurrected life while on the earth. This is glory that is reserved for a third day church as Christ rose on the third day. Creation is waiting for this manifestation, where the mortal body can take on immortality. Lazarus experienced resurrection within a kingdom culture. Many times we become weak in our walk in God and are need of resurrection life to finish the race that God has appointed for us. We need to remain in a kingdom culture that expresses resurrection life.

Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Resurrection is not event based but it is the eternal person of Christ. He would function from a position of "I am" – God told Moses to tell the people "I am" sent him. This is the ever-present Christ from eternity that can cause one to rise.

### **Resurrection - anastasis**

NT:386 anastasis (an-as'-tas-is); from NT:450; a standing up again, i.e. (literally) a resurrection from death (individual, genitive case or by implication [its author]), or (figuratively) a (moral) recovery (of spiritual truth):

KJV - raised to life again, resurrection, rise from the dead, that should rise, rising again.

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God can cause a righteous man who falls seven times to rise again. He can bring resurrection life to his fallen state. Christ can cause you to stand again.

*Prov 24:16*

*16 For a righteous man may fall seven times And rise again, But the wicked shall fall by calamity.*

*NKJV*

You can recover spiritual truths again and discover pathways that one has walked away from. Lazarus who was dead four days experienced such resurrection within the kingdom culture.

*John 11:41-42*

*41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.*

*42 And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me."*

*NKJV*

Christ spoke from the eternal realm when he lifted up His eyes. He saw Lazarus in Him and called him from Him.

*2 Cor 5:8*

*8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.*

*NKJV*

Lazarus was absent from his body but his spirit was in the Lord. Christ called Him from Himself. His prayer of thanks was from what He already saw complete from the foundations of the world. His word is confirmed with signs and wonders.

Moses and Elijah appeared from Him

*Matt 17:2-3*

*2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. 3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. NKJV*

*John 11:43*

*43 Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud **voice**, "Lazarus, come forth!"*

*NKJV*

The voice is the one that releases the word – APOSTLES DOCTRINE. Lazarus who is dead responds to the voice of the one who carries the word. Jesus is the word. His voice brought light to what was dark and caused Lazarus to experience resurrection life. When the word is heard life is transmitted. The first principle of kingdom culture is the expression of God's word. There is a voice that would form us according to the image of Christ. It is a voice that shakes, tears and causes dead things to rise. As we hear the word from one who is a voice to us from God it must bring resurrection life that is Christ Himself. We must experience the person of resurrection through the authentic voice of God.

This is a voice that has a spirit yielded to the Father.

*Matt 27:50*

*50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.*

*NKJV*

The word comes from a voice whose spirit man is yielded to the will of the Father. This is a spirit that is out of time but in eternity discerning the kairos of God and pulling it into time. This is a word spoken in season. That seasonal word comes because of the one that ascends and descends on the ladder that extends to heaven like Jacob saw. These are messengers, stars in the hand of Lord whose voice God uses to bring doctrine that would transform thinking patterns and change lives from death to life.

This is when the word is spirit and life

*John 6:63*

*63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.*

*NKJV*

*John 11:44*

*44 And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."*

*NKJV*

Many rise at the hearing of God's word but need help removing the grave clothes. Our response to the word still demands a removal of things that stop us from seeing, hearing, walking, speaking, and doing. It is in FELLOWSHIP that grave clothes are removed. Jesus said to THEM. This is a company that would help remove the grave clothes so that we can walk in the fullness of Christ. This company can be the local household of faith that would bring adjustment as we fellowship with like-minded cultured people in the kingdom.

*Prov 27:17*

*17 As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.*

*NKJV*

*Prov 11:14*

*14 Where there is no counsel, the people fall; But in the multitude of counselors there is safety.*

*NKJV*

The removal of the clothes is a painful process. It requires water to be poured so that clothes can be peeled off. One must come under the word in the midst of such a company so that the clothes can be removed. Sometimes it will be offensive and hard. Discipline will be administered through the word. Aspects of one's character will be adjusted within the fellowship so that things that are blinding you will be revealed.

*1 John 1:7*

*7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.*

*NKJV*

It is within the culture of fellowship that we receive cleansing from sin. It is Christ's blood that cleanses, as the word becomes light when we are in fellowship with others.

It is this process that allows us to remove the grave clothes and become functional in the kingdom of God.

When the clothes were removed Jesus said "and let him go" – once the grave clothes are removed there must not be legal and traditional structures that will keep people bound. The Son has set one free and one must be free. Freedom is a choice to be voluntarily submissive not bound by legalism. No one should hold one down and control or manipulate another. We are free in Christ.

*John 8:35-36*

*35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever.*

*36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.*

*NKJV*

*Gal 5:1*

*Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.*

*NKJV*

The prodigal son was not held down by his father, he was set free. It was in freedom that he came as a son to be a servant.

*Luke 15:18-19*

*18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you,*

*19 and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants."*

*NKJV*

We must be willing within the context of true fellowship to allow our grave clothes to be pulled from our hands, our feet, our face so that we can be set free in all areas of our lives. Salvation is a growth process. We are being saved.

*1 Cor 1:18*

*For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

*NKJV*

We are working out our salvation

*Phil 2:12-13*

*Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;*

*13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.*

*NKJV*

This process is done through fellowship with one another. We need each other for growth to take place in our lives. This is the joining that brings strength to the body.

*John 12:1-2*

*Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead.*

*2 There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him.*

*NKJV*

Lazarus moved into the next phase of the culture when he sat at the table with Jesus who is the bread. This is the BREAKING OF BREAD. It was at the supper table that bread would be broken. In order for us to experience resurrection life we must sit at the table and break bread. Mephibosheth who was the grandson of Saul had to sit at David's table and eat his food.

*2 Sam 9:11*

*11 Then Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the king has commanded his servant, so will your servant do." "As for Mephibosheth," said the king, "he shall eat at my table like one of the king's sons."*

*NKJV*

*2 Sam 9:13*

*13 So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem, for he ate continually at the king's table. And he was lame in both his feet.*

*NKJV*

The table is a picture of fellowship and it covers your lameness. It covers the defects of your life. Staying within a company of cultured people will cover the defects of your past and help you to remove the grave clothes of the past.

However one must eat the bread that is broken on the table. Mephibosheth sat continually at David's table. David is a picture of Christ. We must continue steadfastly in practicing the table of the Lord, which is the breaking of bread. There is food at David's table that will deliver you from your past, sustain you in the present and unveil the future. It will give you an inheritance even though a previous order dropped you. Mephibosheth legs were lame because he was dropped while under the care of a nurse who was fleeing.

*2 Sam 4:4*

*4 Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son who was lame in his feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel; and his nurse took him up and fled. And it happened, as she made haste to flee, that he fell and became lame. His name was Mephibosheth.*

*NKJV*

A nurse will drop you while fleeing, a father will feed you even though you are lame. A father breaks bread and gives you a hope for the future. He will give an inheritance as you sit continually at the table and break bread.

*John 12:3*

*3 Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.*

*NKJV*

Lazarus sat at a table where fragrance was released. This is – PRAYERS. This is the altar of incense in the tabernacle of Moses that would release a fragrance in the inner court. Our prayers, which are psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, must become an aroma unto the Lord.

There must be shift from prayers of the outer court to prayers in the inner court to prayers out from the most holy place. This is prayer from a place of tabernacling with Him.

*Isa 56:7*

*7 Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer . Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices Will be accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."*

*NKJV*

We are God's house and we become the prayer. We become God's communication tool to the nations.

Prayer - Tephillah

OT:8605 tephillah (tef-il-law'); from OT:6419; intercession, supplication; by implication, a hymn:

KJV - prayer.

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We as God's house become His hymn. We become His song and praise on the earth.

*Ps 141:2-3*

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

*3 Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips. NKJV*

The altar of incense was before the most Holy Place. This incense was made of four ingredients:

*Ex 30:34-38*

*And the LORD said to Moses:"Take sweet spices, stacte and onycha and galbanum, and pure frankincense with these sweet spices; there shall be equal amounts of each.*

*35 You shall make of these an incense, a compound according to the art of the perfumer, salted, pure, and holy.*

*36 And you shall beat some of it very fine, and put some of it before the Testimony in the tabernacle of meeting where I will meet with you. It shall be most holy to you.*

*37 But as for the incense which you shall make, you shall not make any for yourselves, according to its composition. It shall be to you holy for the LORD.*

*38 Whoever makes any like it, to smell it, he shall be cut off from his people."*

*NKJV*

Stacte – "to drop"

Onycha – "shell or scale"

Galbanum – "gum resin" makes the fragrance last longer

Frakincense – "to be white"

Our prayers drop like tears and make us poured out like an empty shell. But it is a long lasting fragrance because it is offered with a pure (white) heart. This is when it becomes the incense unto the Lord that causes the house to be filled with an aroma. When we break ourselves before the Lord, it is incense unto Him. That which costs us is an aroma to Him.

This incense cannot be made for personal use it was only for the altar of incense. If it were used for personal gain one would be cut off. A prayer is intercession for others not for oneself.

It is in this culture that Lazarus experiences resurrection life.

## CULTURE PRESERVES THE NEXT GENERATION

Generations are preserved and get better because a culture is developed. God builds generationally. The bible lists several genealogies to emphasize God's building patters. The word son in the Hebrew is the word "ben" which is derived from the word "banah" meaning "to build" and these words are derived from the word "bayith" meaning "house"

*Ps 127:1*

*Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain.*

*NKJV*

God builds the house through sons. Every building process requires sons that can prove their genealogy. For God to build after Cain killed Abel, Adam had an "appointed son" called Seth then men began to call on the name of the Lord

*Gen 4:25-26*

*And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth, "For God has appointed another seed for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed."*

*26 And as for Seth, to him also a son was born; and he named him Enosh. Then men began to call on the name of the LORD.*

*NKJV*

It is in another seed that men will call on God again. It is another generation that God will kingdomize the earth.

To build the house of God you must prove your spiritual genealogy.

*Ezra 2:59-63*

*59 And these were the ones who came up from Tel Melah, Tel Harsha, Cherub, Addan, and Immer; but they could not identify their father's house or their genealogy, whether they were of Israel:*

*60 the sons of Delaiah, the sons of Tobiah, and the sons of Nekoda, six hundred and fifty-two;*

*61 and of the sons of the priests: the sons of Habaiah, the sons of Koz, and the sons of Barzillai, who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called by their name.*

*62 These sought their listing among those who were registered by genealogy, but they were not found; therefore they were excluded from the priesthood as defiled.*

*63 And the governor said to them that they should not eat of the most holy things till a priest could consult with the Urim and Thummim.*

*NKJV*

Those that could not prove their genealogy were excluded from the priesthood. We are all kings and priests in Christ but for God to build His corporate temple there are principles of connections and covenant that must be adhered to. You can be a priest but you will not be allowed to touch the "holy things" unless you prove your genealogy.

Many within the circle of church do not connect to a spiritual father that feeds and nourishes them. They connect to someone who meets their needs. Fathering is about producing Christ so that Christ will be produced from one generation to the next.

*Luke 2:4-7*

*4 Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,*

*5 to be **registered** with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.*

*6 So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered.*

*7 And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. NKJV*

Joseph had to register at his fathers house before Christ could be born. We are in Christ but we must produce Christ on the earth. Part of this significant process is registration in a household with a father.

Legacies and not physical buildings are built when we prove our genealogy.

Sons were handed inheritance

*Gen 25:5-6*

*5 And Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac.*

*6 But Abraham gave gifts to the sons of the concubines which Abraham had; and while he was still living he sent them eastward, away from Isaac his son, to the country of the east.*

NKJV

*1 Chron 29:26-28*

*26 Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.*

*27 And the time that he reigned over Israel was forty years; seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.*

*28 And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honour: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead*

KJV

There must be a generation that would build upon a previous level. This is to move from glory to glory.

To preserve this generational building process there must be a culture in which this generation functions so that their lives are preserved.

*Acts 20:7*

*Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight.*

NKJV

There was a gathering that took place where the Apostle Paul was speaking. The principle of APOSTLES DOCTRINE is within this gathering. To preserve the next generation they must be in the environment of doctrine. They need to listen to God's word from one that is Sent by God. The is one that would bring a message directly from the heart of God.

They all came together in FELLOWSHIP. To preserve the next generation they must be in fellowship with like-minded people. Associations will determine their functionality on the earth. They should spend time with Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.

*Dan 1:3-7*

*3 Then the king instructed Ashpenaz, the master of his eunuchs, to bring some of the children of Israel and some of the king's descendants and some of the nobles,*

*4 young men in whom there was no blemish, but good-looking, gifted in all wisdom, possessing knowledge and quick to understand, who had ability to serve in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the language and literature of the Chaldeans.*

*5 And the king appointed for them a daily provision of the king's delicacies and of the wine which he drank, and three years of training for them, so that at the end of that time they might serve before the king.*

*6 Now from among those of the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.*

*7 To them the chief of the eunuchs gave names: he gave Daniel the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abed-Nego.*

NKJV

This was a radical sold out generation within a confused environment of Babylon

*Dan 3:14-18*

*14 Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the gold image which I have set up?"*

*15 Now if you are ready at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, and you fall down and worship the image which I have made, good! But if you do not worship, you shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you from my hands?"*

*16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter.*

*17 If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king.*

*18 But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."*

*NKJV*

This was a generation of Hebrew boys that refused to bow down to any graven image. They remembered the teachings from the law that was taught to them while they were in culture of their homes.

Such associations will cause God to reveal dreams

*Dan 2:17-19*

*17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the decision known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions,*

*18 that they might seek mercies from the God of heaven concerning this secret, so that Daniel and his companions might not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.*

*19 Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. So Daniel blessed the God of heaven.*

*NKJV*

They sought the Lord together and God revealed the secret to Daniel. These are the people you want to fellowship with.

Their fellowship was based on seeking God and living out God's word within a culture that was filled with idolatry and pride.

The disciples came and fellowshiped with each other to BREAK BREAD. They came to celebrate the Lord's Table. They came to remember the Lord's death till He comes. The table dispenses grace. To preserve the next generation there must be a culture of celebrating the Lord's Table daily. The next generation needs mercy and the table will provide that for them. They need forgiveness and the table will provide that for them. They need love and the table is a demonstration of God's love for them. They need to be released from condemnation and the table will set them free into the life of Christ Jesus.

This is not a ritual but a table to remember. It is also to carry out the command of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Luke 22:19-20*

*19 And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; **do this in remembrance of Me.**"*

*20 Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.*

*NKJV*

Acts 20:9-12

9 And in a window sat a certain young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep. He was overcome by sleep; and as Paul continued speaking, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead.

Within this culture there is a generation that is falling asleep but they are present in the culture. Their position is the window and not the door. They are looking at things and not entering things. They are seeing the kingdom yet not entering it. They may be like Michal the daughter of Saul watching David making himself undignified before the Lord rather than joining. Many times the window is a place of escape and false entry so that know one knows you are there.

There is a generation that is overcome by sleep that is characterized by laziness.

Prov 13:4

4 The soul of a lazy man desires, and has nothing; But the soul of the diligent shall be made rich.

NKJV

No purpose in life

Prov 22:13

13 The lazy man says, "There is a lion outside! I shall be slain in the streets!"

NKJV

Excuses not to function

Matt 25:26-30

26 "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.

27 So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.

28 So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.

29 For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.

30 And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

NKJV

Talent of the lazy servant was wasted and he was cast into outer darkness.

Eutychus means "fortunate or well fated" is present in this culture. We have a generation right now that is fortunate to be living in a season where God has released keys for the culture to preserve their lives. This is a favoured generation that can enjoy the favour of God if they stay within the culture.

This young man falls asleep and falls from the Third Story. This is the position of a third day church. This is a position of resurrected life, new wine, tabernacled with God, most holy place, intimacy with God. If this generation continues to see and not enter they will fall down dead.

Acts 20:10-12

10 But Paul went down, fell on him, and embracing him said, "Do not trouble yourselves, for his life is in him."

11 Now when he had come up, had broken bread and eaten, and talked a long while, even till daybreak, he departed.

12 And they brought the young man in alive, and they were not a little comforted.

NKJV

Paul went down and embraced this young by falling on him – PRAYERS. This is intercession for others. There was a grace transmission that brought life to the young man

Paul went down to the young man. This is the flexibility of apostolic culture to descend so that one can ascend. This is what Christ did for us through the cross. Within the culture there must be the descending upon another so that they will ascend. Joseph descended before he ascended. Jacob descended before he ascended as Israel.

### **Fell**

NT:1909 epi (ep-ee'); a primary preposition; properly, meaning superimposition (of time, place, order, etc.), as a relation of distribution [with the genitive case], i.e. over, upon, etc.; of rest (with the det.) at, on, etc.; of direction (with the accusative case) towards, upon, etc.

### **Embraced**

NT:4843 sumperilambano (soom-per-ee-lam-ban'-o); from NT:4862 and a compound of NT:4012 and NT:2983; to take by enclosing altogether, i.e. earnestly throw the arms about one:

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Paul superimposed time, place and order into that which was dead by embracing or forming a union with that which was dead. This is to transmit oneself into another. Paul transmitted of himself from where he was in time, in place and in order into the next generation. Paul was functioning from the eternal realm and he superimposed that into another generation so that life would be preserved.

### *2 Kings 4:32-36*

*32 When Elisha came into the house, there was the child, lying dead on his bed.*

*33 He went in therefore, shut the door behind the two of them, and prayed to the LORD.*

*34 And he went up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands; and he stretched himself out on the child, and the flesh of the child became warm.*

*35 He returned and walked back and forth in the house, and again went up and stretched himself out on him; then the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.*

*36 And he called Gehazi and said, "Call this Shunammite woman." So he called her. And when she came in to him, he said, "Pick up your son."*

*NKJV*

Elisha measured himself upon the dead child, mouth-to-mouth, eyes to eyes and hands to hands. The next generation needs to hear, see and do in order to live. This will bring growth from a child to a son. The child was dead but the son lives. When they hear our speech and see our actions they will live out the same culture and this will preserve their lives.

This is culture that would preserve the next generation so God would move us from glory to glory. This glory is to build through sons that would preserve the culture trans-generationally.