

# STAYING IN PRESENT TRUTH ON KINGDOM ECONOMY

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## Matthew 4:4

*But he answered, it is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. (KJV)*

*But he made answer and said, it is in the Writings, Bread is not man's only need, but every word which comes out of the mouth of God. (BBE)*

The Kingdom of God operates from a complete different platform.

These thoughts bring redefining and redefinition to our spirits regarding many things, particularly how we define Kingdom; the City of God and how we occupy and possess the gates of the City because we have taken certain words and relate it to the world that we are living in.

*Therefore, I will not neglect to put you always in remembrance of these things, though you know them and are established in the present truth.*

**2 Peter 1:12**

Present truth is the proceeding Word. It is a continues flow of supply from the Word of God to us, so that our positions on the earth can be very firmly fixed on a present understanding of things.

**Psalms 127:** *Without the help of the LORD it is useless to build a home (family) or to guard a city.*

<sup>10</sup> *And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of Heaven from God, <sup>11</sup>having the glory of God. And its light was like a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.*

<sup>12</sup> *And it had a great and high wall, with twelve gates. And on the gates, were twelve angels, and having names inscribed, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel: <sup>13</sup>From the east three gates, from the north three gates, from the south three gates, and from the west three gates.*

<sup>14</sup> *And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.*

<sup>15</sup> *And he who talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city and its gates and its wall.*

<sup>16</sup> *And the city lies four-square, and the length is as large as the breadth. And he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand stadia. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.*

<sup>17</sup> *And he measured its wall, a hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel.*

<sup>18</sup> *And the foundation of its wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.*

<sup>19</sup> *And the foundations of the wall of the city had been adorned with every precious stone. The first foundation, jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; <sup>20</sup>the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprasus; the eleventh, hyacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.*

<sup>21</sup> *And the twelve gates were twelve pearls. Respectively, each one of the gates was one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, as transparent glass.*

<sup>22</sup> *And I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty is its temple, even the Lamb.*

<sup>23</sup> *And the city had no need of the sun, nor of the moon, that they might shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it, and its lamp is the Lamb.*

<sup>24</sup> *And the nations of those who are saved will walk in the light of it; and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honour into it.*

<sup>25</sup> *And its gates may not be shut at all by day, for there shall be no night there.*

<sup>26</sup> *And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.*

*27 And there shall in no way enter into it anything that defiles, or any making an abomination or a lie; but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.*

**Revelation 21:10-27**

### **In Every City There Are Two Cities:**

- The city of God and the city of man.
- In every city, there are two kingdoms; the kingdom of God and the kingdom of man.

We cannot take a spiritual principle and apply it to an earthly design. We need then to understand that our world is not defined by what's happening in our environment. It's defined by how God constitutes us.

**Then** we will not be watching and observing an environmental condition, we will be watching what the state of the city of God is more than the state of our present governmental situation.

### **THE CORPORATE SON**

*God, having of old time spoken unto the fathers in the prophets by divers portions and in divers manners.*

**Hebrews 1:1**

The key word here is "spoke". In these last days (AD-after Christ), God **speaks** through a corporate entity called son.

*Therefore, you are no longer a slave (bond servant) but a son; and if a son, then [it follows that you are] an heir by the aid of God, through Christ.*

**Galatians 4:7 (Amplified)**

In understanding the difference between children and sons, we must understand there is a shift from the singular to plural.

Presenting all our bodies AS ONE living sacrifice is corporate. Even our dominion is corporate - He has made US kings and priests. Our anointing, grace and glory is all related corporately.

The Bible states that God was in Christ and ultimately Jesus makes this statement: *foxes have holes and birds have nests, but the Son of man has nowhere to lay His head to rest.*

In building a son where God can rest, He is still building according to His pattern and order.

### **YOU ARE LIKE THE ONE YOU DESCENT FROM**

#### **Descendant means:**

- a) One descendant from another or from a common stock.
- b) One deriving directly from a predecessor or prototype. Our origin is from God. We have the nature of God.

**Notice this:** Sonship is the very foundation that Satan first attacked when he tempted Jesus, THE Son, in the wilderness.

*And the Evil One came and said to Him; if you are the Son of God, give the word for these stones to become bread.*

*If you are the Son of God, let yourself go down; for it is in the Writings, He will give his angels care over you.*

**Matthew 4:3, 6**

When Jesus could not be persuaded to give up in the security of his own sonship, Satan had no other alternative left but to bribe Jesus with the deceitfulness of riches.

*He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.*

**Revelation 21:7**

## **PICTURE**

I want you to picture the Church living in an **environment** and that environment cannot sustain the Church whatsoever. An environment that whatever the Church needs, that environment cannot provide for it. Let's call the environment **the wilderness**.

The wilderness is not supposed to shape the behaviour of the Church. The wilderness was supposed to inform the Church that there is nothing in the environment that you live in that can sustain you.

The picture I'm drawing here is to say that we have created an **eclectic culture**. We have built a Church of coping and pasting.

**Eclectic means** *made up of parts from various sources. Choosing what is best or preferred from a variety of sources or styles.*

This is where the **Corporate Son of God** manifests. This is where we get a Joseph and a Daniel in a worldly system and where the Kingdom of God comes. These individuals are representatives of a city within cities and a nation within nations.

**Joseph forgot who he was.** He sold his religion (faith) by naming his 1<sup>st</sup> born **Manasseh, which means to forget my father's house.**

His memory bank was only reopened when he saw his brothers again.

The point I'm making is that we can all sometimes forget our covenantal destiny. We get married to the wrong systems and become naturalized to a world system. We could in that environment live good godly righteous lives.

## **But!**

We compromise our lives because we don't understand from what **City** we *live* from. From which **Culture** we *operate* from and from which **Kingdom** we are *representatives* of.

Planet earth – everything that God created does not know prejudice (*the holding of pre-formed opinions based on insufficient knowledge, irrational feelings, or inaccurate stereotypes*) like people do.

## **DETOX**

I am asking as to detox ourselves from these systems of the world. There will be immunity in the city of God while danger is surrounding us.

The 1<sup>st</sup> point I want to make is to get that picture of the wilderness, and that wilderness cannot dictate or tell you how to live.