

LIVING FROM ZION  
STAYING IN PRESENT TRUTH ON KINGDOM ECONOMY

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<sup>18</sup> *You have not come to a mountain which may be touched...*

<sup>22</sup> *But you have come to the mountain of Zion, to the place of the living God, to the Jerusalem which is in heaven, and to an army of angels which may not be numbered, <sup>23</sup>to the great meeting and church of the first of those who are named in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of good men made complete, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus by whom the new agreement has been made between God and man, and to the sign of the blood which says better things than Abel's blood.*

<sup>25</sup> *See that you give ear to his voice which comes to you. For if those whose ears were shut to the voice which came to them on earth did not go free from punishment, what chance have we of going free if we give no attention to him whose voice comes from heaven?*

**Hebrews 12:18-25**

*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**

<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.*

**Revelation 21:10,11**

God in His wisdom wants to teach us how to live in an environment that cannot sustain us.

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

**In Exodus 15 is the story of how to be purified from the Egyptian, or Babylonian systems.**

We can never measure our life with favour. It also means we must be positioned correctly. Joseph was a covenant son, very intellectual man with much favour and power in Egypt. He taught this highly developed country how to prosper in a recession but was wrongly positioned in His covenant – he forgot his father's house. He sold his religion (faith) by naming his 1<sup>st</sup> born **Manasseh, which means to forget my father's house.**

**Exodus 15:**

<sup>22</sup> *And Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur - (place of boundaries, walls of limitation).*

**Think about it;** how often we cross our red sea, free from the systems of slavery only to find ourselves in a place of boundaries and limitations – restraint from free flow movement only to discover that we are not moving in the way we should.

God will bring you out supernaturally, but you still find yourselves in the wilderness. You will have to learn how to bring down the walls of limitations and boundaries in your life!

*22 And they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water*

*23 And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, because it was bitter. Therefore, the name of it was called Marah.*

*24 And the people murmured against Moses, saying, what shall we drink?*

*25 And he cried to Jehovah. And Jehovah showed him a tree. And when he had cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet. There He made a decree and a law for them, and there He tested them.*

*26 And he said, if you will carefully listen to the voice of Jehovah your God, and will do that which is right in His sight, and will give ear to His commandments, and keep all His Laws, I will put none of these diseases upon you, which I have brought upon the Egyptians; for I am Jehovah who heals you.*

*27 And they came to Elim, where there were twelve wells of water, and seventy palm trees. And they camped there by the waters.*

**Exodus 15:22-27**

### **This Is My Point:**

All of us coming out of Egypt was one way or another been shaped by Egypt. We are all been shaped by the world we live in.

How do we live knowing that none of the deceases of “Egypt” will be able to touch us? **It is through living in obedience with God’s voice.** Not selectively choosing, but ALL - the whole Passover!

When you are impure, everything you eat is impure. Everything you taste is not tasteful.

*To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled.*

*They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.*

**Titus 1:15-16**

What happened? Life has so infected you that when you do get the water and you don’t like what you are hearing, it leaves a bad taste in your mouth.

How do we move beyond the walls of limitation, the boundaries we find ourselves in? We have to be detoxed from these things.

There has to be a purification of the waters.

**Marah has many meanings:** *Bitter, angry, rebellion or rebellious—cannot submit. Stubborn headed, opinionated, always disputant. Every negative experience that contradicts godliness in your life.*

*<sup>18</sup> If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and, though they discipline him, will not listen to them,<sup>19</sup> then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city at the gate of the place where he lives,<sup>20</sup> and they shall say to the elders of his city, 'This our son is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.'*

*<sup>21</sup> Then all the men of the city shall stone him to death with stones. So, you shall purge the evil from your midst, and all Israel shall hear, and fear.*

**Deuteronomy 21:18-21**

God is a God of love; but if that infection stays, it will never allow you to walk in the economy of God. As long as that spirit is in your camp – even in your body, you will not see the breakthroughs that God has for you. You will remain in the environment of limitations and boundaries.

## **PURIFICATION**

Learning how to purify ourselves is of critical importance here. In the law, faithfulness and unfaithfulness was measured in a certain way. If you are unfaithful to God you are an adulterer because we should be married to His eternal covenant.

Many in the Church cannot drink the Word (water), it is too bitter. Too hard to trust God. Too difficult to obey or implement the Word. It's about 'I, me and myself' – me, me, and me.

## **2 Peter 1:3-12**

*<sup>3</sup>His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, <sup>4</sup>by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.*

*<sup>5</sup>For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, <sup>6</sup>and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, <sup>7</sup>and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.*

<sup>8</sup> *For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>9</sup> *For whoever lacks these qualities is so near-sighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.*

<sup>10</sup> *Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.*

<sup>11</sup> *For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.*

<sup>12</sup> *Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have.*

## **THE TREE**

*'How do I get rid of the wall of limitation?' You must learn how to throw the 'tree' into your water.*

The 1<sup>st</sup> introduction to the tree is in the Garden of Eden. The **tree of life** was in the midst of the garden. The tree of life is the tree of immortality and incorruptibility.

The other tree and on that tree, was the serpent. It was called **the tree of the knowledge of good and evil**.

In modern language it is dialectic, rational thinking. Intellectualism is one of the biggest problems in the church today. It imposes itself upon the mind of God.

Fast forward 4000 years later. **The Mount** is called **Calvary** and the location is called **Golgotha** – place of the scull.

That's why the Bible says in the fall of man, in his mind he became an enemy of God. On the tree Christ reconciled us with God where we listen to the voice of God.

We have to come to the place where we allow the Tree of the Cross to be thrown into our world.

The Cross is a place of representation and substitution. **It means** because He hanged, we hang. Because He died, so do we. We cannot hang onto the negatives of the past – our natural environment of emotions and circumstances.

## **ELIM**

The bitter water of Marah became the twelve wells of Elim.

The word “well” in the Hebrew does not simply mean a reservoir of water, it also means “eyes”. ‘At the 12 wells’ mean that’s the place where **God gives you sight**. To drink is to see, to be inducted into a new dimension of living. By drinking you see, and you can’t drink without hearing (**Rom. 10:14**).

*Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat. Yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.*

Isaiah 55:1

**The Priestly Blessing as set forth in Numbers 6:23-26:**

*And the Lord said to Moses, say to Aaron and his sons, this is the way you shall bless the Israelites.*

*Say to them, the Lord bless you and watch, guard, and keep you; The Lord make His face to shine upon and enlighten you and be gracious (kind, merciful, and giving favour) to you; The Lord lift up His [approving] countenance upon you and give you peace (tranquillity of heart and life continually).*

*And they shall put My name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them.*

**Message Translation:**

*GOD bless you and keep you, GOD smile on you and gift you, GOD look you full in the face and make you prosper.*