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PART I –YEAR 2000 AND BEYOND-MOVING INTO THE SUPERNATURAL with greater awareness of the King and His Kingdom

PART II- THE MOUNTAIN AND THE MOUNTAINS OF THE LORD the rulership and dominion that is being restored to the earth in this age and the realignment of the Seven Mountain Mandate

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# THE SHIFT

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# **DEDICATION**

**Loren Cunningham,** the founder of Youth With A Mission YWAM (an international Christian missionary movement) and to

**Bill Bright,** who founded Campus Crusade for Christ as a ministry to University students, who brought out this whole subject of the 7 Mountains of cultural influence which has led hundreds of Christian leaders from all walks of society to explore all the possibilities of penetrating the world in which we live with the Kingdom of God.

# **ENDORSEMENT**

braham and Sheila are carrying GOD's vision for the nations in their heart. They recognize that, as GOD's holy people, we must be prepared to steward GOD's divine purpose, as well as understand and cooperate with HIS agenda. JESUS, our MESSIAH KING, is the hope of the nations. No Christian would dispute that. However, JESUS has a Body, which is HIS Ekklesia (HIS government on earth), that is called to manifest HIS HOPE "on earth as it is in heaven". Our FATHER has asked us to participate in a very serious, and wonderful, role of discipling the nations; not just saving souls, but discipling entire nations to come under the beautiful authority and rule of KING JESUS. HE is waiting for HIS enemies to become HIS footstool, and we are the ones who are called to administrate HIS love, salvation, righteousness, justice, peace, kindness, purity, etc. in every area of society until JESUS feels at home in every nation of the world. I am so thankful that Abraham and Sheila have been willing to pioneer the shift that GOD is doing in the Body of CHRIST. Let us join them in one SPIRIT, and fulfill the mandate to disciple the nations together.

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# **PROLOGUE**

There has been more activity of the Holy Spirit in the Twentieth Century than in all of church history since the end of the First Century, led by the Apostles of the Lamb and the Bishops they ordained in every city.

A falling away took place that caused a different structure to arise which did not resemble what the apostles had built in that First Century. Rather than servant leadership from the bottom up, it became hierarchical and top down.

The priesthood of the believer disappeared and replaced with priests that controlled God's people. Instead of a church of the locality with a plurality of bishops or elders, it became one bishop in a city. The teaching of the Second Century became where the Bishop is there was the church.

This ultimately led to the Papacy and a Roman Religious system with church and state married. The church became a theater rather than branches of the Vine with Christ as head. A thousand years of dark ages prevailed and with it the rise of Islam, the counterfeit religion of Judaism and Christianity.

A shift took place around Fifteenth Century when William Tyndale translated many of the books of the Bible from the Greek and Hebrew texts into English, followed by the Bible being printed.

Soon a reformation began through a German Monk named Martin Luther who discovered in the scriptures justification by faith and the priesthood of every believer. Other reformers came along, such as John Calvin, John Knox, and John and Charles Wesley.

This was followed by a "Great Awakening in the Seventeen Hundreds and a Second awakening in the Eighteen Hundreds.

In 1906 The Azusa Street revival happened in Los Angeles and the modern-day Pentecostal movement was born with Glossolalia (speaking in tongues and healing). Over the next five decades many signs and wonders took place. In 1948 another outpouring of the Spirit began in Canada which became known as the "Latter Rain."

This was the beginning of the restoration of the "Five Fold Ministry" spoken of in Ephesians 4:11-12. The first office was the evangelist with men like, Billy Graham, Oral Roberts, TL Osborn, and Tommy Hicks. Many healing evangelists traveled the world proclaiming the work of the Holy Spirit.

# In the 1960's, three prominent events happened:

The Holy Spirit was poured out across historical church denominations which included the Catholic, Lutheran, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Baptist churches, etc. In this move of the Spirit, spiritual gifts were experienced such as speaking in other tongues, prophecy, healing, and deliverance.

The teacher gift was restored to the body of Christ as pastors who had a teaching gift were sent out to the whole body and not just their denomination. Teachers were no longer confined to Seminaries, but taught at conferences that equipped the larger body of Christ for the work of ministry.

There was a move of God in the lives of young people which became known as "the Jesus Movement." It was mostly driven by music and end time teaching, but included some signs and wonders as well.

In the 1970's, a shift came with a focus on discipleship, accountability, and pastoral care. The concept of "elders" was added to church structure in many places.

In the 1980's, came a prevalent move centered in signs and wonders and church growth through the Vineyard Movement with a strong connection to the Missions department of Fuller Theological Seminary led by men such as John Wimber, Peter Wagner, and many others. Many in the churches began to be equipped to pray for the sick and those needing deliverance and inner healing. A strong emphasis began to be placed on home meetings and small group gatherings. Also in the 1980's, came the

rise of Prophets. The prophetic movement became stronger throughout the body of Christ.

In the 1990's, a strong prayer movement began with a focus on the nations, especially the most unreached people groups. Much focus was placed on the Islamic nations of the world. The prayer walk movement began, city reaching emphasis, a men's movement, and a strong emphasis on apostles. There was also a strong emphasis on the hearts of the fathers being turned toward their children, including spiritual fathers in God's house.

The Toronto, the Pensacola and Smithton outpouring of the 1990's, led to many other movements that caused major shifts to take place in the Lord's church. Many of these movements came with challenges and problems that had to be addressed, similar to the early church and the challenges those leaders had to face.

In these early days of the Twenty First Century, God's Agenda is coming into clearer focus. More and more we are hearing about the unity of the body in order to be positioned in God to bring in the harvest of the nations. More emphasis is being placed on recovering all that the early apostles gave to us which become lost and distorted over the centuries. God is helping His people to recover true apostolic teaching and practices so that His church might be equipped for the task of the harvest of the nations

Thus, a Shift is happening throughout the world. The question becomes, are we willing to shift as the Holy Spirit reveals more of His will to His church? Are we shifting with the Spirit's wind or will we remain stuck in vain traditions of men?

The book the "Shift" will help us navigate the waters and to find our place in the next moving of the Holy Spirit and fulfillment of our destiny both individually and corporately in God's eternal purpose.

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# INTRODUCTION

by Abraham Sekhar

was seeking God's face very intensely during the year 2000. During this time, I was in UK in October and November for a 9-week course on Healing and Deliverance, an unplanned-for event in my life. Christians, all over the world, were expecting the coming of the Lord around this time, which marked the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> millennium of Biblical history. Sadly, as it has always happened with such predictions, it never took place. But, we are still waiting for His glorious return as a King. Hopefully this time we see the need to follow Him into all the necessary changes that are being made in preparation for His return. 2 Pet.3:12. "Looking for and hastening the coming of the Day of God." In line with these changes, the Holy Spirit impressed on my spirit the verse I Thess. 5:23, to move with Him in the ministry of bringing total healing, deliverance and freedom to all believers and especially to the ministers of God. This is part of His preparation of the Body of Christ to be pure, holy and blameless for His coming.

For almost two decades (1973-1995), Sheila and I, were involved in church ministry and the church growth brought in by the charismatic revival, overseeing the many pastors and leaders raised up in this movement.

From 1995-2000, many of these church leaders, (who were left untended and uncared for, because of this unforeseen growth,) sought our oversight for their ministry and thus the birthing of 'The Spirit filled Churches of India' took place, in order to provide a place for fellowship and mutual building up for these leaders.

At first, I thought this calling of God (in 2000), of doing the healing ministry, was a change of ministry/calling for me. But Sheila always thought

something was missing in the whole church and church growth ministry and so she concentrated on the ministry of counselling and inner healing. But God, who blended our lives together, also blended our ministries, for this joint move, (-not without a few growing pains!) proclaiming the word of healing from 2000 to the growing Indian churches-at-large.

Thus, we discovered the shift (described in Part I - moving into the Supernatural) that God was bringing into the church and into history, filling in what was missing.

We discovered that God has a grander purpose than just our personal happiness and freedom when we He heals and delivers us from Satan's Kingdom. He wants to make us co-heirs and participators in establishing His Kingdom. Col.1:12 –13.

"Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves."

It is only as individual Christian leaders understand the implication of this first shift for their own personal lives, that the Holy Spirit can move onto His agenda of manifesting the Kingdom of God to the world. Satan rules unhindered in churches where there is strife, competition and "politics" being played out. Deliverance from the demonic strongholds in the lives of those who occupy positions of leadership, is the way out of the "dominion of darkness" and transitions the leader to operate in the "kingdom of light," which is the second major shift that is happening today.

During these last two decades or so, the 7 Mountain mandate (entering into the seven mountains of cultural influence with the principles and government of the Kingdom) has been the topic among charismatic Christians. Denoting the seven mountains of cultural influence was simultaneously brought out by both Loren Cunningham, the Founder President of YWAM and Bill Bright, founder of Campus Crusade for Christ. For clarity of understanding, the culture around us simply reflects or externalizes what people are and what they value. It has gained much momentum now that Lance Wallnau has started to expand on the theme and present it with much zeal and enthusiasm. Today's great preachers of the West and some from the eastern part of the world have taken hold of

this mandate as the present day move of the Lord. Several books have been written on this 7M Mandate. Some have come forward to criticize and even call it a heresy, chiefly from the evangelical background, especially from those who are not aware of the first shift that the Holy Spirit is effecting in the hearts of believers, bringing in healing and deliverance. They also believe that believers need to be resigned to their sufferings, in order to hold on to their testimony in this world, and the promise of reigning in life (Rom.5:17; Jude 25) will only happen after the second coming of the Lord.

Dr. Bruce Cook and his colleagues (of the KCIA-The Kingdom Congressional International Alliance) have written many volumes of books on recognizing and releasing the Apostolic ministry into the marketplace, which make up a part of these seven mountains of cultural influence. Dr. Bruce's book, "The 8th mountain," has much to say about the first shift that we are entering into, building into the Body of Christ the qualities essential to building up true unity.

I was called by God 10 years ago (in the year 2006) to prepare a platform in my country India, to usher the Kingdom rule of God on this earth, prior to His glorious return. I had to get completely transformed in my thinking to accept this calling, after 40 years in the ministry. During those 40 years, I was also one among those ministers, with a strong conviction that politics and church cannot go together and cannot even function near each other. Through convincing facts from the Word and with confirmations to follow, finally, I yielded to this Call. The timing of the Lord is not ripe yet, therefore we are under a process of preparation. The chief aim of this book is to help us prepare to see this vision get fulfilled very soon. That is the promise and call of God.

While looking into this 7M mandate, I always felt from the year 2006 that the 'government mountain' cannot be placed as one among the seven mountains. Also, I felt that the 'harvest of souls' is completely forgotten. That mountain is the initial one to be penetrated and occupied and to a certain extent conquered. Revelations and visions received from God are always difficult to understand at first, until we find ourselves progressively experiencing their fulfillment, thus revealing to us more and more of the will and purpose of God. Some are just revealed in part in the beginning and more comes later. What I write in this book too is not the final alignment to the plan of God, but it can get shaped to fit into His

final will and purpose. This book can thus become a thought starter as we collectively seek the mind of God.

The Shift Part II- 'The Mountain of the Lord and the mountains' will give us a mental picture to understand the move of God in this decade and the periods to follow, revealing the Kingdom of God on this earth, to the extent that it is prophesied to be fulfilled prior to His glorious return.

Thus, we see the progressive revelation of God bringing in total healing to the Body of Christ as a mutual ministry that all members need to exercise, not just some chosen few, is a major Shift in our theological understanding(Part I). This is brought about by the supernatural working of THE HOLY Spirit in our lives and in the World.

The assignment of preparing the platform for the rule of God's Kingdom in many nations of the world (sheep nations, or nations where sheep leaders have played a major role in their nations, to uphold and bring in the rule of God's Kingdom principles) prior to His coming, is part of THE SHIFT (Part II).

# These are the two subjects of this book

We are now devoted to travelling to many nations, proclaiming the word of healing, deliverance and restoration in order to lead and guide everyone into this shift. God is sovereign and he does it globally, through many lives. We are just a part of it.

This book on this shift is written in a very simple way so that the concentration and essence of its aim and goal are not lost. We pray that this word will spread globally and His ministry accelerated.

Greater details on some statements made on each work of God will be taken up separately in another volume, God willing.

Let His will be done, as we remain open to receiving more understanding and revelation in this rapidly changing day and age. Amen.

### -Abraham Sekhar

(I ask my readers from the West to bear with some of my expressions, which will be more understandable to the Oriental mindset.)

# PART I THE SHIFT

# SEEKING THE KINGDOM FIRST

The "Kingdom of God" primarily refers to the rule of God and His Christ (the anointed One). Second, it refers to where that rule is acknowledged and received. It is a rule that comes from above Jn.18:36, from the Father, who gave Jesus the authority to overcome His enemies and bring in the rule of God. Ps.2; Matt.28:18.

Jesus is a living demonstration of what the Kingdom is like. He spoke of very little else. His parables and teaching show clearly the characteristics of His reign. He demonstrated and expressed the kingdom through all His preaching, teaching, healing, forgiving and gathering his lost sheep.

His whole world view was the Kingdom and He clarifies the role He had come to fulfill through the Old Testament scriptures that speak of Him.

# 1. Shadows of the Kingdom from the Old Testament

The angel announced His birth to Mary and declared that He would occupy the throne of David Lk.1:32. Jesus' most used title when referring to Himself was - "the Son of man" - obtained from Daniel 7:13. Verse 14 describes the everlasting and indestructible nature of His Kingdom. Is.7:14, 9:1-7 and 11:1-10 speak about His virgin birth and His rule from David's throne as His descendant. But as King, He also fulfilled the role of the servant. See- Is.42:1-4, 49:1-6, 50:4-9 and 52:13 to 53:12. This title

was no disparagement to Him even after the resurrection, as Peter uses it when referring to Him in Acts 3:13. Finally many of the Psalms speak of a King Ps.93, 95 and many more.

**2. Bursting into this scenario** - in the Gospels we see the sudden appearance of the terms "Kingdom of God" and "Kingdom of Heaven" used first by John the Baptist and then by Jesus in His sermons. Finally Jesus acknowledged before Pilate that - yes, He was the King of the Jews - the King that the wise men came looking for at His birth, in Matt 2:2.

But after His death - He is called **"King of Kings"** and **"Lord of Lords"** 1Tim 6:13 and 15 and Rev.1:5, clearly showing that Jesus has won back forever, the whole dominion over the earth that Satan had usurped from Adam.

It amazes us, when we look back retrospectively to see how Israel as a nation totally missed and misunderstood the nature of the Kingdom and the presence of their King in their midst. However, this was not the only time they failed to acknowledge their King. We read in 1 Sam.8:6-9, that they rejected the kind of Kingship that existed in God, who is the only true King and hankered after the power-mongering Kingship of the nations that they saw around them.

And, lest we as the church think that we have finally found out what the Kingdom is all about - the history of the church for the last 2000 years shows how much the Kingdom has been misrepresented. At best we can say that we are "in process". The more the church has fought against the temptation to institutionalize and aggrandize itself - the closer it has been to the Kingdom dynamic.

We serve a great and glorious King; whose ultimate purpose is to share His glory –Jn. 17:22 and His Kingship and dominion with those whom He calls and makes "kings and priests to His God and Father" Rev.1:6.

To "do" church, that is to heal, preach, teach and gather, without seeing all these actions from their Kingdom perspective of flowing out of subservience and obedience to King Jesus and bringing praise and honor to Him, is to miss out on the glory, the grandeur and Majesty of this great King and His Kingdom. For lack of seeing this great and advancing Kingdom, many church leaders after reaching a certain measure of growth,

have stagnated into what would amount to personal kingdom building, in order to protect what they think is under their control.

So, what do we seek when we use the most familiar verse 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you'

Only a few personal benefits or, His true Kingdom?

His rulership in a city or a state or a nation or over the whole earth?

The more we know Jesus, the more we realize that He is worth everything this world can afford and we are capable of giving back to Him. Rev.4:11.

If He rules, no one will lack anything. Everything shall be added and multiplied as He, the Prince of Peace establishes His government. And that is what we would like to seek after in these troubled times. We pray that you would join us as we do this.

# FROM THEN TILL NOW

In the Old Testament, since the time Moses built the tabernacle and made the ark of covenant, the presence of God dwelt in the tent of meeting & wherever the ark of covenant was carried, the presence of God moved too.

Ex.25:8 "Let them make me a sanctuary that I may dwell in their midst."

Wherever the ark of covenant was made to rest, the blessings came upon the people and the place of its dwelling. David, the man after God's own heart, understood this secret and gave all importance to the ark of covenant. He wanted to build the temple, but his son finally built it and the Glory of the Lord filled the temple.

We don't see much of its move thereafter.

In the New Testament, the birth of Jesus was thus described in John 1:14, "the Word became flesh & dwelt among us". Dwelt literally means "tabernacled". The analogy is that of the tabernacle in the wilderness, when God pitched His tent among those of the Hebrews and manifested His glory there, so Jesus identified Himself with humanity by becoming flesh, in order to dwell among us "..... and we beheld His glory."

Jesus said "As thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee." Jn.17:21. If anyone had seen Him he had seen the Father. No one can come to the Father except through the Way that He Himself has become. Jn.14:6. Jesus finally had to go to the cross to shed His Blood, to give His life, to receive wounds &

stripes for the forgiveness of our sins and for the healing of our sicknesses. He rose again from the dead, to be seated at the right Hand of the Father, and as promised, the Holy Spirit came on the Day of Pentecost upon the 120 gathered in the upper room. The early apostles and the scattered disciples went with this presence of God and with the manifestation of power to various parts of the world. They established groups of believers in Jesus, (dwelling places of God) and when the saints of God gathered together, everyone experienced the presence of God.

In the history of mankind, one more fact has to be recognized - that is, **God deposited His nature upon man,when He created him in His own image and said 'have dominion - or in other words, rulership'.** David clearly mentioned in his writings that "God reigns over all" 1 Chron. 29:11, 12; "God rules the nations" Ps.22:28 and "His Kingdom rules over all" Ps.103:19.

Because of sin, man lost this privilege &Satan had door way access & thus has dominion over man's life. Dominion means to govern, to prevail or to dominate over a domain, an area.

Man, made powerless through sin, still desires to rule and have dominion, but without the living God, he is subject to the dominion of satanic forces in his life. Satan thus has become the prince of this world, having rulership over people who do not acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus in their lives.

Jesus had two major reasons to come to this earth. First, by dying on the cross and by shedding His Own Blood and by becoming the sacrifice in the place of man, He redeems mankind from the penalty payable by man & thus sets mankind free from the clutches and bondages of Satan. This is the first shift, the major transformation, that we all of necessity go through.

And second, to restore the lost rulership of man to him. This is the amazing plan of God, Eph.3:10.Through the church, God will make public his victory over Satan and all his powers of darkness.

In addition to what John the Baptist had to speak about Jesus, saying "behold the Lamb of God...who takes away the sins of the world", the preaching of John also included the message that the "Kingdom of God is at hand". Mt.3:2.That means here and now. Repentance is called for, not

just to repent from evil ways and to become righteous, but also to realize & recognize the fact that the 'Kingdom of God is near.'

# Why?

The lost rulership of God over mankind & through him the dominion of God (Kingdom of God) over the whole world had to be restored. And it's possible only by Jesus going to the cross, and by "nailing to the cross the record of debt that stood against us" Col 2:14.

The evil spirit has influenced most men and women leading them to control others. This results in producing evil fruit. Only Holy spirit can influence us to exercise godly authority over others. This will yield spiritual fruit. So, Jesus in several of his preaching & teachings spoke about the kingdom of God, His present Kingdom and the coming Kingdom.

Jesus taught us to pray.

*'Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, THY KINGDOM COME----- For thine is the kingdom, glory & power for ever & ever. Amen.* 

He instructed us all to expect His kingdom—upon this earth.

God always desired that man acknowledge the rulership of God in his life and that in turn, he should have dominion/ rulership over the rest of the world. Man lost this privilege by disobeying God, failing in his stewardship of the earth and obeying the cunning devil. God desired that we get this privilege and status back and hence this prayer...'let THY kingdom come'.

Many scholars have interpreted the coming Kingdom of God as one which will take place at His second coming and in the 1000 years' reign. Why should the Lord's prayer include words like, Give us this day our daily bread, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one, forgive our trespasses as we forgive others' trespasses', all of which speak of our present daily needs & requirements?

Why should the coming of the Kingdom alone be projected into the 1000 year reign?

No. His Kingdom is for the present. It's for now.

When Jesus said (Jn.18:36) that His Kingdom is not of this world, we mistakenly think that His Kingdom is not for the present and that is why we were instructed not to expect His rule here on Earth.

That's not the correct meaning. Read also Jn. 8:42-47. His Kingdom is not from here, the earth. Because Satan was cast down to be here, he rules every person that submits to him. Then through them he also occupies those areas and matters belonging to these individuals. When Jesus said my Kingdom is from above, he meant that it has to come from heaven, or from the Father.

The most important thing that God will do among His children and empower them to do is to redeem the lost kingdom (rule and authority) from Satan and his agents and give it to His blood bought sons and daughters. Col.1:12-13.

In fact, it has already started happening. Many men and women of God, grasping this truth have got involved with the political world, contesting elections and wherever they have got the victory they are bringing in the rule of Christ's kingdom and freedom to proclaim the good news of the gospel.

Holding on to the truth declared by Jesus that when He returns there shall be two in the field or grinding mill, one shall be taken up and the other left behind; out of ten virgins five will get in and five will be out, gives the projection that a 50% population of this world will surely believe Him and follow Him.

I also firmly believe that more than 125nations (50% of the total) in this world shall be under His rule.

The nations that are experiencing this significant move of the Spirit at this time of writing (2016), are the Netherlands (Holland), Australia, few other countries in Europe,

Ghana, Burundi and few other African countries.

China and India are still in the process of recognizing this move of the Lord.

UK and USA have fallen from such a status to become what are called "post-Christian" nations.

I foresee USA will come up again and regain its status. UK too may follow. It is very easy to lose the ground that was fought for and won, both spiritually and physically. Gaining it back is harder and takes longer.

But true repentance and prayer can bring restoration sooner, with a direct intervention from heaven's forces.

The body of Christ in India has to vow and commit to support Israel in the last days. When USA is restored she too would join and they (both India and USA) will be part of the army of God, joining Jesus when He appears as King in all His glory. Jude 14 and 15. "Behold the Lord comes with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them .... of all the harsh things which they have spoken against Him." This is not mere wishful thinking; many men of God have prophesied into the future of these 2 nations.

Thanks to Pieter and Helene Bos (www.servingthenations.org) we were privileged to sit at one of the meetings of the Dutch Parliament in The Hague (Holland). Issues like abortion and the interference of the State into the family and church were being hotly debated and voted for or against. Men like Abraham Kuyper have played a role in bringing the Christian voice into the nation's forefront. Not in vain are these words written down for us by the Apostle John:

"For this purpose, the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil." Jn.3:8.

We will end this chapter with a quote of Abraham Kuyper: There is not one square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ who is sovereign over all does not cry, "Mine".

### **CHURCH HISTORY**

Jesus paid that great price to restore His kingdom through men &women in this life. But we have been blinded for many years.

The gathering of saved souls, who became the followers of Christ were called Christians and the letters written by Paul & others to all these different gatherings are addressed to the church in Rome, Ephesus etc. etc.,

In the book of Revelation, separate messages from Jesus Himself were received by John the Apostle and written and delivered to the seven churches in Asia Minor.

These **early churches** lived a life full of the power of the Holy Spirit. Although severely persecuted and having to fight off the heresies which kept invading - the growth & establishment of new churches and the spread of the gospel through tireless missionary effort, went on for the **first 300 years**.

Thereafter in **312 AD**, Constantine adopted the Christian faith and made it the religion of the Empire. As a result persecution of Christians stopped and corruption and traditions over took the church. The Church in Rome gained all power & control over worldwide churches.

From **300 to 1500 (1200 years)** - the period was called the Dark Ages. Why? The ruling elders of the church had all control and people had no access to the Bible - the Word of God. The church completely lost touch with God, except for a few saints of God who had revelations directly from God and were persecuted by the church as they fearlessly preached the gospel.

In **1564** - we have **Martin Luther** receiving the great truth that brought about the reformation, as well as his own personal freedom from condemnation through trusting in Jesus' finished work on the cross:

# 'The Just shall live by faith'.

Hab.2:4; Rom.1:17;Gal.3:11 and Heb.10:38.

In his writings, he condemned & spoke fearlessly about the ungodly practices within the church, unleashing a persecution, where many paid the price and died as martyrs.

We need to be able to see from subsequent history, that God was restoring a key foundation stone of doctrine on which other truths of doctrine could stand. The need to "live by faith", in an attitude of continuous trust and dependence on God is what imperceptibly brings us into a life filled with the good works that God has already prepared for us to walk into. Eph.2:10.

Justification is solely an act of God, which is His prerogative to give the guilty sinner who comes to Him. He is not just pardoned of all his

wrongdoings, which even an earthly court or judge can do, but justified – made just as if he had never sinned! In other words, he stands before God as a righteous man. This is the achievement of Jesus on the sinner's behalf. Why would we ever even need to trust in our own efforts, when we can freely become the possessors of this great gift of righteousness. It would do far more good to us spiritually, if we spent our whole life learning to trust in this generous and good God, rather than trying to amass a list of good deeds by our own efforts. But such is the distrustful, skeptical and prideful nature of man, which needs to die, before he can begin to appreciate the awesome salvation that Jesus has paid for with His own life and blood.

So, we had the first restoration of the truth, 'Justification by Faith', giving rise to the Lutheran churches established by late 1500; and are presently celebrating their  $500^{th}$  anniversary.

Then, we had the **Wesley Brothers** - with revelations of the truth of repentance and confession of sins to God for forgiveness of sins & assurance of salvation.

So, **the redemption plan of God** was slowly restored out of centuries of accumulated dust of manmade traditions and the access into these truths of the Kingdom made freely available to all.

Their future descendants formed the **Methodist churches**.

During the **1800s**, the revelation of the truth of baptism in water, spread across the world and we had the Baptist revival all over the then known world.

It's important to see the plan of God getting revealed through His chosen people one step after the other.

In Is.28:10 we read 'precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little, there a little'.

This is how the plan of God, through revelation and restoration of truth - all happened through the ages here a little, there a little and no man gets the credit for this work, except the One who said, "I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matt.16:18.

# Line upon line and precept upon precept.

Not everything at one time - as man cannot take in all of God's revelation together. He is not capable to hold & contain. He will be overwhelmed.

We should also note that the leaders used by God to restore these great biblical truths, simultaneously brought about great cultural changes in the society in which they lived, as families, towns and nations got transformed by the truth of the gospel.

God had spoken many things down through history, through the prophets, but the fulfillment comes step by step. Some prophecies have taken years to get fulfilled. Some were partly fulfilled in the period it was spoken & the rest in another period. Someone rightly compared the fulfillment of prophecy to a snowball rolling down the hill, growing in size as well as in momentum as it moves down. The intensity and speed of fulfillment of prophecy will increase until it climaxes in the second coming of the Lord.

# THE GOSPEL –I (30 TO 2000 AD AND BEYOND)

Go ye into all Nations & preach the Gospel (Good news)' Mk.16:15 was the Great Commission that the Lord Jesus Himself gave His Disciples. They had the wonderful privilege of seeing the Kingdom of God demonstrated by everything Jesus taught and did. Finally they were eyewitnesses of His death and resurrection.

By going to the cross and becoming the sacrifice for mankind and being resurrected conquering sin and death, Jesus fulfilled the reason for His coming to the world.

Thereafter we see the disciples filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit, as they shared what they had heard from Jesus and preached the life of Jesus and the reason for His coming to the world including His death and resurrection. That was the good news then.

Fine enough, the Disciples, the early Apostles were scattered or went & obeyed the commandment & preached the Good News.

Down through the centuries, we have seen Christians, in answer to the call of God, with the measure of their understanding of the truth, they obeyed and went and fulfilled the mission. Thus, Christianity has spread all over the world having the highest percentage in the population, in comparison to the percentage of other religions.

**The Gospel John the Baptist preached** was to announce the coming of the Messiah, the coming of the Kingdom of God, and the anointing available for those who believe & receive the Messiah.

The Gospel Jesus preached was about the Kingdom of God in which born again believers are to take baptism after putting their trust in Jesus and to then ask for and receive the unction & anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Luke 4:18 quoting Is.61:1 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour," Jesus thus declared His commission.

The disciples in turn, Jesus commissioned to go & preach, cast out demons, heal the sick....and teach about the Kingdom, which meant that His grace was available to all, to work alongside Him and do what He was doing. Lk.9:2 and 11.

The early Apostles started their mission saying "Silver & Gold had they none", but such as they had - they gave to the lame man. That lame man received healing & jumped & went about proclaiming what he had received.

**The Gospel these Apostles preached** was the finished work of Jesus on the cross, repentance needed to receive Jesus as the Messiah, healing & deliverance available for all those who believed. They prayed for the anointing in the Holy Spirit &people received, spoke in unknown tongues & operated the gift of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

The Gospel was very effective for all these early years after the life of Jesus. When the religious leaders started to control the church/ the people and when they introduced various practices/ traditions to follow, the core essence of the gospel to a large extent disappeared and the Catholic Church started and spread the Christian religion (good works could earn salvation, not follow salvation). The simple good news proclaimed by Jesus was no more for the wellbeing of the common people or placed within their reach. The gospel of accepting Jesus to enter into a new life, of appropriating what Jesus had done on the cross, thus receiving forgiveness for sins (Ps.103:3),receiving healing for all diseases and then leading a blessed, prosperous fruitful life, got buried

under a great accumulation of tradition and liturgy surrounding the use of the Sacraments. Good works were defined to suit the convenience of the priesthood. Converting to become Christians became a necessity in order for people to retain their rights as citizens. Salvation was taught to be received by confession of sins (to men) & obtaining forgiveness (from men) and this became the common practice. However, Christianity as a religion of good works spread all over the world.

Counseling and psychology, human sciences, rationalism and secularism, and many other theories were employed to show man how to be free of his problems.

Science & technology too had progressive discoveries. Human knowledge - intellectualism increased, without the moral guidelines of God's laws. The soul of the person became stronger & stronger and all spiritual communion with God became less & less during this period from the  $14^{\rm th}$  to the  $17^{\rm th}$  century in the West, called the Renaissance.

So, we see the essence of these truths in John's Gospel Chapter 1:12 "as many as received Him to them God gave authority to be called as children of God."

Chapter 3:16,"God gave His only begotten son, that WHOEVER BELIEVES in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

So the first revelation of 'believing' or having faith in God is called the Lutheran revival in 1500s.

John 3:3, says "except a man is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

## It's the second revelation

**-this is called the Methodist revival.** The redemption plan.

John 3:5, says 'EXCEPT a man is born of water and of spirit he cannot enter into the 'kingdom of God'.

Born of water - one set of scholars interpret this as born of the word of God. Another set interpret saying it speaks of water Baptism. And we had the 'Baptist revival' in the 1800s.

The second part of Jn. 3:5, says, 'Born of the Spirit.'

Again, we have one interpretation saying - born by the work of the Spirit of God, but the other interpretation is – by receiving Holy Spirit Baptism. So, we had the Pentecostal revival in 1900s.

To revise: 1500's - Lutheran Revival - Faith

1600/1700 - Methodist Revival -repentance,

The experience of being Born again.

1800s - Baptist Revival-Water Baptism.

Early 1900 – witnessed another great move of God. Something remarkable happened in many parts of the world.

The most notable being the outpouring of Holy Spirit upon the gathering in Azusa Street USA and among some great men of God, who received the experience of speaking in unknown tongues with manifestation of the gifts of Spirit in their lives as in the outpouring of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost in Acts. These men came together & shared their experiences and agreed to call their churches/gatherings as the Assemblies of God.

In the east, in Sri Lanka (old Ceylon), people received Baptism of Holy Spirit, through missionaries coming there from the west –from Canada and America and we had the birth of the Ceylon Pentecostal churches (CPM). This group of churches spread all over India too in early 1900 & then spread over to many other nations by mid1900.

**Pandita Ramabai** - a Brahmin woman who was actively involved in the reformation of traditional Indian culture which abused & victimized women in India, came in contact with missionaries from UK & received Baptism in the Holy Spirit in early 1900.

**So the world witnessed the Pentecostal revival.** Jn. 3:5b, born of Holy Spirit - called Holy Spirit Baptism - all in the early 1900s.

All these revivals, the Lutheran, Methodist, Baptist& Pentecostal revivals - walked in the revelation of that particular truth for a generation only and then the great majority remained stagnant, self-satisfied and at ease. Amos 6:1.

And from the next generation the followers became traditional Christians, practicing the Christianity of church life only and limiting

themselves to that particular revealed truth. They did not progress further, that's why even today (except those within that fold who are set free and open to receiving the truths of the following revivals) Lutherans preach on faith &nothing beyond.

Methodists preach on faith & repentance & nothing beyond. Baptists preach on faith, repentance & water Baptism & nothing beyond.

And Pentecostals preach on faith, repentance, water baptism &Holy Spirit Baptism & nothing beyond.

Since they are stagnant & stuck to these revelations, they were not open to enter into the next revelatory experience. The interpretation of scriptures by the theologians of these revivals is aimed at justifying their revelation as 'the TRUTH' and all other experiences were discarded as though not required, even to the extent of saying they are not of God.

However, just like we had many saints of God during the dark ages, who had direct revelation from God and whose writings till today are of much depth, in many subjects and areas of life, we had many saints in all these revivals too continuing on further with new revelations.

We have not mentioned all the other groups in church history, like the brethren, the Salvation Army and many others. This is just a brief overview of certain significant movements in history. We have also not mentioned the "Counter-reformation" within the Roman Catholic church which produced the writings of Madame Guyon, François Fenelon and St. Francis De Sales which have brought in much truth and edification to many in the Protestant world. The restoration plan of God did not stop here. In our life time (during 1950-2000) we witnessed another great revival called 'the charismatic revival'. It is the restoration of the prophecy in Joel 2, which had a partial fulfillment in the Middle East with the early apostles as mentioned in Acts 2:1-21. God poured out His Spirit so lavishly upon millions in the eastern countries and thousands in the western countries, who spoke in unknown tongues, prophesied, saw visions and dreams. When the early revivals limited the grace of God by making their own standards and procedures within the churches and kept the unbelievers without any way to access these experiences, Holy Spirit came upon unbelievers too with such experiences breaking these barriers.

I would like to mention the events that led to my participation in this great move of the Spirit, how the Lord prepared me, led me into experiencing His grace and truth and then with step by step guidance and revelation, enabled me to pioneer in the Charismatic church growth movement with a number of churches springing up in many states of India. This is now over flowing into the neighboring countries like Srilanka, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Bhutan. I am waiting on God to move to Burma, Malaysia, and also waiting to play my role in China, alongside my wonderful Chinese brothers. The catholic church opened their doors to receiving what they called "the wind of the Spirit" around 1970 and to a large extent, in the early days of this movement, a wonderful unity and fellowship was brought into existence among believers in both folds.

I was brought up in the Anglican church (known as the church of South India), my father did not want to acknowledge God openly since he as a semi orphan had to struggle on his own in the midst of many sufferings and rejections, to come up in the world. He had some anger against God too for allowing him to suffer like that. Mother was a strong believer, virtuous woman, prayer warrior but had not experienced all the later revivals I have talked about here.

With half-truth known about water baptism after the born-again experience she kept us children away from being baptized in the church when we were infants. But I was baptized with sprinkling when I was twelve. But I strayed away from Godly living into the world for a short period of time when I was 14 ½ yrs. old. I did not know that we need to be born again, repent of our sinful ways or turn away from the world and accept Jesus as our personal saviour and commit oneself to have Him as Lord and Master for the rest of life.

God loved me so much He graciously brought me into His saving grace when I was just 16 yrs. old.

That was peculiar yet a remarkable event in my life by showing the world around me as filled with darkness right inside the exam hall while I was writing the first mathematics paper. Right there I committed my life and decided to follow Him and be available to have the calling He had for me.

In addition, we had restoration of truths like the ministry through

the gifts given to every member of Christ's body (Eph. 4 and 1 Cor. 12), worship and intercession (made world famous through IHOP), new songs based on the Psalms and from other words of Scripture, healing ministry (Oral Roberts, DGS Dinakaran, Kathryn Kuhlmann to name a few) and through many others.

During early 2000, once again we see the charismatic revival take on stereo typed patterns in their worship, ministry of healing or ministry through prophecies/visions/dreams/gifts of the Spirit and becoming stagnant either with an exclusive group of people, or with leaders who claimed to have received the final word on all matters of doctrine and interpretation of scripture. We also experienced what is now retrospectively called "Heavy shepherding" which started out as the "Restoration movement." Thankfully many of the leaders realized the error of their ways and brought forgiveness, repentance and healing to the many who were hurt by their attempts to dominate the move of the Spirit.

# LET'S BEGIN AT THE BEGINNING

 $\prod_{n \in \mathcal{A}} I_n$  the beginning God created the heaven & the earth." Gen.1:1. Thereafter He created man & woman.

Gen2:7, "The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and the man became a living being." Thus, man has a physical body, made out of the dust of the earth, and has all the minerals of the earth as the contents of his body, and a major portion by weight is fluid, in the form of water. When a man dies, the body loses all life in its cells and blood and every part of the body deteriorates and gets back to the earth (dust), whether the body is buried or burnt.

God created man very differently from the way He created the rest of Creation. He spoke and all creation came into existence - both living and nonliving things.

But for man, created in the image of God (Gen.1:26) - the creative work was more special, as God Himself formed man from the dust and then with a touch of intimacy - God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. This is not to be confused with Jesus breathing into His disciples the Holy Spirit in John 20:22 as a preparation for what they would experience when they were baptized with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost.

There was thus at creation - no impartation of the Holy Spirit, but the creation of the vessel of the human spirit which could contain the gift

of the Holy Spirit - temporarily as seen in the Old Testament saints and permanently after the Holy Spirit was given on the day of Pentecost.

God is spirit and the vastness of His dwelling cannot be imagined and we cannot comprehend Him. He is everywhere. In Him are all things and from HIM all things proceed and unto Him are all things. Everything that has life, has received that life from God and man has not succeeded in creating life - though he has made attempts to do so. Now he is making attempts to live forever.

Let us not mistake the omnipresence of God for the doctrine of Pantheism, which regards the universe as a manifestation of God. God is transcendent over His creation, that is, He exists apart from and is not subject to the limitations of the material universe. Pantheism is the result of man's speculations about the awesomeness of God's creation and his confusing the Creator with the created. Therefore, mankind has been deceived by the enemy into making the rocks and mountains, trees, animals & fish as God. And by the limitation of his thinking, he made images of all these objects and started to worship & fear. This happened even when the people of Israel with the help of Aaron made the calf to worship, when Moses was delayed in his return from mount Sinai, after receiving the tablets of the commandments of God.

This became the tendency of all human races. Out of the followers of different philosophies, a few men who tried to find God had some revelations. They ended up with some partial revelation of the truth & lived a life proclaiming their revelation. After their lifetime, people started to slowly worship them as gods. Hence, we have the origin of different sects or religions.

What's the truth? **God can be known only if He chooses to reveal Himself. He has done so in the person of Jesus who is the truth,** Jn.14:6, and the Bible, through which we learn about Him.

**God is beyond our comprehension.** No doubt, His presence is everywhere. Ps.139:7-12. He was and He is the everlasting, "I am that I am." He existed before the existence of everything & will exist even if everything loses its life & gets destroyed.

From Him proceeds everything. Unto Him are all things. He has power to permit or limit natural calamities. He controls everything. He is Almighty.

#### Laws inherent in Creation and man's free will

We all know how the computer works. There are circuits. There are programs & accordingly commands are given. What we feed, it performs according to programs. Anything else will either be refused or disobeyed.

**Everything in the world is controlled by laws – or in other words - programs.** God has displayed these programs/laws in everything in the world.

In the natural world we have gravitational force/law of gravity. Another law is Sowing & reaping. There is a Law of hydraulics/ water and its dynamics. The Law on air is aero dynamics. We know energy can neither be created or destroyed. It can be converted or changed and many more such laws are seen to be at work.

We cannot change any of these laws of creation. But we can feed something into what exists get some things out. Animals/ fish/ birds too are controlled by certain laws. Their reproduction, growth and life span are all under these laws. Human beings too are controlled & have to live under the laws of nature.

### Satan usurps man's dominion over earth, but God restores it back through Jesus.

Man may think he can do what he desires. Christians have interpreted the word, saying man has free will and can do whatever he wants. But when we say everything in the world is controlled by laws, even what man desires to do - can be performed only if the parameters of spiritual laws support & permit. If the parameters are not favorable, he cannot perform what he desires. God who gave each human being his or her unique personality has made provision for us to freely choose to be in relationship with Him, in a marvelous way, without in any way compromising the sovereignty in which God maintains control of the whole world.

We have been given through Jesus and the cross, the wonderful freedom of bringing in world transforming changes through prayer, within the safety of the way the Trinity operate and function. "Ask of Me," the Father says to His Son, "and I shall give Thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession." Ps.2:8. On the

grounds of this freedom to ask and receive from the Father, Jesus tells the disciples in Jn.14:6, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." Ps.149:4-9, follows as a corollary to acquiring this freedom, by binding the strong man and setting his captives free Lk.11:20-22. But keep in mind, the freedom to do this only exists within the safety of our place of abiding Jn.15:4, within the center of the will of our Triune God. But more on this in the chapters that follow.

Parameters can be God created constraints or circumstances. Besides, we need to know that there is a constant attempt to disrupt, pervert, interfere and obstruct God's natural laws by Satan.

Satanic forces are Lucifer & his demons, who were originally angels in Heaven, sent down to this earth when Lucifer was proud of himself and in jealousy tried to usurp the place of God. All his followers, about  $1/3^{\rm rd}$  of the hosts of heaven, too were cast down.

Now these Satanic spirits were dwelling in the midst of the darkness and chaos of the earth, just like being in exile - punished and cast down. Gen.1:2, describes this scenario.

**What is the ultimate aim of God** - about these demons? The very fact that God has permitted their existence, will one day show the manifold wisdom of God. Through over coming the resistance that they put up, the church learns to vanquish and triumph over evil. Eph.3:10.

We know that when God created man, He commanded him to, "Be fruitful, multiply, replenish, have dominion over......"Gen.1:28.

Thus we see 'Dominion' is the gift of God. He wanted us to be rulers above everything on earth, animals, birds, fish etc.

We should be aware, although a gift is given, (something is released), as said earlier, there are laws to govern them in our lives. Man can have dominion, only if he is faithful, truthful, and obedient to the stewardship of the earth that was given to him.

Satan right from his fall from heaven wanted to have this dominion and rule. Now he had to get it somehow. As soon as man was created & woman too was given to man, he did not wait to choose anything else. He rushed to them, cunningly - he tempted Eve - led her to disobey, had

dominion over her and, because as a result of yielding to temptation, she was already outside of God's laws - she could easily tempt man - Adam, & led him to eat too & they both disobeyed. It was a chain of evil influence.

The chain of command from God, to man and woman, to creation, to the evil one got totally reversed and it now stood as Satan, through the creation (the serpent) over man and woman, attempting to become independent of the rule of God. Now, by virtue of man disobeying and losing his ownership and starting to become self-centered, he has become the slave of the evil force.

Satan has obtained through his cunning act this "Dominion" "rulership" over all that was given to man. In addition, now he has man as his slave. He can approach/ enter in and tempt and lead man to do whatever he (the devil) desires over animals, birds, fish, trees and land turning them into objects of worship, idols that would enslave mankind to Satan and his kingdom of darkness. He keeps all of them as his & his demons' dwelling places.

# EVERYTHING IS SPIRITUAL THE REALITY OF THE UNSEEN

A.W. Tozer said "Embodiment (corporeity) is the end of the ways of God." God made us material beings in a material universe, along with others to whom we must relate. God became a man, he lived a human life, was born, worked with his hands and thus hallowed the material. 1 Cor.6:13 "The body for the Lord and the Lord for the body." So the material world is meant to reveal and express the nature of God who is unseen Spirit.

We have just read that almost, why for that matter, everything in the world and in the heavens, are all governed by laws.

**Now God is Spirit.** Col.2:16 "For in Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth." He created everything & He gave life to everyone & everything. Because He is Spirit, everything created and governed by laws, are also spirit in origin and maintenance - Heb.11:3 "By faith we understand that the world was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was made out of things which do not appear" and Col.1:17 "In Him all things hold together." Man, too is a spiritual being and has to obey God in order to have dominion over what God has created.

And yet, the Bible gives an honor to the human body – unsurpassed by any other religion or philosophy. This is one of the glorious paradoxes of truth. It is the truth of the incarnation – of Jesus Christ having come in the flesh, which the demons are incapable of confessing or counterfeiting.

This puts a sure end to the hold that they wish to exercise over the mind of man. The body is not a toy to be used and abused, as the mind deceived by Satan is led to think.

**Satan is spirit.** And so are all his demons - the fallen angels. They need dwelling places. They are limited to a location but can travel fast like any other angel. They have communicating power to influence man's spirit. If they dwell in a person or in any mass/matter, they can exercise their physical power too. Over the ages, they were free to exercise this stolen dominion on the earth, including the ability to dwell and operate through human beings. But the Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil. 1 Jn.3:8. Those who have become the children of God have inherited the power to cast Satan out AND BE FREE.

### The ability to communicate is a function of the spiritual realm

Our body can communicate by touching or feeling as the mind directs, as we also dothrough words spoken out of our mouth. Our eyes can see & give signs which are communications of the soul.

Thus, our Mind, as we said earlier communicates through words, signs and actions.

Our Will -desires and executes what was decided.

Our Emotions – expressed through words and signs, facial expressions and involuntary body language, which reveal the person's true inner state. Hugs/kisses/sexual acts too are communications.

### But all these Communications through our body and soul have their origin in our spirit. Prov.17:22 and 18:14.

Our spirit is given to be the source of life inside us, having got this life from God. We are God conscious, God knowing & have an understanding of God, although limited because of the Fall. Through our spirit we have fellowship, communication or communion with God.

All these communications are actually spiritual. If we understand that we are spirit beings living in a physical body, we will agree all communications are spiritual. Perhaps the following explanation can make things clear:

Without life - what can the body do? - nothing. Spirit gives life - (or spirit is life) so communication through the body is spiritual in origin and sustenance.

What we talk - the words have spirit in them. Not just the meaning alone, but also a word of life, or of comfort, a word of anger or hatred, or a word of any subject matter, all are spiritual.

Sometimes we say - some people speak dry words. They are not dry - the spirit & life of the person is so meaningless & dry &hence the words are dry.

It is firmly believed that our soul is the person - our self. But the soul is just the expression of our person - our self-hood, which is an attribute of our spirit. 1 Cor.2:11-14. When we die, it's said that our spirit gets back to God who had given that life Eccles.12:7, Heb.12:23. The spirits of all men were kept in a place called Sheol until Jesus obtained the keys of death and Hades (Sheol) Rev.1:18.

#### The body changes into dust.

**Our soul** is the outward expression of one's personhood. Since it has all understanding, all desires and will and all emotions of our person, it is therefore judged for its deeds. We don't have many clear scriptures to say where and in what state the soul exists while we wait for the resurrection of the body.

We believe that every soul that sins dies. Ezek.18:4. The wages of sin is death (separation) and so the soul that deliberately chooses not to accept Christ & get saved - gets separated from God eternally.

But the soul that has received Jesus &salvation, goes to heaven. On Judgment day all souls face God & are sent to their appointed places.

**Our spirit** as we said earlier is conscious of God - because it has come from Him. But due to our sin - it's conscious of evil/ Satan too. Our spirit is therefore vulnerable (open to, or not proof against injury, attack or criticism).

Our spirit knows God and knows Satan (because of the fallen nature). Our spirit can communicate & have fellowship either with God or with Satan. Only the presence of God in our lives protects our spirit from its vulnerability - He is our rock, our refuge and our strong tower. Ps.31:2,3.

The more we have fellowship with God, we become more Godly. And we can receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and receive strength & power to crush Satan & his desire to control us. But if we refuse the experience of being filled with Holy Spirit and if we have less communication/communion with Him, Satan can have more access & we will have more involvement with Satan and his devices.

Every believer in God has this tussle & vulnerability. It's a daily battle. As Eph. 6:12 says, our warfare is not with flesh & blood, but with the spiritual darkness, principalities & powers.

When a person is born again by repentance, confession of sins & receives forgiveness from God, he is then born of the word of God & of the work of the Holy Spirit (John 3:3&5).

He is set free from the clutches of Satan (redeemed). And so, the more we read the word of God & the more we get filled/ anointed &baptized in Spirit, our soul receives more understanding of God, more freedom from the influence of the evil one and the ability to discern the difference between the influence of the Holy Spirit and the evil spirit.

Emotionally too we will be strong & stable, able to have self-control. The spiritual minded person is led by the Spirit. The carnal minded person is led by the flesh. Rom.8:1-16.

But, in disobedience to God, if he gets closer to Satan, his spirit responds to evil spirit. His mind will slowly get blocked &will have no control over his emotions and in the fullness of the influence of evil spirit, he will be demon possessed or demonized.

There are two possible ends - totally Holy Spirit baptized or possessed & the other end totally demon possessed. At extreme ends, both of these people will not have much mind or will of their own. Their emotions are not under the control of their own wills & hence expressions are according to the spirit possessing them and their will is not self-willed but totally driven by the spirit possessing them. Holy Spirit possessed (baptized) person does only Godly acts but because of rejection by the world, there may be persecution or execution soon. We have examples in history. Similarly, we have examples of totally demon possessed persons in the Bible, in our midst & in history. Acts 20:22-24. Mt.8:28-29.

God wants us to have a distinct understanding of the functions of our soul, spirit and body. And he desires us to be Holy Spirit led persons with our spirit and soul put together and acting in harmony.

Our spirit can only express itself through our body and our soul, just as we saw in the introduction of this chapter. The inner man (person) is the combined being of the soul and the spirit. The outer man (person) is the combined being of our soul and body.

If we are totally led by our soul without the influence of the spirit, we are soulish or carnal minded. Our body obeys and reflects our soulish nature. Highly intellectual people, or highly self-willed people come under this category. The same is true of highly emotional people too.

If our soul subjects itself to the voice of the spirit and allows our body to act, we are spirit led/minded and we manifest our spiritual nature. We need to note here that our spirit can either be influenced by the Holy Spirit or by the evil spirit. Thus, we can be either evil spirit led persons or Holy Spirit led persons. The whole aim of the Holy Spirit dwelling within, is to sanctify the body and soul, causing us to think and respond as Jesus would.Rom.8:28-30.

The mind has to be able to make a clear-cut difference in discerning the knowledge of God and the knowledge of man. Our will and emotions should be able to accept, acknowledge, appreciate, agree and be convinced about the word of God and should be willing to reject what is not of God. Heb.4:12 and 5:14.

We have a big tussle between our mind /will/desires/emotions and our spirit.

We are willing to do good, wanting to think good and desire to be free from bad habits etc....In Romans 6and 7, we have that big tussle expressed in words.

"What I want to do - I do not do. What I don't want to do - I do. Who can deliver me from this tussle? Thanks unto God - in whom we have this victory."

The tussle is between the inner man & outer man. The Inner man as we have already seen - is the soul that joins with the spirit and

yields to obey the voice of the spirit. The more the mind & emotions surrender to the spirit (guided by the Holy Spirit) the inner man is spiritual minded.

When the soul indicates all its desires, which are not sanctified by the blood of Jesus & influences the body to carry out its own desires, the result is the outer man, the flesh, the connection of body & soul. The person becomes carnal minded. Carnal mindedness leads to death - separation from God more and more. The carnal minded man fulfills the desires of this world, and of the flesh. The man with carnal mindedness will sow wrong things in his acts & deeds &thus reap this entire corrupt world.

Many intellectuals think that they are always right. Intellectuals who have spiritual foundations and values of the spirit will walk righteously, will do good and will not deviate from their convictions. Intellectuals led by Holy Spirit will do good. Intellectuals highly influenced by evil spirit will be very destructive on the earth. They can harm human beings to such an extent & have no feeling or compunction for them. So, everything is influenced by the spirit.

The spirit of man is the core of his being. As long as a man lives, his spirit cannot be dead. But depending upon the influence he has in his spirit from evil or good, he exhibits himself.

In extreme cases of evil spirit possession, the person becomes emotionless, speechless, motionless and unable to think or respond. Evil spirits bring different kinds of bondages. (We will deal with these bondages and ways to get free in a separate book God willing).

In this chapter we want to focus on saying, everything is spiritual, spiritual in its existence, spiritual in origin and spiritual in behavior, in living life and reaping the consequences. Spirit, as mentioned earlier, is the life and nature of God and His nature is manifested every where through His creation and in a special way through His incarnation and the redemption of all things through Jesus' death and resurrection.

The ministry of Jesus on the earth while he lived here in human flesh, was with the performance of many signs, miracles and wonders. Most of them can easily fit into this expression of saying that everything he did was spiritual or Holy Spirit empowered. But perhaps you may have wondered as I have done, how does the miracle of multiplying the loaves and fish,

have its origin in the spiritual realm? I put forward some of my thoughts which are by no means conclusive on this matter, but I offer them to you as thought starters.

Rebuking the demon to come out of a person can be spiritual. Healing the sick can be by casting out the evil spirit or performing a change outworked in a body from the spirit. Rebuking the sea to be silent can also be the result of rebuking the demonic spirits stirring up the wind. Causing the dumb to speak and the blind to see can be understood. But formation or multiplication of loaves & fishes - how can that be spiritual?

God is infinite. All other things including human beings & demonic spirits are finite. God is the Creator of everything. He upholds everything that He has created. Outer space, the atmosphere, the sea and everything else, His presence is everywhere. Science says energy can neither be created nor be destroyed. It can only be transformed. Changed from one form to the other.

The total content of the space or atmosphere in the universe is constant. In the globe, removal of mass in one place will create a space somewhere else to fill. Different planets in the universe have different gravitational forces, outer space has the least force. Now movement of the Holy Spirit is compared or experienced in different ways. The Bible says, "like the sound of the rushing of a mighty wind." Acts 2:2.The intense filling or touch of Holy Spirit can be like fire.

Col.1:15-17. "...in Him all things were created ....and in Him all things hold together." Moses spoke to the rock & water came out. This miracle has been scientifically explained as coming from a stream or spring in the layers of the rock, gushing out for people to drink, & be satisfied.

When the Red sea split, to make the waters stand still on either side & people could cross on dry ground, this has been explained as caused by a strong wind blowing. Ex.14:21. But in these events, we cannot forget that God Himself or part of Himself acted through Moses. Similarly, God Himself was present in the miracle of getting water from the rock Num.20:10-12;1Cor.10:4. That is why later Moses was condemned for his act and was not allowed to enter into the Promised Land. Jesus spokeabout the water we can drink in Him or from Him and be satisfied. It may

manifest in a limited way or enormously. He did not create bread and fish out of nothing, but it was a miracle of multiplication of bread & fish. It can be spontaneous growth (multiplication) of one element into many (just like a small seed produces a stem & then branches & many leaves, and fruits containing numerous seeds) - which is a miracle of multiplication. This is one aspect.

We see in creation,God brought into existence so many creatures within a day. It looks like the creatures came out of nothing. God is the super power. He existed from the beginning. He was everything. He was the Word. He occupied all in all. So, everything we see or know were in Him, in His unfathomable mind. When He spoke that Word, all were created. The Bible says they were created each after its own kind, having a specific genetic configuration.

The creation of man is the best example. We know it is recorded that we were in His mind, from the beginning and from the foundation of the world. There was dust taken and formed and as the Spirit of God blew into him and he came alive. But prior to that, God's plans being outside of time were already in existence for every man and woman - may be at the time of the foundation of the world or even before. Everything that comes into existence, is already in Him. So, it is possible for the Spirit of God to repeat His creative works through Jesus. Thus, He reaffirms to us that, to Him belongs the power through which everything was created.

As I write this chapter, I am flying, seated in my seat, in an aircraft, from Chennai to Mumbai. I look at the body of the aircraft. What is it made up of? Condensed polymers/ Aluminium/ may be with some special alloys.

Man may take time to condense or transform some things into some other forms slowly or speedily depending upon the processing time. Almighty God can do faster, or even in a moment, the changes in nature that He has chosen to relegate to a process of time. This is His prerogative as the Creator and upholder of the universe. It is by these signs and wonders that Jesus revealed His divinity, in order to bring us to a place of trusting in Him and receiving the gift of life in His name. Jn.20:30-31.

When the spirit leaves, a man is declared dead. His body deteriorates within days. It's a natural process. But all parts of the body do not deteriorate immediately. Only the soft parts. How about the bones

and skull? They remain solid for many years. So also, the transformed materials of the earth - some are created to last long, some get destroyed, get mixed back into earth. As long as life is in man, trees, animals, birds, fish etc. they maintain their shape and form. But when they die they lose their form. Earth may look formless, but the dust and rocks are constantly transformed from one form to the other. Lighter minerals get transformed too. There is mention of all this in Job 28:1-6 and Is.60:17, stones are of different density; metals are of different kinds and wood of different quality. They change, decay or get transformed.

The physical properties of all these metals, wood and stones is different from the life in man, animals and plants. Gen.1:30 "everything that has the breath of life." They are created materials, which in their everlasting attribute, go through this process of changing or transforming. They follow or are being controlled by certain laws.

We see in the word that all living things reproduce after their kind. This is the attribute of the life in them. Gen.1:21 and 22.

So the creation of bread & fish is by the creative power of God. This creating power is only in God, with God & from God. The Psalmist clearly declares all this in his writings. Ps.148:5.

Before Jesus was taken up, He gave His authority to us Matt.28:18-20; now through the indwelling Holy Spirit, we do everything in His Name. So, we should not be surprised that such miracles happen through our faith & declarations & prayers.

I watched a worship group recently:

There were many members, singing, playing instruments &leading worship. Some could easily lift their hands, clap and dance & express emotions in worship. Some were devoted, focused & played their instruments only. They too do good. But some with emotionless, spiritless expressions can still sing & play their instruments with their hands. Why are they expressionless?

The persons who have close communion with the Spirit of God worship with all freedom of expression. Those who are focused only on the performance of these acts, do it with their intellectual, soulish capacity, and the rest do it only by mouthing the words, as they are instructed to.

We are given His Spirit, who has quickened & filled & directed our steps and actions. We can be conquerors over all oppressions and depressions. We can be doing things like Jesus did & do even more. But they are proportionate to the Holy Spirit empowering us. The more we live in Him, the more we can do.

Everything is spiritual and our spiritual character is to be expressed outwardly through our bodies which are material.

# THE GOSPEL - II (GOOD NEWS)

We have already seen that the gospel that - John the Baptist preached was - the Gospel of the **kingdom**. Mk.1:1 "The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ the Son of God." Matt.3:2, 'preaching, "repent for the **kingdom** of heaven is at hand." '

In other words, the true King of the universe has arrived on earth in order to establish His **Kingdom**.

The Gospel that Jesus preached was also the Gospel of the **Kingdom** or the good news, as certain modern translations put it. Matt.4:23

"he went about ... preaching the gospel of the **kingdom**."

Matt.9:35, Mk.1:14.

The Gospel Paul or the other Apostles emphasized too was the Gospel of the **Kingdom**. Acts 20:24 and 28:31.

The prophecies and the revelations of John in the Book of Revelation are about the king and His **kingdom**. Rev.1:5.

In the **kingdom** of Satan & his demons, we have robbery, lies, jealousy, murder, hatred, destruction and death, bondages, sicknesses, loss & slavery to his forces.

Jesus came to give life & life abundant. Jn.10:10. Progress and prosperity to regain the lost dominion & rulership, healing & deliverance Mt 6:33

To obtain all that Jesus gives, one has to be born again,redeemed & purchased by the blood of Jesus and become a part of His new life, that is His **kingdom** - His rulership - to be under his authority and dominion. This gospel does not end with the born-again experience, baptism in water & baptism in Holy Spirit. There is something beyond.

Some Christians, stress on holy living, the sanctification process, trying to get victory over all sin in this life, wait and hope for that eternal life to be received only after death, in that new **kingdom**, or in that new Jerusalem when it descends from heaven. These things are all true and necessary, but there is more that God has for us in this life that has come into relationship with the Creator and ruler over all.

The gospel of the **kingdom** is to have, experience & enjoy all that God has promised & already given to us, in this life itself. To have victory over every Satanic influence & then prosper and then come to aplace of rulership. Col.1:12-13.

In Rev.1:6 & 1 Pet.2:9, we are addressed as Kings & Priests. The model or the picture that is expressed here is what we need to have in this life & experience.

The more we recognize this truth & the more we apply or appropriate it every day in our lives, we will enter into this **kingdom** life right here on this earth. Knowing that we are spiritual, God is spiritual & everything is spiritual, we need to live a spirit-filled, spirit led life and see the **Kingdom** birthed right now in the present world in which we live.

To get into the spirit-filled life, we have to constantly be delivered/freed from bondages and healed as we make progress in our day-to-day walk with the Lord. Thus the total gospel as in Ps.103:3, Luke 4:18-19, Mk.16:17&18, is to have forgiveness & redemption, and to have healing in all areas of life.

The influence of Satanic forces in Adam's life in the beginning was to bring death/ separation of man's spirit from God's spirit.

The soul was susceptible to get cheated by Satan when Eve saw the Fruit.

Gen.3:6 1 Jn.1:16

Which was good for food - the body - the lust of the flesh
A delight to the eyes - the soul - the lust of the eyes

Desired to make one wise - the spirit - the pride of life

He entered through the body (ears, eyes and tongue) into the intellect (reasoning) and then to the core of the being, the spirit.

Once the soul is captured, he can apply and impose all the consequences of breaking spiritual laws on our lives and thus the end result is physical sickness.

God himself had proclaimed that if we disobeyed His commands, then four to five generations get affected. If we do good, a thousand generations are blessed. Ex.20:5,6.

Taking advantage of our shortcomings and all these commands of God, Satan all the time tries to tempt us directly & through others and infiltrate the generational line.

Thus, the penalty & consequences of sin/come upon each one of us.

In Col.2:14 we see that the Lord by going to the cross has cancelled the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands, because we are powerless to love others as the law demands.

In 1Pet.2:24 & Is.53:5, we see clearly that by his stripes we are healed. Healing as said earlier includes, healing for the whole spectrum of sicknesses & every end result & every consequence or the penalty of sin.

God is the healer of bodily sickness.

In Ex.15:26 he promised that if we obey & keep all his commandments, no sickness shall come upon us.

We have every right to claim & have healing for sickness, if we choose to obey Him & His commandments as a result of believing in what Jesus has accomplished on our behalf.

1 Thess. 5:23, clearly says "May the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your spirit, soul and body be preservedblameless at the coming of the Lord."

The Gospel of the **kingdom** brings man who is lost, under God's rule through being redeemed and purchased by the blood of Jesus and receiving forgiveness of sin. A thorough cleansing is needed for all those who had disobeyed & who went under the dominion of Satan. Then by submitting their will to God's will, people get set free from all the bondages that fragment their being, to become whole in the soul, (mind, will and emotions) spirit and body. Jn.7:23, Acts 4:10.

The Gospel of the **kingdom** brings healing in those areas affected by sin and the fall of Adam. The restored spirit can receive full knowledge of and about God and be in total communion and fellowship with God. Rom.8:16, Deut.11:22.

The Gospel of the **kingdom** is to get restored to the original image and stature with which man was created before the fall, representing God's image as His son/child, to be like Jesus, to be part of the family of God (of Father, Son & Holy spirit) along with all the saints and have all His goodness, mercy, kindness &faithfulness. The Gospel of the **kingdom** is to grow from victory to victory, from one level of our life, in all that we have mentioned here and in all that we have been promised in His word, to another level, to "be changed from glory to glory." 2Cor.3:18.

Then we who have received this Gospel of the **kingdom**, are to proclaim what Jesus has done for mankind and to be an example in our living for others. We will be protected from all harm as we do this. Mk.16:18.

The word of God says that, "all creation waits with eager longing for the revelation of the sons of God." Rom.8:19. Oh! It's a very high calling and position. We are so truly privileged. Amen.

#### And that's not all.

The Gospel of the **kingdom** is to know that we are called to be priests & kings. To be totally restored back into worshipping and serving Him in full measure. And to be totally empowered to rule over the domain he has promised for each one of us, starting from the spiritual realm and affecting the natural.

Satan has placed his agents all over this world in many places, not only as spirits in the high places, but in rulership over every village, town, city, state & nation. Eph.6:10-20.

The Gospel of the **kingdom** is to acknowledge that Satan is defeated and to acknowledge that his power & authority are conquered and that authority is given back to us through the work of the cross and the empowerment of the Spirit.

The Gospel of the **kingdom** is regaining our place as keepers/stewards of the earth. The land is defiled by practices of worshipping Satan. Satan and his demons originally lived in the darkness and chaos of the world. Gen.1:2. After creation, he looked for places to occupy. He occupies even mankind by making them to disobey God and follow him instead.

The Gospel of the **kingdom** is that after we are restored back as children in his **kingdom** family, we regain authority to cleanse the land, and to bless the creation & creatures of the world too. 2 Chron.7:14.

The Gospel of the **kingdom** enables us to cast out demons from man's life first, and then all that he has or possesses and then from the area/land under his control. And not only spread this news, but actually enable the rest of our people and community to have demons cast out of their lives and their possessions.

The Gospel of the **kingdom** is to have the ruler ship of God on the face of the earth, over all people and areas. The Gospel of the **kingdom** is to create areas of change in the spiritual climate little by little, to have the dominion of our God and then spread further to influencing and possessing our community and then our village, town, city, state & nation & nations. Matt.24:14.

It's a growing and progressing **kingdom**, Lk.1:33, spreading and making its presence felt like yeast in a lump of dough and endless and eternal in its dimensions and duration.

And Now is the Time. Now is the answer for our life long daily prayer saying "Our Father, Hallowed be thy Name and let thy **kingdom** come..."

### THE SHIFT (PART I)

The book of Acts records the healing and miraculous signs and wonders performed by the early Apostles. Acts 4:30,31. It may seem as though only those chosen few performed signs and miracles, although there is nothing in Scripture from where we can come to this conclusion.

As with the truth of salvation by grace and received through faith, the gifts of the Holy Spirit almost vanished and some of the denominational church theologians (whatever their brand of dispensationalism) started to say that 'healing is not for today and the healing gift is no more in the church'. We ourselves have been brainwashed by this teaching to a certain extent and learning to believe in God afresh for the supernatural requires a major "shift" in our thinking. But God is a God of restoration, who has promised that 'Greater things will be done' by us. Those men and women who believed this truth have experienced startling and dramatic miracles all through history.

We have seen the restoration of the truths of the gospel from 1500 to 2000 AD, line upon line & precept upon precept. In the same manner, the time has come to realize that healing within the church & healing for all mankind through the great commission & healing of the land & nations are now being restored. And the ministry of this healing is to be done by the whole Body of Christ. The great commission in Mk 16:17 &18 says that all believers shall lay hands on the sick and the sick

shall recover. They not only preach the gospel, but they cast out demons. Nothing deadly shall affect them and they will speak in new tongues.

And hence this restoration of healing (ministry) in the Body of Christ & the ministry through every believing member in the Body of Christ is THE SHIFT that is happening, as more and more people acknowledge and move into this truth. As the end of this age approaches, Satan influences millions of non-believers& thousands of believers & blinds them, steals from them, keeps them under bondage & destroys them. The more that Satan & his demons do this, the greater the need for healing & deliverance.

The Holy Spirit is ceaselessly at work and so we see how the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the last century flooded people inside as well as outside the church &fell upon many millions from other religious back grounds. The barriers that theologians had built to protect their main line churches were broken & now a major percentage of Christians are speaking in tongues & operate in the gifts of the spirit.

Similarly, the healing ministry is not just with a few chosen men & women of God, and is not just with some sections of the churches. It shall be lavishly given and operated by most of the people within the mainline & spirit filled churches and also outside the churches.

The point with which the leaders are to be cautioned &warned, is, that if they try to hold back the people &not permit the Body of Christ (with all its members) to follow in this ministry of healing, what happened during the charismatic revival, (the great exodus of members of churches walking out of the mainline churches & becoming a part of the millions of Spiritfilled churches) would happen again. No one can hold back the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and restrain people within their own boundaries. Similarly no one can hold back the healing authority and healing ministered by common believers during this Great Shift.

The Gospel is total & complete. Salvation & healing are of equal importance in the ministry of Jesus. The move of the healing ministry has come to redeem not just the believers, but all unbelievers from all over the world.

### THE SHIFT is happening.

Let us observe & be warned.

Let us be open & flow with the Holy Spirit.

Let us co-operate in all ways to see, participate & enjoy the Holy Spirit and His work.

### THIS IS THE SHIFT (Part I)

The whole world will be swept into this move of the Spirit. God is at work.

Towards the end of days Satan is at work. But Jesus overcame him on the cross and God is at work in us, making us effectively appropriate Jesus victory in our lives. "For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure." Phil.2:13.

This shift cannot be avoided. The stronger the enemy, the greater the powerful Hand of the Lord to overcome him. "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." Amen. Is.59:18-21.

### **HEALING MINISTRIES (The shift-Part-I)**

Acts 10:38 declares that Jesus of Nazareth, anointed of God, went about doing good, not just to preach the good news alone, but to heal everyone who was oppressed by casting out demons.

It has been said by those who have analyzed the work of Jesus on the earth, that 78% of His ministry-service included healing the sick, casting out demons and performing signs and wonders. People flocked to Him as they saw these signs and wonders and healings. People had needs to be met and hence they came to him. Even today, people's needs have not changed. We may have great differences of culture, but our needs are still the same.

85% of population in most of the Asian countries are sick in their bodies or emotionally bound. 90% and above of the African countries' population suffer even greater needs. More than 60% of the population in European and Western countries need ministry for their emotional, physical and mental issues.

Healing and deliverance from these issues is what will ultimately bring a solution and freedom.

As we have already seen, Jesus died on the cross to accomplish this task and provide healing, deliverance and freedom. If all believers in Jesus are not encouraged to move in this ministry, we will fail to completely obey the great commission. In Luke chs. 9 & 10 and Matthew 10 we see Him commissioning the disciples to heal the sick just as He was doing.

In Matt. 28 and Mk. 16 we have the great commission.

Acts 10:38 speaks of Jesus' own ministry and Acts has many instances of the Lord confirming the Word with signs and wonders following.

The Healing ministries of today, teach in simple words the truth of this healing power that is available and manifested through common believers as in Mk. 16:17-19.

The model of praying that they teach, is usually done with 2 or 3 believers ministering healing as a team, standing on the promise of God that when 2 or 3 are gathered and in one accord, and ask for anything to the glory of God the Father, the Lord answers. There is safety in 2 or 3 joining together and praying, as supported by the Word and as Jesus sent out His disciples, two by two. Mt.18:19, Lk.10:1.

In developing countries and thickly populated poor nations, it's encouraged to be done wherever convenient for the ministry team to pray for the sick, either in the open air, street corners, under the trees and by one or many teams, in just one hall or room. This makes it cheaper and easier for the team to cater to the pressing needs of the enormous population.

As already seen, restoration of healing ministry is happening now by the Lord. As I mentioned in my introduction the Lord honored my wife's decision to put His Kingdom above the calls of her medical profession. She received a prophetic word in 1996 that the Lord would give her the keys to open the Kingdom of God to our nation, just as she carried a bunch of her house keys around her waist. This we have seen wonderfully fulfilled in the years following with regard to the work of the healing ministry.

Prior to His coming the Holy Spirit is at work to gather the millions, healed and delivered and added into His Kingdom. The Church and believers cannot be limiting themselves to the people inside their church buildings, or try to keep themselves hidden without ministering to the

public during these days of persecution. This method is so appropriate for the time like our period, and is safe and is reaching the multitudes, when the older ways are not permitted anymore

It is my belief that the Lord is at work to add at least 50% of the population of the world into His Kingdom prior to His return. Those who have taken Matt.24:14 seriously have seen whole tribes and people groups come to the Lord. When we want to predict how soon He is coming back, let us understand that this depends on how soon the work of adding this unreached population can be completed. Matt.24:14.

Let us be encouraged and be released to send by means of our finances, or go, to proclaim His healing touch to the millions.

### WHY NATURAL OR SUPERNATURAL? Everything is spiritual (The Shift-Part-I)).

The words 'Natural' and 'Supernatural' are used by men to explain or make conclusions about the occurrences in the world.

We have already seen that everything on earth is spiritual, as coming from God, Who is spirit and has made us to reflect or image Him as spiritual beings.

His doings cannot be understood by man or comprehended and realized if he is not spiritual. 1 Cor. 2:14. When man uses his intellect, the mind (part of soul) and tries to conclude or explain any happening, he simply fails. God is beyond man's understanding so also are His acts and deeds. Knowing the mind of God should be man's greatest desire on the face of the earth and to live according to His Will.

Jesus has clearly declared this. Matt.6:33. He always wanted to do the Will of God (Father).

God can do and perform and act in all the possible and different ways the world has ever witnessed and experienced, including the miraculous happenings recorded in his Word and heard by us through various testimonies.

The growth of a tree or plant from a small seed to a bigger size and then yielding fruit, is seen by man as natural. But they are miracles of nature

nonetheless, something that man cannot replicate and by his interference can only spoil. The outcry against GMOs (genetically modified organisms) is only proof of what man has achieved by meddling with nature.

Every conception of a child, animal, bird or fish and its growth during its lifespan and finally its death, are said to be natural processes, but they are miraculous.

Every law of Science and technology, operating on earth is said to be natural but they are miraculous.

### We cannot separate the natural from the spiritual. Each doing and happening is of God.

Satan duplicating and performing certain acts because of certain abilities that he has had from the beginning of creation, are contrary to God's doing. Thus, we are faced with the challenge of discerning and understanding the work of God from the works of the devil. We need the infilling of the Holy Spirit to guide us and lead us into all truth (God's doings).

# So, let our understanding be enlightened as the Word in Ephesians says to know GOD and HIS doings and our inheritance in Him. Eph.1:17-23.

Since healing without medical help is said to be supernatural, let us agree it's not natural or supernatural, it's God's doing and all things are possible with Him, whether man calls it a natural deed or a supernatural deed, but it originates in the spiritual.

In 1Cor.15:46 and 47, when we read, "first the natural and then the spiritual", it refers to the created man Adam as natural and the birth and life of Jesus is referred to as spiritual.

Also we see referring to Israel Rom.11:21 and 24, we see thenatural branches of the olive tree refers to salvation for the Jews first and then to the gentiles, who are grafted into the natural branches.

So the words used by man as natural and spiritual are to refer to certain specifics for explanation. But in the sight of God, or in reality everything originates with His spiritual nature as "all things were created through Him and for Him." Col.1:16 and 17.

God in these days is revealing this truth to His people, to do, perform and live naturally spiritual lives as He is at work in us. Phil.2:13. So let us "become effective sharers of the faith by the acknowledgment of every good thing within us in Christ Jesus." Philemon 6. This is how each one of us can be a part of The Shift (Part I).

### **HEALING THE LAND (The shift-Part-I)**

I was surprised when I came to understand very recently, that till the year 1950 or so, the properties owned by Christians and Christian institutions in India put together were second only to the government owned land. Thereafter came the properties owned by the rest of the population and other institutions.

Sad to see today this position is slipping down to a lower rank as the trustees of these lands, sell out their inheritance to others.

Possession of land figured greatly in God's first promise to Abraham. Gen.12:7 and 17:8.

When man disobeyed God, the land was cursed as Adam failed to faithfully steward and be responsible for the land given to him to care for.

When man went after idols and other gods, he lost the inheritance. Man has to live by the yield of the land as we all have studied in elementary school through the food chain and the rain cycle. The relationship between mankind and the land is far greater than what we normally consider it to be. In Gen.4:10 God tells Cain that Abel's blood cried out to Him from the ground. The same idea is contained in Num.35:33-34. Did not God make Adam's body from the dust of the ground? In Gal.3:13-14 Jesus became a curse for us as he hung on the tree, in order to redeem us from the curse that Adam brought over the land by his sin.Sufferings, poverty and famine are due to the fall and disobedience of mankind.

In II Chron. 7:14, we see God called for repentance so that He could heal the Land. There are so many other promises about how God wants to bless the land of people who obey His commandments and follow Him.

When Christ died and rose again, He commanded his followers to go into all nations to make disciples (followers) of Him, so that what was lost would be restored back. Some of the parables of Jesus talk

### about land, vineyard, fruit of the land etc. etc. and God's expectation for them to be fruitful.

When we consider Healing, we do not just limit to think of healing for the body, soul and spirit alone, it's healing for the land too. Restoration of properties for His people and freedom from every kind of debt.

Healing (restoration and fruit) of the Land ultimately brings healing for mankind in so many areas of his life.

#### **Conclusion to Part I-The Shift**

We had the Pentecostal revival and then the charismatic revival and some of us have lived through both.

Let us remember the verse, 'in the last days it shall be, (God declares), that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions; your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants I will pour out my Spirit.' Joel 2:28-29.

We are living in the last days.

There is no denominational barrier to receiving this promise. He is pouring out His Spirit on all flesh. He pours out His Spirit on all - the saved and the unsaved (to bring them into His Kingdom, people belonging to all religions, all walks of life and He is revealing Himself to them by visions and dreams, or through angels, or by experiencing the miracle working power of God in all kinds of situations).

We have crossed through a time of the restoration of worship (called the restoration of the tabernacle of David Acts 15:16) and such worship is being anointed more and more. Healing of sick people by ordinary believers laying hands on the them, seeing visions and dreams multifold; many prophets rising up; supernatural intervention if believers seek God whole heartedly, restoration of gifts, restoration of lands, positions of authority etc. etc.

So, may we, who have entered into this season of experiencing the Supernatural working of His Spirit in our lives, continue to progress into all the fullness of God that is made available to us through Christ. Amen. Eph.3:14-21.

### PART II

# THE SHIFT

## 7M MANDATE REALIGNED

### THE GREAT SHIFT

Once again, we are seeing the restoration of this greatest of all truths, which caused the early believers to unflinchingly put their lives at stake and overcome the huge political resistance of the Roman Caesars' attempt to deify themselves. In the battle with today's godless and humanistic ideologies and militant, fanatical religious beliefs the truth that is being hotly contested, debated and resisted is this: Jesus Christ is Lord.

**Jesus has always been Lord and ruler of the universe.** Only for a brief moment in history did He empty Himself of His position of equality with God, for the sake of restoring man to his relationship with God and from his enslavement to Satan, who usurped mankind's rightful position under God. Phil.2:5-11.

One day this truth is going to be publicly and inescapably acknowledged by all mankind, rulers and Caesars included, as they bow their knees and confess:

#### Jesus Christ is Lord.

But we are those who are blessed to believe without seeing and take our stance and put our lives at stake for this truth that indeed:

#### **Jesus Christ is Lord**

(We have added a prayer at the end to help us truly make Jesus Lord over every aspect of our lives.)

#### UNDERSTANDING INFLUENCE VERSUS RULE

Visions and revelations unveil progressively. So far, we have heard that there are seven mountains of culture, that Christians are called to influence. They are, family, religion, education, business and industry, arts and media, entertainment and government. This is a revelation that is still in the process of getting unveiled and many of the events that will complete this revelation are still to come. We are taught and challenged to be salt to the earth and light to the world of darkness. These truths are very appealing to those living in countries and nations where there is only a small percentage of Christian believers. Their presence as salt and light to the society-at-large is very valuable.

THE PRESENT SCENARIO- Countries like India with idol worship, or China with Communism and Africa with witchcraft practices have greater challenges. The western countries were for long referred to as Christian Nations, but now for the last four to five decades, have so remarkably and substantially fallen from the faith, even from belief in God. They are now referred to as post-Christian nations, consisting of non-believers in the God of the Bible. The so-called liberated community does not have any sexual and religious moral values and hence self-destructive, violent and aberrant behavior patterns are reappearing. So, in short, the whole world is struggling.

**FORMER TRUTH-** Some leaders have therefore taught the truth and challenged believers to be of influence in these areas which control our day to day life. Since we are a minority, we need to take heed to this truth of becoming an influence, to penetrate and inspire these mountains with our lives and with the truth that we believe in.

**ANOTHER BELIEF-** We also preach and say that Jesus died for our sins and has risen again as a victorious deliverer. By preaching the truth that Jesus died for our sins we influence and bring as many as possible into His Kingdom or to heaven. But we also believe and preach that He has conquered all principalities and powers of darkness and put them under subjection under His feet and made us to be seated with Him in the Heavenlies, in His bosom and all these powers are under our feet too.

**FROM THE FORMER TO THE NEW -** When we see the truth of becoming salt and light, we agree that when we mix salt in the food or in any dish we make, it brings taste to the whole dish. In hot countries salt

was added to preserve the food from decay in the olden days. Whatever the comparison, salt needs to be in contact with the food. Similarly, the light when it is lit, it removes the darkness all around it. Thus the world stands in need of Christ's presence in the believer to permeate every area with His influence.

MOVING FROM ONE MINDSET TO ANOTHER - When we define the word 'influence', quite often, we restrict ourselves to our own ideas of how this should work. For example, if God has given someone the ownership of a business, He will also enable him to rule and manage, and run the affairs of the business totally as per His principles and policies without unduly giving heed to what others connected with it say or do. If we are committed Christians we bring in His principles from the Word of God, which has much to teach us on how to have control and rulership. When someone is the CEO of an establishment he does not remain passive, but ceaselessly exercises his God given position and authority to bring about the necessary changes to the whole structure and the workers under him.

But many of us in trying to be an influence, are satisfied with reports saying so and so is a godly man, or a good man or of godly character, because of the things that we don't do rather than the things that we do. We need to know that we are placed in a position, whether that of an owner or a CEO or department head or even as a worker, to bring a perceptible change to the situation.

Our mindset has to change from our past mentality of only serving or passively influencing from underneath, to a kingdom mentality of occupying the ruling position, visualizing oneself working from a positional place at the top. To have the dominion that Jesus won back from the enemy, should not be interpreted as Dominion theology or a position of dominating and controlling - it is a both/and position of ruling and serving as the Lord directs, from our identity as sons of God. The promise of God to every created human being was to multiply, replenish, subdue the earth and have dominion over all other creatures as faithful stewards over all that He entrusted to them. (Gen1:28;Ps. 22:28;103:22; Dan 2:37;4:3,22,34;6:26;7:14 Micah 4:8; Eph 1:12; Col 1:13; I Cor 15:24).

The Word of the Lord says that we are a chosen generation, a peculiar people, a royal priesthood (I Pet 2:9) and Kings and priests

to our God and Father. (Rev 1:5-7). That means we are not only to do the ministry of a priest and restrict ourselves to declaring our position of authority in Jesus within the church and its four walls and forget about it else where, or be a silent influence outside, but we are made to occupy the King's position and be ruling in whatever situation or wherever He has called and placed us.

How is this outworked in a situation or a community where all cannot be in a place of authority?

**DETAILED FURTHER-** Each one has a different role from the other. So, when we say we are kings, we are projecting the Kingdom of God first, with what or Who is within us. When Jesus was on the earth and said the Kingdom of God is within you, He meant that the rule of God or the Mind of God has to bring the different arenas under subjection to the Will and Mind of God. We need to be channels to bring down or allow the rule of God, or plan of God to be executed and implemented. We learn to govern with the Mind of Christ in all arenas. The enemy cannot have his way or influence or rule or be in control over that arena. We are vessels and we are sons of God to reflect Him in our lives. We are never to lose this identity that is given by Him. If we suffer with Him we shall also reign with Him. 2 Tim.2:12. This need not be referring to the far-off future of the one-thousand-year reign. Jesus gave Himself to be a sacrifice for others and suffered and lived a human life on this earth, yet He was also perfect God and master over everything. So also, if we commit our lives to live for others, and are willing to go through every step of climbing to the top through suffering and overcoming the tests that come to us from the world, the flesh and the devil, we will also reign with Him now on this earth. This is the promise that Jesus gives the over comers in the 7 churches of Rev. Chapters 2 and 3. Note that in order to qualify for those rewards, we need to live a life of overcoming in all areas that we are presently being tested, making Jesus truly our Lord.

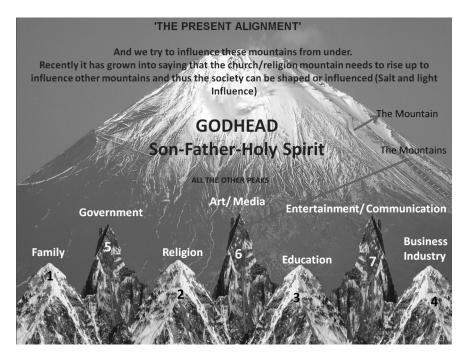
# THE HIGHEST OF ALL THE MOUNTAINS –IS CALLED 'THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD'S HOUSE'

Micah 4:1,2; Ps.87:1-3 and Isaiah 2:2; 9:6. Here we see the mountain of the Lord in relationship to other mountains. There could be any number of them – but since we are concerned with every facet of our life on earth, to confine them under 7 headings is a comprehensive way of looking at them. What matters is that we look at every area of our life as coming under and acknowledging the Lordship of Jesus, till no area remains out of His control. This transition could happen in any sequence of events that have been prophesied. What matters is that we don't plan on bailing out of this world if events don't turn out as we expected and that we earnestly and faithfully invest our lives in this everlasting Kingdom and long for the day when we will meet our King face to face. 'Many people shall say, "let us go to the Mountain of the Lord, He will teach His ways and we shall walk in His path." ' He has called us as nations, or as people groups, to come up to the mountain of the Lord, learn from Him/His Word and practice what we have learnt.

If we look into the old definitions of the 7 Mountains of influence, or the 7M Mandate, we know that each and every one of us, has connections in some way or the other with all the 7 mountains (Family, religion, business and industry, art and media, communication and

entertainment, education and government) these are the areas of life we are called to influence and change.

### See diagram 1:



Each and every one of us has a **FAMILY (MOUNTAIN 1).** It can be as small as father and mother alone, to a large family of having parents, grandparents, sons and daughters and grandsons and granddaughters and in laws and all other relatives. Even orphans and semi orphans though they have lost their parent/s or have been deserted, they will ultimately have their own families once married. Single ones if they choose can live by themselves, but no one can exist without being with other people in a community or working relationships, neighbors etc. - all are, or can become our family. If we are children of God, born again into the family of God, to be called the children of God, we have to know that we are called into, or placed into our family of birth or of upbringing, to be representing God and His Kingdom. We are to be in victory and have dominion over satan and his bondages and not allow ourselves to be victimized and suffer in bondage and depression. Victory in this area often becomes the springboard to victory in all other areas.

RELIGION (Mountain-2) This mountain can represent two great areas: one, the religious spirit within the fold of believers wherein the truth is hidden or suppressed and man's control dominates. And the other - the dominant religions including Christianity. Within the fold we pray and intercede for God to change the lives of these controlling /ruling men and plead and request the Spirit of God to convict them to come to a place of acknowledging the Holy Spirit and make way for His move in all of our lives. Eph.4:3 and 13. We cannot totally win the followers of other religions by bringing them to the knowledge of knowing Christ as their personal savior before Jesus returns. But we are called to witness, preach the gospel and God saves all those who are predestined to be called and added to the Body of Christ (this is clearly not dominion theology). Some of us are called to replace the dominion of evil powers in some areas; some to stop idol or satanic worship; some to bring down the strongholds of the enemy. Each one of us has to recognize our calling and identity, and take authority by having that close relationship with the Father and His Son and the Holy Spirit and do battle with the occupying spirit in such areas. Eph.6:12. Believers saying, 'a demon attacked me; satan has some hold on me; the enemy is trying to hinder me and this has happened to me because of satan', is not the right mindset, as satan and not Jesus and His work on the cross, is glorified in saying that.

It may be true that we had given satan a foothold in our lives or kept some door open for the enemy to enter and we may go through such experiences. But we need to repent of such acts that give him a hold and then conquer that area and have dominion over it rather than spending our life as a lifelong sufferer. Victory is already won by Jesus and we are to enter into it and bear that testimony that He truly suffered, died and rose again in victory for our sakes. (Those who criticize what they label as Christian triumphalism and say that they have to continue in the suffering that they experience, do not realize that they thus develop a mindset, which will keep them in that same condition for their whole life time. Victory is therefore not in their expectation and therefore they feel comforted when they don't experience it. It is true sometimes such unchanged conditions prevail for a lifetime for some. But we are not to live with a victim mentality. On the other hand, we accept that situation and have our heart and mind set on feeling content and satisfied even if God does not come through for us as expected, and proceed with the areas in which we are called to be conquerors).

In the West, there are also an increasing number of people who do not believe in God. There are many Christian apologists well equipped to deal with this group that is being spawned out of our colleges in large numbers. (There are very few atheists among the people for whom life is a daily struggle for survival and a constant battle to appease the forces of darkness and evil around them. It is the affluence and comfort and the individualism that it fosters, that makes people want to do away with the idea of God and His rule over us. Deut.6:10-12.)

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY (Mountain-3) - Every individual is involved in this area for earning his or her livelihood and so whether you are a worker or an executive, or a CEO, or the owner of an enterprise, you have this mountain to bring in under God's Kingdom. When we talk of His Kingdom we should never say we are just workers or junior staff or own just a small business. This is purely limiting God. Instead we need to ask how can my position or my ownership influence the rest? We are called to rise up into a position of authority. Lance Wallnau says that everyone above the age of fifty can surely come to a place of rulership(achieve a congruence of gifting and work). Yes, it can be achieved. For some it may be even earlier. There are thousands of testimonies on how so many of God's children have risen up in their career, whether they were educated or not; whether they had capital to invest or not; whether they were juniors or not; they have risen up to the top and influenced their society. Thus, they come to a place of rulership in their calling.

**ART, MEDIA, ENTERTAINMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS** (Mountains 4 & 5) - The children of God have advanced a lot in these areas in the recent years. Christian documentaries and films are produced in many countries. The Word of God is being communicated through the media. The Gospel is now freely being taken into the countries behind the red curtain of communism. But still we are not as influential as the world, because of a lack of finance. The media in many countries is controlled by ruling politicians. We need to get money from the other mountain of industry. The people of God need to give to this ministry. But how can we conquer and realign this mountain under the rule of King Jesus? The realignment of the mountains under the mountain of government, will give us a clearer perspective on this.

EDUCATION (Mountain 6) Our western education originates from

the study of God's Word by the people of God. But through the ages, satan and his agencies have insinuated themselves subtly, gaining control through more and more ungodly teaching and teachings from other religions. Now we are faced with the challenge of restoring our younger generation back to upholding God's Word and truth in this very vast field of education. These areas are key to influencing and shaping society and so how do we face this tremendous challenge that we face today. Do we try to face the enemy by our own efforts and strategies? No. No. God has given us living Apostles of our day, for the very purpose of empowering the Body of Christ, with the truth and God's strategy of overcoming the influence of satan in the lives of our sons and daughters. We are thus in a position to recover our true identity and position of victory in Christ and not succumb or copy from the world and its ways. We are not to fear, "for it is the Father's good pleasure to give us the kingdom." Lk.12:32.

We need to be convinced and we need to declare that Jesus is the rightful owner of the world and every nation. This warfare is spiritual first, ("not by might nor by power but by the Spirit of God") and it will continue till we get back what was lost. Physically being prepared to advance into enemy territory when we are called to do so, will be needed to make the required effort to win the battle. (The kingdom suffers violence and the violent take it by force. Mat.11:12) The kingdom is ours and it's not the enemy's. It's ours and we need to get it back. The enemy is the usurper whose lease has run out because of the Cross.

Now we will see something about the government (Mountain-7) and then realign ourselves. Government is rule and rulership, it is having dominion and authority to manage and control, and implement the King's (ruler's) orders. It is a body of people with different levels of authority to exercise and attain the ultimate purpose of the ruler in all related areas of life. In the olden days it was acquired through wars and these days most of the nations have elected authorities through a democratic process. Government or rulership is exercised in every level. It starts within the family, and then moves up into a community, then into a village and then in a city or a district or in a state and then in a nation, moving from the bottom upwards.

The idea of Kingship was always in the mind of God, 1 Sam.8:7, but as with other Biblical themes, God wanted to give His people an idea of

what Kingship really entailed. After Saul was rejected, God found in David qualities that were close to His heart, which would cause his earthly throne, through a clearly defined line of succession to endure forever, in David's greater Son and Lord - Lk.1:32 and 33. Even in Jesus most derelict condition, Jesus acknowledged to Pilate that he was indeed the king of the Jews. On the cross, there was a sign above Him, proclaiming in Greek, Latin and Hebrew: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. Little could Pilate imagine how the truth of that statement will one day be vindicated as all rulers bow their knees before Him. Certainly, this is the place from where Jesus' earthly rule began and this is where He will come back to rule over the nations of the earth again. Some other titles of rulers are Czar, Ceasar, Shah, president or prime minister and many more and their rulership is over countries and nations and their authority moves from the top down.

**GOVERNMENT (Mountain 7)** also is exercised in a workplace, in a company, or in a corporation, in a school or college and in all establishments of all fields and in many other areas. So we need to understand that when the Word says 'The government shall be upon His shoulder....and of the increase of His Kingdom and of peace there will be no end', it covers a vast area and moves from the highest to the lowest area. Rule and rulership in all these areas that we have just mentioned have only one ultimate source. That is God, or from God, or upon his shoulders from eternity to eternity. This is the truth found in the Bible. Satan tried to acquire a government in heaven and it was not allowed by God and hence he had to be cast down upon this earth and an area called the heavenly realm or place Eph.6:12.

Adam was created and given authority to have an earthly government with the delegated authority of God upon him and his descendants. But when Adam sinned, the fallen angel who desired to have government upon his shoulders along with his assistants, stole this authority from Adam and used the same authority to deceive mankind and started ruling over them. That's why he said to Jesus, "All this authority I will give You and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish." Lk.4:6. Something the devil has been doing all along – giving it to whoever meets his evil demands.

So, it is clear that the government originally belonged to God and was given to man, but he lost it. But because of Jesus and what He accomplished

through His death and resurrection, man has to regain it by humble submission to the will of God and then authoritatively cast out the devil. 1Pet.5:6-9. (If anyone does not agree with this, then in that case, we need to delete many verses supporting this from their Bible). When a king or a ruler or a government or a prime minister or a president or authorities at different levels are elected or chosen or appointed, they occupy these places of authority either by satan appointing them according to Lk.4:6 or by God establishing them.

#### How does this happen?

Sometimes it is through election and other times may be through wars. Sometime a brother of a ruler, or a stranger, rises and kills the ruler and takes that office by force. This can happen in any area of life. Wherever jealousy or covetousness or greed is involved, it is easy to see the hand of satan. In elections if corrupt practices are involved, it is satan. But if God wants to bring a change He usually does something miraculous and shows His character and His glory. Sometimes God allows His people to go through persecution, or face ungodly practices, which causes them to repent and turn towards Him. He then gives them a greater measure of power. This process will continue till the time is ripe for His glorious return, or the major population accepts Jesus as their Lord and master and becomes a part of the nations to come under His Kingdom rule prior to His return.

God may reveal the timing of events on His calendar through the obedience of chosen people and through the fulfillment of prophecies of God written in His Word. His kingdom rule can come upon a nation if His people who are called by His name, united together in one mind and accord, repent from their evil ways and confess their sins and plead for the corrupt practices and ungodliness to be removed. God will hear and change the government. It brings healing to the Nation. His chosen people can play a major role in changing governments. That's what He desires from His people. But when there is no revelation like this, the country will continue to walk in darkness and in depression. In the absence of this revelation, satan seems to have his own way by having his people rule. At such times, there is loss of lives without knowing God and wealth gets collected in the wrong hands and corruption has its control over everything. But the prophecies in the Bible show clearly that even these

happenings are known to God and He is in control over all. Man's freewill when exercised without God brings damnation to himself. Seeking first the Kingdom of God can bring all the rest of the things in life under His control and there is no lack for anything. (Mt 6:33)

We should also observe how the preservation of the Jewish race until Messiah was born and presently the preservation of the same Jewish race from all attempts to exterminate them and destroy the nation of Israel and hinder the second coming, are ongoing proof that God is sovereign over all the nations of the world and satan can only rule where man deludedly chooses to obey him. God's way of handling the nations and their sovereignty and the freedom of individuals to choose their destiny is to ultimately show forth His merciful, wise and just rule over all. Rom.11:30-33. God's plan for the nation of Israel will be fulfilled before His coming and the same can be said about the nations that uphold the laws and commands of God. But the time when satan and his evil hold over all the nations is overthrown and "the kingdoms of the world will become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ" Rev.11:15 will also happen within this same time frame. It is also important to understand the ultimate purpose of God in bringing judgment to the world, as He did in Noah's time, in delivering the nation of Israel from slavery, and whenever His children cried out to Him for deliverance, even in recent days from the hands of communism and Nazism. He is always mindful of the struggles of the godly in an ungodly world and judgment is timed to allow them to come into the freedom to worship. 2Pet.2:9. Rom.16:20. As this age draws to a close we have the assurance that the trinity of evil powers under which Satan has opposed God will meet with their D-day, bringing in the longed-for restoration of the Kingdom. Acts 1:6-7.

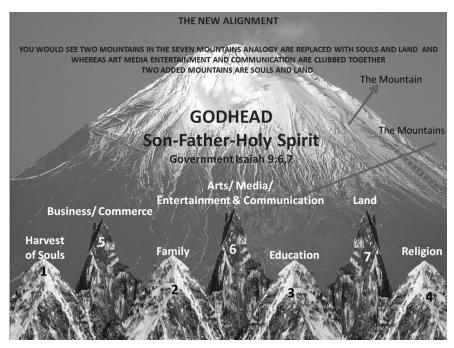
It is also very important to know that God is in ultimate control and He is omniscient and omnipotent and He knows when to overthrow a government installed by satan and bring His own people in. God is also compassionate to change His mind and timing of events, if His people called by His name call out to Him.

So, let us know that government is in His Hands and He is the Government. Jesus is the King and in Him and from Him flows out the Kingdom in all its fullness. So, we need not worry and strive, or try to occupy some exalted places or positions. This is a limited thinking

and I say it is the carnal mindset and a lack of knowing our identity in Christ. This realignment of seven mountains is to place 'the government mountain' (which was so far placed as one of the seven mountains)up in its rightful place as THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD, to be above every other mountain or area of life. His CHOSEN ones for this position of rule and rulership or authority, occupy this shifted up position with HIM as part of the Body of Christ and exercise the rule and rulership with HIM.

(In this context please read "Ekklesia rising" by Dean Briggs, a book I highly recommend.) His chosen ones seated with HIM in this mountain are to acknowledge His Lordship to reign with HIM and have His mind in rulership without controlling or manipulating. They are not to be swayed by the position, power and glory of this world and also its wealth that becomes the bait that satan offers to get them out of this position and forget their true identity. His Chosen ones, are all the believers, the saints of God, the Ekklesia, the Body of Christ, the Church. We will go to the next chapter to understand this realignment.

## THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD AND THE MOUNTAINS



(Diagram 2)

In the diagram we can see changes made in 2 of the 7 mountains, One depicted as the government and another depicted as entertainment & communications. The government mountain is the mountain of God-right on top.

Entertainment & communications mountain is clubbed with the arts & media mountain, thus making room for two more areas of life. The diagrams just help visualize the truths we are sharing and help us gain a better perspective. My viewpoint is that we do not need two separate mountains for Art & media and for communications & entertainment. The government mountain is shifted to the top. Now the government mountain of the old diagram is replaced with the LAND mountain and the seventh one is called the SOULS/HARVEST or the people mountain.

We will explain some more on what we have in all these mountains in the next few chapters. We now continue to concentrate on the government mountain - the mountain of God. The big mountain belongs to God alone. It can be called the throne of God, or Mount Zion or the Mountain of the Lord. Already we have expressed that the Government is in God himself and proceeds from His Throne alone or in Isaiah 9:6-7. It rests upon the shoulders of the Son and there will be no end to the increase of His government. "For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things." Rom.11:36. Kings and Kingdoms are His. He can remove one and install another in a day. Dan.4:34-35. Although through corrupt and deceptive practices, Satan can cause a ruler to occupy a throne or thrones in the world, but finally everyone is controlled or permitted by God alone. All authority lies with Him or in Him. Without Him giving it to anyone, no one can acquire it. Jesus clearly declared all authority in Heaven and on the earth, is now given to Him and go therefore...' Mat.28:18

Satan is defeated and literally the authority he acquired by the Fall of Adam is now available to us who are called to take over. It is just as though Jesus the king Himself went forward to fight against a country or a kingdom and defeated the enemy, disarmed him totally and told his warriors to go and take authority over that nation and take back all that was lost. Col.2:15 So as far as the government mountain is concerned it is only one mountain, the mountain of the Lord, high above all the rest, from where everything else flows down. All other mountains, the systems and the people involved therein are under the authority and rulership and control and direction of what God has in himself and has vested on his people in the mountain of God. So we say, "worthy are you Lord, to receive all power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory, and blessing." here at last, we have someone worthy of all power, who will use it in wisdom to

bring only blessing! Rev. 5:12; Dan. 7:14, 27. King Solomon achieved what was seen to be in the world existing at that time, the pinnacle of greatness, wealth and power. But Jesus said of Himself that one "greater than Solomon is here." Lk.11:31. It will be marvelous to see the administrative ability of this great "Prince of Peace."

We have already seen that government is in many levels and in many areas, wherever men and women (souls, people, or harvest of souls) are, or an establishment (business or industry) is, or a family is, or a society/community created called a religious sect is, or arts, media, entertainment and communications are, educational institutes are and finally where the land is (which will include houses properties, possessions, and to add redemption of the land from the curse and pollutions). So, government is required to be over all these seven mountains. Remember we are moving from a mindset that we had to just be of passive influence in these seven mountains, to a mindset of acquiring back, or getting restored and possessing these seven mountains in the years to come. The Lord Jesus is coming back soon. And prior to His coming, we the sons of God are to rise up and complete the work He has told us to do. Because the Day is near, these revelations are progressive and taking us to a higher level of understanding our position and identity than before.

What is vital to know and notice is, we are not entering these areas from underneath but occupying these mountains from above, as the redeemed of the Lord from our slavery to sin. We are seated with Him in the heavenly realms. We are at His right HAND. He is the Head of the Body and His fullness fills all in all. Not our fullness fills all these areas, it is His fullness that fills all in all. Eph.1:22,23. There is no temple in New Jerusalem – the city coming down from above Rev.21:22. It is the Kingdom of God in its fullest glory 1 Cor.15:28. The church built on the foundation of the apostles is represented by the names of the apostles on the foundation stones. The names of the 12 tribes of Israel are written on the gates of the city, representing the whole nation of Israel. Everything that we see in the 7 mountains of culture and influence has fallen beautifully in place in this celestial city, where the glory of God illuminates the whole city and the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple -this is the future that we are pressing into and it encompasses the whole government of God. ..the great shift.

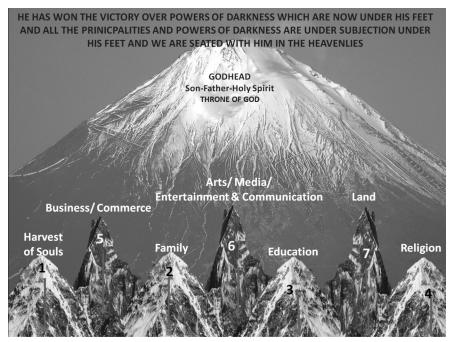
An explanation on the earlier representation of the seven mountains, was that the religion mountain was the church and the Glory of the Church had to spread over the remaining six mountains and possess them. No, it is not possible. The religion mountain consists of those existing several religions and sects and god men and women and their followers and their teachings and influences. It may also include as already said, the so-called nominally Christian people who walk according to the world system or in darkness. And we are called to dethrone the powers controlling them and possess those areas under the direction of the king (from the God head). When I mention this, what I am given to understand is that we are not called to replace all 100% of the existing world systems. This is what is revealed to me so far. I believe it may be 50% before His return. I stand on the verses which say, there shall be two in the field and one will be taken up and the other left behind and two grinding at the mill and one is taken up and other left behind and out of the 10 virgins five entered in and 5 were left behind. There are sheep and goats on the judgment day. There is the wheat and the tares. On His return He shall gather all those who are to be with Him and leave the rest to be burned with fire. We are talking about our present times and we need to know His will and purpose



(Diagram 3)

according to His word and about His placements for us to occupy an area, or a mountain in our area of influence, or wherever He has placed us.

What is this High Mountain? Who is or who are all there? Why is it called 'The Mountain of the Lord?' God is the highest Mountain. The Godhead, Father, Son and the Holy Ghost are here. The throne of God is here. And who else? His Body, the redeemed of the Lord - all children of God who are seated with Him. The Bride. The Ekklesia. We are the members of His Body, The Universal Church of God. The earthly church is only a part. No single church is complete in itself. No



(Diagram 4)

single church alone can be the Bride of Christ. All churches brought together shall be the universal Body of Christ. All believers joined together shall be the Bride of Christ.

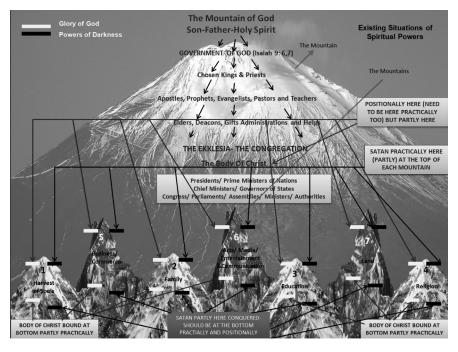
Below the Godhead, the Father the Son and the Holy Ghost, we have the fivefold ministers, the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, starting from the Early Apostles and the men of God who have lived before Christ and after Christ and the ones who live now. The authority and government of God flows downwards, not necessarily

always through the recognized fivefold ministers as in old testament times, when the anointing and word of God came through chosen men of God alone, but through available channels who will not be a hindrance for the free flow of His life and fullness and many a times directly through the chosen vessels of God. The Spirit of God speaks to individuals directly and also to a body collectively. Confirmations can be given through one or more. So, the diagram is a representation of who all are there. Then, we have elders and deacons and we have also mentioned the gifts, administrations and helps. And finally, all those who are born again and called to be the children of God occupy or position themselves in this Holy Mountain of God.

Just as God is above everything and every mountain, so we too the chosen generation, royal priesthood, are positionally over all the OTHER SEVEN mountains. We with the calling and election of God are to occupy figuratively speaking, the space over one or more mountains within the sphere of our calling and have dominion over that sphere or mountain or area. That's how our mindset needs to be. We are more than conquerors the Word says. We are seated with Him the Word says. Jesus said all authority is with Him and we therefore should go into all the world and preach... Let us see some more details of these seven mountains in the following chapters...... Satan is presently an illegal tenant whose lease over the earth was terminated by the cross and when we occupy a position of authority over him and his minions, we are only taking what rightfully belongs to us under King Jesus. However his final eviction notice is still pending – Rev.20:10

(Analogies or comparisons work well in highlighting one aspect of the truth that is God and which is therefore beyond the capacity of our limited minds to wrap around. The mountain analogy cannot be used to bring out the truths of the building analogy where Jesus is the cornerstone and the apostles and prophets make up the foundation.)

See the diagram with some darkness shown over the mountains:



(Diagram 5)

# THE MOUNTAIN OF HARVEST FIELD OF SOULS

In this mountain are the unsaved souls, the lost. Let us remind ourselves with the Word of God: Mt. 28:18-20,"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. Mk 16: 15-18,"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned, And, these signs will follow those who believe: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues, they will take up serpents and if they drink any deadly thing it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick and they will recover."

All those who are called by Him into the fold of God, and are the disciples of God, have this Great Commission. One fact we all need to know at this junction. All the mountains, The Mountain of God, and the other seven mountains are full of people, people and people. So, the main concentration is on people or souls. But we would also see that there are different systems, methods, principles and ways of functioning in each and every mountain. But it is the people who control these systems. If they are influenced by evil spirits, they exhibit and exercise evil actions. If they are led by the Holy Spirit they do Spirit filled and Godly actions. Since we have this Great commission, there are mission agencies and challenges given to all of us to be a witness, sharing the gospel as part of

our daily living. We generally go to all the lost ones and preach the gospel and share our testimony or distribute gospel literature. Mission agencies have come up with strategies and plans to reach the unreached. Hence the Great Commission is the focus in this mountain of Souls or lost ones.

But at the same time those of us who live focusing on the other mountains also share the gospel or our testimony with the unsaved ones living in those mountains. The total focus is to see that souls are saved from this mountain and from the other mountains and added to the Body of Christ. Our calling to be conquering this Harvest (of souls) mountain, is not only to see people saved, but also to see that they afterwards understand what it means to become a part of the Kingdom of God by making Jesus Lord of their lives. We have rights and authority to bring salvation to our family members, then in the society and then into cities or nations. Only then can we say that a person has truly come out of satan's kingdom. Col.1:13. We preach the gospel to everyone and but only those who are preordained or called alone will respond. It may be 50% or more. How? We derive our authority from Jesus who has all authority. One with authority does not think that they have to plead with satan and his opposition or come imperceptibly in order to be just influential. They command. They know those who resist and threaten, have to obey. They can declare their power in Jesus' blood and Name. They can go in and possess. They can rule the area for which the authority is given. (However we do plead with the lost souls of men and women and rulers and all those whom Satan has kept captive to do his will. 2 Tim.2:24-26. Neither do we rail at the devil. Jude 9.) Satan brings maximum obstacles in this area.

**Prayer and intercession play a major role in this conquering.** His total hold will go away if he loses souls. Persecution is brought by him. It needs lot of prayer and intercession before we go and declare the gospel. We need the direction of God to go to a people group or an area. It is to execute what is laid upon our shoulders. Many have lost their lives as martyrs in doing this work. As a result of prayer and intercession and our effort in proclaiming the gospel we win souls. We promote them to the Highest Mountain. We do this with authority. Salvation of souls in general and souls particularly in our families, are our priority. Acts 16:31 says believe in the Name of the Lord you shall be saved and your household. It's a promise.

So, these days when we desire people to get saved we do pray and intercede for them and then every day we will declare over those souls in the spirit, that they need to get saved. As the Word says, "the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." Acts 2:47. The actual work of saving them is His, but we have authority to go, preach and baptize and then teach and then disciple etc. etc. We should not forget what Jesus read from the book of Isaiah in Luke 4:18-19 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor, He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted; to proclaim liberty to the captives; and recovery of sight to the blind; to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." When Jesus sent the twelve in Matt 10:1-2, He gave them power over unclean spirits to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sicknesses; and all kinds of diseases: Look at this. It's so simple and it can be done without any striving. The command is 'to heal..., to cast out... to set at liberty... to preach (means declare) to cast out..."

When you apply this principle to conquer any mountain, first we need to know that the evil spirits occupying those mountains, or on the people are to be cast out. Healing of sicknesses is very important in conquering the mountain of harvest of souls. Jesus cast out the evil spirit when He ministered healing. In addition, ministering to the oppressed and the depressed and setting them in freedom and healed of all their outer and inner sicknesses too are part of this ministry. If we need to conquer all of the mountains - top-down or bottom-up, we need more souls. So, conquering this mountain is very important. When we gather more into the Kingdom of God our army becomes stronger and we can easily conquer all other mountains. So, we are talking about bringing people out of satan's dominion into the kingdom of the Son. I was impressed by the book written by Dr. James Brewton that we need to be transformed from footmen to horsemen and progress in strength and maturity for the task. We gather or recruit soldiers into the Army. So, the first and foremost focus needs to be on this mountain. Nevertheless, the attention and concentration need to be on the other mountains too, so that the evil forces on those mountains will not hinder our progress with the victory over this mountain. And also, the unsaved souls in other mountains of cultural influence are to be brought to the experience of receiving Him as savior and making Him their Lord. Then they become part of the Ekklesia and get empowered to become conquerors over the kingdom of darkness in their area.

### THE MOUNTAIN OF FAMILY

Many a times I wondered why this has to be a mountain by itself. Because, when I get saved I climb the Mountain of God along with my family, who will always remain as a part of me. It's the promise of God given for a reason. Acts 16:32. So in fact one has to concentrate first on his family members coming to the Lord, even before reaching out to others. In India we have families following other religions and sometimes we are thrown out of the family and disowned by them and so many have to stay outside and out of touch with family. But if there is any opportunity to be with the family members, we have every added advantage to bring them to Christ. When I got saved I was the first one to attend prayer meetings in my family. I lacked the courage to tell my daddy or mommy or even my older brother about my involvement. And so, I concentrated on my younger brother. I was just 16 years old. I did not think it would be wise to talk to him straight away about his salvation. So, what did I do? Holding on to the promise of God in Acts 16:31 I would touch his schoolbooks and pray and claim (proclaim) that he would be saved when he touched his books to study. I used to touch his shirt or pant when it used to be hanging next to mine and ask the Lord to save by His presence transferring from my clothes to his, when he put them on. And so finally, one day he said he was coming to the prayer meeting. He came and got saved. Now he is a preacher and teacher of the Word. But one thing I needed to confess. I had done something against him when I was younger. When my leader spoke about reconciling and restoring things I had made up my mind that I would confess the things I had done against him and ask him for

forgiveness. This opened the way for the Lord to work and Satan could not have any control. No preaching by me at home was needed.

The following testimony may be funny, but it's true. I had been travelling to one of our States in India called Punjab wherein the Sikhs or Punjabis live. In the beginning of our ministry, I saw only ladies coming to the church and very few men. For every 80 women may be 4 to 6 men would come. I found out from the ladies that most of the husbands drank. or worked late or lived in adultery. I preached from the same passage Acts 16:31. I gave my testimony of my brother coming to the Lord. I challenged them to do something very similar. Chapati or naan is their main food. Every woman invariably has to make chapatis. They make the dough into small balls and then roll them out on a wooden board and then before laying them on the hot plate or directly onto the side of the clay pot in the fire they will toss it between their palms. I asked them to claim that as they made the chapatis, the anointing in their arms and hands would get transferred to the chapatis so that when their husbands ate them their husbands will be touched by the Lord and be born of the Spirit. the women were happy to do this. The next time I visited there were many more men in the church and they had this testimony.

What did the Lord say when He broke bread and gave to His disciples? "Take eat, this is my body.... Take drink, this is my blood which is shed for you.... Cast out demons.... Lay hands on the sick and the sick shall recover." Why did Jesus dine with sinners many times? He transfers His presence through physical contact. There was a family consisting of husband and wife and seven grown up children. First the wife came to the Lord and then one by one all the children and even the grandchildren came to the Lord. But in the testimony of the wife and a few of the children they would say that the husband or the father would go to hell as he had not accepted Christ. I had to rebuke them several times not to mention such words and judge his salvation. Finally he fell ill in his old age and all were praying. During the last 10 days he started to read the Bible and then asked his family members to pray for him and then finally he gave his life to Christ and died as a saved person. He is in heaven before them. God is faithful and He will fulfill his promises.

Many a times we saved ones are a hindrance for the salvation of family members. I agree that this mountain of family is truly a mountain to be

overcome for many in the western culture. I look at the divorces that have taken place in a large number of families, forgetting the commandment of God that what God has put together no man shall put asunder. Adultery is often made an excuse, forgetting that the so-called innocent partner himself or herself would have committed adultery in some way or the other in the spiritual sense of giving something or someone the place that rightfully belonged to the partner. I look at the children born outside wedlock. Sad to see that this lifestyle of having a child before marriage or even without marriage when single people have sex and produce children - has brought a great deterioration in the identity of the child and hurt in the life of the parent. Having sex has become so common just like going to the coffee shop and having a cup of coffee and forgotten about afterwards. Immorality is so widespread that many fail to recognize it as a great wrong to oneself and to others. Individuality is another hindrance to experiencing salvation among family members. You and yours, me and mine are not conducive to family culture. You and I are one and we are one and yours is mine and mine is yours, has to be in the family culture for the Lord to work. Why?

The family bond is very important. Love your neighbor as you love yourself cannot be practiced unless it is practiced within the family circle. I always say love (and not the freedom to control) has no boundaries within the family. Self-identity has to be sacrificed for the sake of the family. Esteeming one another has to be practiced within the home. Acceptance, faithfulness, service and honor are the four virtues to be practiced in any relationship. Forgiveness has to be practiced in every step of our family relationships. But the promise of God –that He will turn the hearts of the children to their parents and parents to the children will be fulfilled in each family if we occupy the right place and position oneself for God's blessing. The fourth commandment of honoring one's parents is very key to overcoming this mountain. God has given many more promises and instructions to family members in both the old and new testaments. 'Putting our house in order' is a command to be obeyed, not just when death draws near, but for everyone who has not conquered this mountain.

We need to repent of the ways in which we have rejected Him and made our own decisions. Repent from all the wrong doings and forgive those who hurt us and ask for forgiveness if we have hurt others, especially our

family members. Look for avenues to restore relationships and reconcile with those with whom it is broken. If we truly want to conquer, there can be no excuse or counter argument. Humbling ourselves and turning to God will open the way for victory.

# THE MOUNTAIN OF EDUCATION

od told His people Israel, right in the middle of their Uwilderness journey to teach their children. Deut.6:7. Education was a department or lifestyle right from then. The Torah was the first book used for education and it was God given. Moses was a great writer. Job too. We had teachers like Samuel the prophet. We had great poets and musicians like David the King. Then there were prophets who had schools of the prophets. Solomon was extremely wise to write on wisdom and how to acquire it. There were great teachers, scribes and scholars in the synagogues. Jesus was the greatest teacher. During this period, the eastern part of the world had many writers of different religions. Some writings were history, some were astronomy, some were fiction, some became religious Vedas (the Hindu Scriptures) and some great poems etc. etc. Down through the ages, education was taken out of the church or temple of God, to become a separate identity and then researches and debates produced ungodly principles and writings. Now this field has totally deteriorated to the point of introducing atheistic and demonic principles as educational materials and institutions totally dedicated to teaching them.

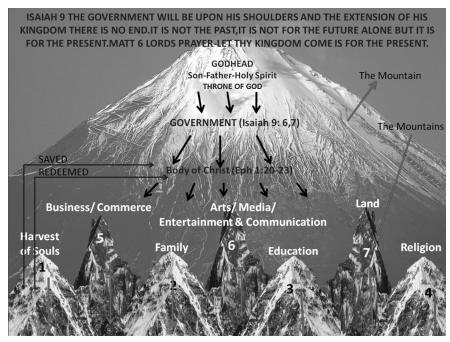
Jesus died and rose again even to restore this area of the mountains. God has revealed several hidden principles in times past to His children, who then became research scholars and great inventors. In many countries educational qualifications have become a means of applying for a job or

a license to earn money. Again, we see the mountains are interlinked. All departments of education are discoveries made down through the ages, whether in science, mathematics, history, geography, computer science or any other field. Except pornography and sexually deviated topics which are the inspirational trap of satanic forces, the believers can, easily not only shine in the educational fields, they can surely and firmly climb this mountain and conquer. Those Christians who have passed out of these universities need to go back as apologists and teachers. Catholics and to certain extent Protestants have established those universities and believers need to gain back the control and Godly influence over them. We have many fields in this area of life. Both Christian and non-Christian. Christian fields and topics too are compromised. The list is longer than what is presented here. Accounting, Biblical studies, Business administration, Ministry, Criminal justice, Database and data networking, Healthcare management, health Science Information Technology, Public administration, Communications, Leadership, Marketing, Sports, Theology, Science, Mathematics and many, many more. Research studies in Science and Technology and medical fields are very important needs of the hour. Infact you are in a favorable position to conquer all the other mountains if this education mountain is conquered.

# THE MOUNTAIN OF RELIGION

In this mountain of religion, we need to visualize two distinct f I areas of occupation. One, the unbelievers' area and the other the believers' area. In the area of unbelievers, we have all the other religions and the people believing and practicing those writings, teachings and principles. Any belief system that does not have, or anyone who does not believe and has not received Father God and the Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit, is not a believer in the Lord. So, there are many in the unbelievers' area. The overcoming of this area of the mountain has been covered under the mountain of the harvest of souls. And then we have believers in the Trinity (inclusive of those who may believe in Jesus only, or in any other variation of denying the Trinity) but not living according to the lifestyle Jesus taught His disciples and not according to the Holy Spirit's guidance. Not all believers are in this area, but the ones who have brought the worldly system, a tradition, a religious system inside, they are the ones. They are more like the Pharisees and the Sadducees of Jesus time. Many of those Christian institutions which practice a lifestyle just like the unbelievers belong here. Even those mega churches or national and international leaders who bow down to the earthly system or nonbelieving government system for their protection and benefit belong to this area. Those who compromise with darkness belong to this area. When the Word clearly says there is no relationship or fellowship or communion with darkness, they live in one manner inside the church and in another manner outside the church. They belong to this area. We have

a great task to conquer this mountain. We have a battle with the enemy, satan and his demonic agents, when we want to conquer the unbelievers' area and the bigger battle is to conquer or convert the believers' area. It is this believers' area (believers in Jehovah God who persecuted and crucified Jesus on the cross) which is more a stumbling block or a great roadblock for the rest to climb the seven mountains and conquer them. Religious critics who bring down the work of God by standing against the move of the Holy Spirit need to come to a place of repentance. Down through the ages we see in church history, that persecution was mostly brought against the reformers and believers filled with the Holy Spirit by this kind of people, or rulers, or those in authority. We need to respond to the move of the Holy Spirit and be filled with new wine to conquer this mountain.



(Diagram 6)

### THE MOUNTAIN OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY (COMMERCE AND FINANCE)

nything connected with money, gold and wealth, relate Ato this mountain. Right from the point of joining a job to the point of becoming a CEO or becoming the owner or authority over these departments/businesses and many more related functions and functionaries are part of this mountain and it is a huge one. Yes, money is useful for everything. We need to clearly remember the parable of the talents. God has entrusted to every one of us some money and resources. We need to earn our living. We need to prove to God that we are good stewards. There are many sayings in the book of Proverbs that talk about being truthful, faithful, full of integrity, causes and reasons for downfall, steps to adopt for success etc. etc. Not a single one of these admonitions can be neglected if we truly look to conquering this mountain. Tithes and offerings involve money. Render to Caesar what is Caesar's and render to God what is God's involves money. The sluggish and the lazy cannot even think of having enough to live on, so how will he be able to conquer this mountain?

Money sometimes is the root cause for many divorces. Many children going astray. Brother rising against brother and killing and murdering take place here. Envy and jealousy come up. Many a times you will see that money controls major decisions on all the other mountains too. If money is put first in our lives we lose the

right insight into God's plan and purpose in life. The Sermon on the mount is full of encouraging words, commanding us not to worry and not to be anxious for anything. God in heaven knows what you need. So do not worry about what you will eat or drink. But then the command is also to "ask and it shall be given to you, seek and you shall find and knock and the door shall be opened unto you." So, to conquer this mountain we need to set our priorities right in our lives.

God and His Kingdom, has to be first and then comes family, and then money and business and industry and commerce. Three basic needs in life are food, clothing and shelter. In supplying these to us, business and industry is involved. We should not forget that "man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God". If God could provide for Israelites in the wilderness, He shall do so for us too. So, faith in God is very important. In saying this there are steps to follow to reach the top from the bottom, but our perspective should always be from the top where we are seated in Christ. It is not that we get into this mountain for the sake of meeting our needs alone, but we need to ultimately conquer this mountain for the kingdom and be suppliers and generous givers. Let us walk diligently and we will serve our masters, as though we serve God, and handle our finance in truthfulness and integrity and He will be the rewarder. Joseph and Daniel of the bible are very good examples of honoring God and offering leadership in this area and not succumbing to the pressures around them. Let us also hear the testimonies of many who have risen up like them in this world, in our generation and walked worthy of their calling. Money, provisions, wealth and possessions will always be enough and more to spare with the children of God, although sometimes God tests us in order to meet our needs in unusual and miraculous ways. When we continue to tithe or give to God or give to the poor, it ends up in having a surplus to meet our own needs. We have testimonies of great corporate houses starting from giving 10% to God and rising up to 60 to 70% of their income given to God and they are at the top of this mountain.

God is not just partial to a few. But He has given gifts and abilities to all. And hence let us be faithful in little and more shall be added to help us climb this mountain and be ruling. Villages, cities, and states and, nations too can rise up to this stature as more and more people embrace this vision and calling. There is always plenty in the earth that God has created for His people, if they learn to obey His laws.

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### THE MOUNTAIN OF ARTS, MEDIA, COMMUNICATION AND ENTERTAINMENT

Gifts and talents are from God. God gives good and perfect gifts. James 1:17. Gifts and talents are in fact the inherent abilities placed in man when he was created by Creator God in His own image. God is the creator, creator of various things in the world, the source of all its beauty with different colors and shapes and everything that is good. Nothing is beyond the imagination of God. Even the discoveries of the present time in the computer age. What we have or do through them are within the greatness of God. It is God who allows them to be discovered and sometimes he allows them to be destroyed within a second. Japan which had a strong economy and all of the latest inventions in most of the fields was destroyed in one earthquake or tsunami. Man is not beyond God, although many times he thinks he is and oversteps his limits.

Art is the expression of these gifts and talents. Entertainment is the expression of man with all his imaginations conveyed through various media, may be in literal expression in drama or singing or through movies. Media and communications are the channels through which all these arts and entertainment are conveyed to the world and its masses. Now media is utilized to reach people at the other end of the world, far away by thousands of miles. Media was through cables in olden days, then through the wireless and now by signals transmitted through satellites. These are

powerful tools for both the godly and ungodly. Since man has fallen into sin, sinful expressions are received or viewed by the majority.

There are two ways to conquer this mountain. One through prayer for supernatural intervention by the Spirit of God or angels of God to stop them. Whenever enemies came against the army or people of God, Angels have supernaturally interfered to destroy the enemies. The other way is for those who are gifted in these mechanics and skills to enter, utilize and occupy by means of the contribution of business and industry, economy or finance and bring in the kingdom. God works in both ways. It is we the believers who need to have the right mindset to know that everything is the original creation of God and just as man had fallen into sin and lost his authority to satan, so also all of creation followed and lost these gifts and talents to satan. So it is not right to say why should satan have all the good music, because he does not own the gift of music, but we surrendered our gift to him. Let us sing for God. Actually, it is people who are influenced by evil forces who have produced music of evil nature. If people are redeemed in these areas of life we will have everything Godly. Let us be the sons of God who take authority and are willing to battle and fight and get back the arts, media, communications and entertainment under our Dominion in order to "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." Ps. 150:6

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### THE MOUNTAIN OF LAND

Next to the Harvest mountain, in size, is this Mountain of Land. If souls are won for the Kingdom, we effectively have every other mountain. We should remember that when Adam failed in his stewardship, he was driven out of the garden of Eden. He was cast into the remaining land and he had to sweat, plough with all hardships, to earn his food. "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil shall you eat of it All the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you and you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; For dust you are, and to dust you shall return." How serious is this?

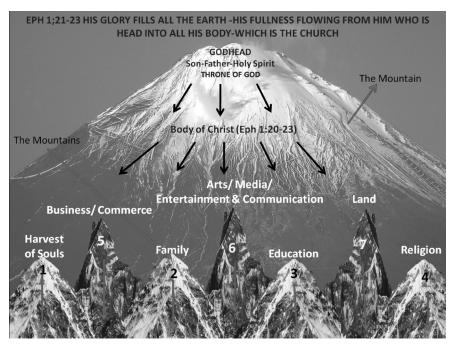
The redemption process is not complete if we do not expect to have everything for which Christ died; and if we cannot celebrate the victory of Jesus. We are not ready to receive King Jesus on His second coming, till we climb and conquer this great mountain. Today how many believers do not own even a sq. ft. of land in this world, yet we sing my Great God owns everything in this world and the cattle on a thousand hills. How many churches do not own a place of worship or even a conference center to hold their meetings? How many have mortgaged their properties for the sake of money, or for cultivating their land to get the produce and payback their loan?

In many countries where idol worship or witchcraft is predominant, there is not enough rain and the land is a desert and not enough food grown, because of which great plagues are destroying many lives. Although God had promised not to destroy the earth by flood, many areas

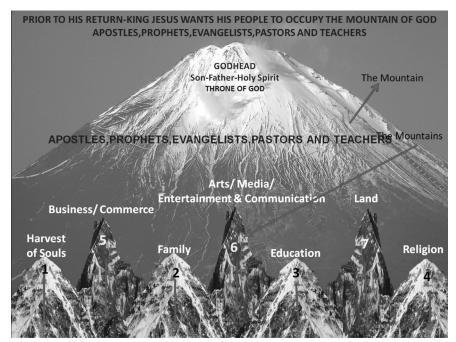
are still being destroyed by excessive rain and flood and lives are lost. The death of Christ reverses every curse.Gal.3:13–14. Solomon made that great prayer at the dedication of the temple and God replied saying, "If My people who are called by My Name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land." The book written by Scott and Shari Norvell on "Terraforming" will give us many guidelines in this recovery process. I have some encouraging testimonies from India. I need to collect some from here in the US.

We had a conference for about 300 pastors and leaders. I had been teaching and preaching on 'The Kingdom Concept" In one of the sessions I was led to place a challenge before the delegates. Many of our churches in India gather either in a rental place or open courtyard or under trees and fields on Sundays. I asked them to put up their hands if they really wanted to have a place of their own as a worship center. Everyone, except those who have some place or church of their own, put up their hands and stood.90% of the delegates. We prayed and made a declaration to believe and receive a land or a building. After that session was over, one of the leaders came to me and handed over an envelope with Rupees 3000 and I asked him what it was for, thinking that it's an offering for the conference expenses. He said the Lord inspired him to give all the money he had in his purse, believing that he would get a land and building for the worship service. Two months later I was to pass through his city and he requested me to visit him on the way. It was evening and the sun was going down and becoming dark. However, he insisted that we should visit him. I agreed thinking that he would take me to his house for coffee and then proceed onwards. Instead he took the taxi outside the city limits and then through the fields we reached an open land area in the darkness. We stopped and got down and I asked, "What's this?" He said," Pastor please dedicate this piece of land that I have purchased. God has answered my faith and prayer and we will have the worship center built here." As I prayed I saw a twostoried building on that land, a worship center in the ground floor and a training center on top. I heard the building has come up above the ground floor level now.

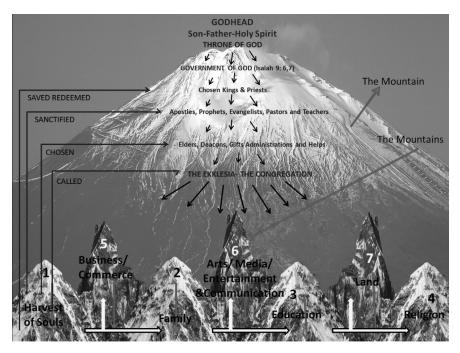
**Another testimony:** It was a house church meeting. Mostly ladies were there. Speaking from the verse "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added to you," I suddenly felt led to ask them



(Diagram 7)



(Diagram 8)



(Diagram 9

how many did not have a house of their own and are willing to believe for the provision of God in a miraculous way, to get their own house. As usual many put up their hands and we prayed. A few months later when I visited their Sunday service, two ladies were very anxious to give their testimonies. Normally when I visit a celebration service they give all the time after their worship to me to preach and teach. But I felt I needed to hear their testimonies. Praise God, these two ladies testified saying they both have got their own houses now, not staying any more in a rental place, and one of them had even the testimony of how the husband had come to the Lord and hence his drinking habit had gone and so he invested in getting a house for their family. God is restoring these days properties and businesses and wealth unto His children. Joel 2:21 says "Fear not, O land; Be glad and rejoice, For the Lord has done marvelous things!" Verse 18 also speaks about land. "Then the Lord will be jealous for His land." This prophecy has been wonderfully fulfilled many centuries later although the warfare over this land of Israel has by no means come to an end.

Many commentators have no problem in taking on all the spiritual promises made to the nation of Israel and transferring them to the church

as spiritual Israel. But they fight shy of all the promises of land being restored and say that is only for the nation of Israel. But all land is God's land. Acts 17:24-26. There is a similar battle going on for every piece of it, when it is claimed for Kingdom ownership, whether it is by individuals, groups of people or nations. Many court cases are for the ownership of land. Similarly battles between nations have been fought. Land is one of the tools satan uses to bring chaos in the lives of people.

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### THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD AND THE MOUNTAINS

I feel the need to repeat the following explanations for a better understanding of this concept:

- See diag 3,4,5 and 6 souls; family; business and industry; art, media entertainment and communication; education; religion; and land. The expression 'The Mountain of the Lord and The Mountains' and the diagrams representing them is an attempt to display every area of life in this world that rightfully belongs to Jesus and encourage every believer to bring his life and his work into alignment with His Lordship. We all are involved in one way or the other in one or more areas of life. Dr. Bruce Cook in his 6 volumes of 'aligning with the Apostolic' has listed different areas of our life. They can be seen under the following heads: Accounting Consulting Entrepreneurship / Small Business/ Finance/ Human Resources/ Leadership Development Programs/ Marketing/ Real Estate/ Retail/Sales/Social Entrepreneurship / Corporate Responsibility / Student & Professional Organizations/Natural and Physical Sciences / Information Technology / Engineering and Related Technologies / Architecture and Building/ Agriculture/ Environmental and Related Studies/ Health/Education/Management and Commerce/ Society and Culture/ Creative Arts/ Food/ Hospitality and Personal Services/ Mixed Field Programmers.

When we focus on all these areas, based on the earlier representation by Loren Cunningham and Bill Brite, (who were evangelical in belief and doctrine and these Apostles have founded worldwide organizations) we will find that in many ways a portion of the mandate was accomplished. There are many documented instances that show how the conquest of these mountains has brought in a beneficial influence to the whole society, even increasing the produce from the land. The prayer movements birthed out of these conceptions and the further development of this concept in subsequent years by well-known authors worldwide have also tangibly resulted in bringing in "the increase of His Kingdom." Diag. 5,6 and 7 clarify the ongoing process in the Globe revealing the progressive fulfillment of His purposes.

After Jesus had given the 'Great Commission', for the last 2000 years, we have been trying to obey and fulfill this command of our Lord. This has to continue till He returns. Go preach, teach and disciple. Soul winning is part of our day to day lifestyle and of primary importance. Loren and Bill have built their organizations on this Command. They have now further moved into discipling. Many gospel oriented worldwide organizations like Operation mobilization in addition to YWAM and Campus Crusade and local organizations in every nation too started with soul winning and found the need for discipleship(e.g. ISOM) and hence started establishing churches as an integral part of this move.

Some have taken the Great Commission as stated in Matthew's gospel to mean that there is a difference in strategy when we try to reach nations, rather than reaching individuals. We, then target the leaders of people groups, nations, heads of families and begin with those in positions of authority. However, both these approaches were followed by the early apostles. Every church on the face of this earth is to be involved in soul winning. Churches without a soul winning program or outward focus soon close down or lose their effectiveness in the Kingdom. US Center for World Missions (USCWM) or Frontier Ventures from LA has a massive thrust into

this field. Critics of the recent charismatic movement will not deny the fact that it is the gifts of the Holy Spirit that bring about the greatest success in soul winning.

During these last fifty years or so we have witnessed the tremendously accelerated move of the Holy Spirit all over the world in adding thousands and even millions in some countries like China and India (which are officially closed to the gospel) and in the African continent into the Body of Christ. That is why the next step of discipleship of every believer from every nation has become a necessity. This soul winning as commanded by Jesus will not stop till He returns. So we cannot ignore this Harvest of Souls as one of the mountains. Since the Lord has accelerated His working in adding up millions into His Church, how far will this take us in advancing the Kingdom? The conviction I have is (it can be more or less in some countries or worldwide) as per the prophecy of our Lord Jesus that, when He returns two shall be in the field and one will be taken up and one will be left behind; two will be grinding at the mill and one will be taken up and one will be left behind; and out of the 10 virgins 5 will get in and 5 will be left behind; and so it should be more or less 50% of the population of any nation or of the world that shall know and would have received Jesus Christ as their Lord and savior.

According to what most of us believe, there will be a final war between King Jesus and the Antichrist and the Lord will bind satan or the Devil and cast him into the bottomless pit prior to the 1000 year reign (there are many different interpretations on this and that's not within our scope here to explain). It will be a great war between two great systems too -The Christ and His kings and warriors on one side and Lucifer or Antichrist and their representatives in this world on the other side. In a war, more or less a 50% strength of warriors are on either side. Now will it be a 50% in every nation or 50% worldwide? I have a firm belief that God has chosen some nations to have much more than 50%. Out of the total population in His vineyard, some nations on the other hand, will have much less than 50%. He will have his remnant in each and every nation

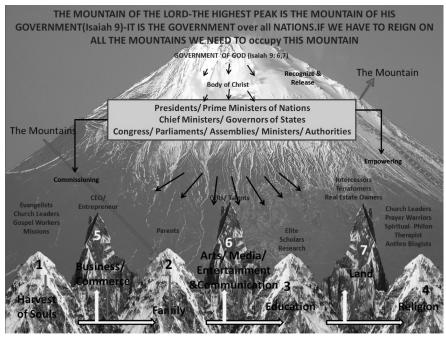
but the nations which have more than 50% will be officially known as Christian Nations. These nations will have born again believers ruling the government - we will see this in a little more detail later. So, there will be a continuous flow of souls saved and sanctified into the Body of Christ.

The Body of Christ cannot be one of the mountains in par with the rest of the mountains and placed within the religion mountain. It cannot be separated from its Head the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and hence the Body of Christ is part of THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD and it is up there. See the diagrams. It is degrading the sanctity and glory of our Lord Himself if we add it with anyone of the mountains below. I agree with Lance Wallnau saying that those mega churches which are mostly oriented on employing the world system to build their own kingdoms belong to this Religion mountain. We are not talking about them. We are talking about 'the church that He builds and the gates of Hell cannot prevail against'. So it is not shut up within the four walls. It is the Ekklesia - the gathering, the company of people who have washed their garments by the Blood of the lamb and are equipping and building up their lives by the Holy Spirit and the Lord Himself. God is doing this work these days all over the globe. Church leaders who are anointed and understand and flow with the Spirit of God are in The Mountain of the Lord.

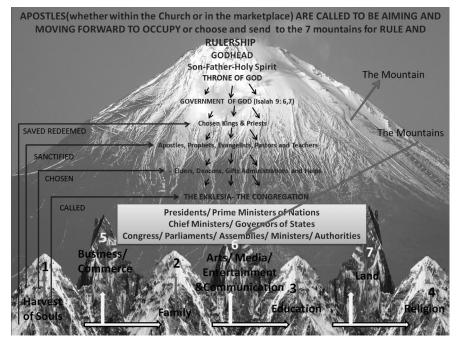
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The Lord Himself through the Holy Spirit gave some to be Apostles, some to be Prophets some to be Evangelists and some Pastors and Teachers, through whom the Lord is building His Body. These Apostles who go and establish or initiate churches, appoint elders and deacons and hand over the Ekklesia to their oversight and leave that place. They continue their oversight from outside through various means of communication, or, if they are inside they are part of this leadership.

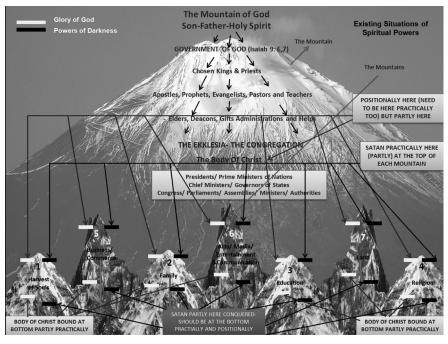
What else do we see happening here within the church and through whom does the Spirit work? "There are diversities of gifts,



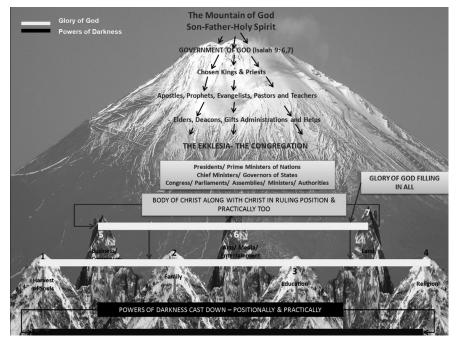
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(Diagram 12)

but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries but the same Lord; and there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestations of the Spirit are given to each one for the profit of all." 1 Cor. 12: 4-7. See also verses 8-11 and 28-30 for more on this list. Are there other gifts of people or spiritual abilities given to the church? We need to recognize some more of these gifts given to the church these days. "... Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His Throne and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first born from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." Rev. 1: 4-6.

The coming of the Lord is near. The Lord is preparing His people and the nations. He is calling and revealing to the chosen ones that they are to become not only priests but also kings. Priests are not meant just for the present and kings for the future Kingdom. These two words need not have been joined together in one sentence had He meant that He will make us priests unto Him now and Kings in the 1000 years reign as some interpret. While reading the Lord's prayer, no one, whether from the Evangelicals or Catholics or the Pentecostals or the Charismatics or even the critics will deny the meaning of its contents. Just as we say, 'give us this day our daily bread, lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, forgive our trespasses as we forgive others', the rest of the prayer is also for the needs of today: 'our Father in Heaven Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it in Heaven....... for Thine is the kingdom, power and glory forever and ever Amen." It talks about kingdom here on earth now although the consummation happens after He returns and inaugurates the thousand years reign. And so, these days He is releasing Kings to take over nations and take over the 7 mountains.

Politics and government are the only means, in the Mountain of the Lord, through which conquering of all the seven mountains can be achieved. No wonder the devil has succeeded in enshrouding this area with so much corruption and evil that most Christians have feared to enter this path. Is. 9:6-7 and Lk.2:33 declare that this will happen. ".. of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end." There is no end to the increase of His government in our lives, our families and communities, our nation and the world. Rulers are required. Rulership is required. Though much maligned, men need to embrace their position as head of the home, from where all spiritual rulership is birthed. The people of the world have no difficulty in understanding this and in rising up to a position of ruling. Every act of God and every move of God is to be practically experienced, shared and witnessed to on earth as a testimony of Jesus. So also Jesus has made us kings and priests to be taking our position in all the areas of life, at every level.

In any nation not all can be presidents or prime ministers. It's one person for a period. But then there are many others who occupy different levels of authority and rulership. They are to be recognized, chosen and released to occupy their places. A sad thing I see in India and in other countries, some of the mega churches control their members, teach them against this rulership and do not release them to occupy their places. On the other hand, they bow down to local non-believers who are in rulership in their states or areas, but are extremely wary of their fellow brethren who seek to occupy these positions. I see similar things happening in other nations too. As soon as we got our political party registered in India, I went and approached and explained the vision and the timing of the Lord for His Kingdom rule in Tamilnadu first and then for the rest of India, to many of the senior leaders of evangelistic organizations and pastors of mega churches. Leaders of many smaller network of churches had attended my meetings and heard the vision for India. I challenged them to release those who are called to contest in elections and be occupying these areas. They heard everything and agreed that the vision is from God. I supported every word I

shared and of my calling to go for this party with the Word of God. I also said the timing of the Lord has come for India. They heard, then said although they wanted to support the vision, they did not want to be publicly identified with it. I am praying that in His time, He will bring them into the conviction of accepting the call and timing of the Lord and step out of all their fears in order to be over comers in this mountain of the Lord. It is the same with some other countries too. America is waking up with many apostles teaching and preaching to the nations.

There are some African countries which have gone ahead and have Presidents who have had the awesome privilege of dedicating their countries to the Lord. In many European countries where there is a ruling Christian party which has embraced the secular viewpoint, there are opposing Christian parties that have a voice in the government, but are unable to win a majority, when decisions have to be voted in. Australia and New Zealand have backslidden in this call now, but will get up to take their true roles. So just like we see 50% of the population or more coming to the Lord, I also firmly believe that 50% or more of the countries of the world will come under the rulership of His people before His glorious return. Islamic countries will not join. The many people here who are saved are going through persecution. Cities of refuge or countries of refuge will come up to support one another. When we say all this, we do not want to be thought to be advocates of prideful triumphalism and therefore refused a hearing. There can be no greater call than being in a position to hand over to Jesus, His rightful position as the ruler of a nation, bowing their knees before Him and stripping the devil of his scheme of hindering the preaching of the gospel.

We are not going to conquer the whole earth for the kingdom before His return. That is His job and there is still much to be revealed on our part in this. We have seen some of the promises that assure us that He will do it in His perfect time and way. Only those who are called, will be occupying this mountain and we have many examples

in Scripture as well as in the past 2000 years of people who have truly brought in the Kingdom by their godly rule.

We may wonder in all this where is Satan and his hold over the world? Lk.4:5-6. We need to visualize and internalize this truth that when Jesus rose again, He was taken up to heaven to be seated at the right hand of the Father and He has all the powers, principalities and authorities of the world under subjection, under His feet. Eph.1:22 That means we need to visualize the defeated foe and all his demonic spirits and activities at the bottom, at the foot of all these mountains. They are not cast out yet. They are not a separate mountain somewhere else. See the diagrams.

Satan and his forces have been subdued and kept under a certain measure of control. If someone figuratively speaking, opens the door, he comes in to occupy and rule. But, if we resist he has to flee away. When believers do not know their authority in Him, or do not exercise their authority and have doorways open and allow satan to work by giving loopholes, or if our priorities are not set right, he has a legal right to usurp the authority to rule those little mountains. When Christian leaders in Tamilnadu, a state in India, bow down to the unbelieving rulers in an action that may seem inconsequential at the moment; the corruption, the bribery, the mafias and all evil forces gain an entry to a position on top of the mountain of government in this state. So also it can happen in every other area (mountain) of life. Because the harvest mountain of unsaved souls is for the greater part not yet brought into the kingdom in India, the unbelievers have chosen a government which hinders the preaching of the gospel and persecutes Christians. It has to be the work and continuous effort of all churches and evangelical organizations to unite and spread the gospel and bring souls into His mountain, without losing their influence over all the other mountains

Unbeknown to each other, the Holy Spirit is already orchestrating this great work among His people. Let us never lose the victorious mindset even though we have to struggle with what may seem like hand to hand combat with the forces of darkness at times. Let us

remember that God's plan for victory will in every situation take the enemy by surprise. The greatest example is what took place on the cross. "...which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known they would not have crucified the Lord of glory." 1 Cor.2:6-8.

What Next? Pr. 9:1,4,5 and 10,"Wisdom has built her house. She has hewn out her seven pillars. She cries, 'Whoever is simple let him turn in here! As for him who lacks understanding, come eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.' "We need to move in the strategy of God. The strategy of God can be known only through our personal relationship with Him.

Of course, the first is the step taken in making prayer the highest priority in our daily walk with the Lord. We build our relationship with him so that we say, just as Jesus could say," I do nothing of Myself, but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things."There was nothing outside the will of the Father that Jesus did. He prayed for many nights, spending long periods of time in communion with the Father. That was how He could see, say and do what he learnt from His Father. Secondly, we need to be aware that in all the mountains, and THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD that we have people and people and people. There are different systems working in all these mountains. But it's all through people. Even money, only when it is handled, it has its power. Depending upon the people who are in control of every area or every mountain they all contain not just one system within, or one set of people inside. There are multitudes, or millions. There are areas within the area of each mountain. We have already seen God has called each one of us with a particular calling and placed each one in a particular position to occupy. Now conquering a mountain involves actually conquering the people for God, so that they all receive God's direction. If we are in a system whether at the bottom or in the middle or right on top, we have people under us, over us or as colleagues on the same level. We are called to have Dominion in that area.

Dominion does not mean control. Let us agree that our focus is the Kingdom of God, which does not work through domination, control and usurpation of the freedom to choose, as satan does. But Jesus always comes in as Lord and King as well as a servant to enable us to accept His Lordship. This title is made famous by Graham Kendrik in his song - "This is our God, the servant King." He is perfect God and perfect man, without any mixing of the two natures or one nature dominating, suppressing and pushing out the other. By enabling us to accept His Lordship we find the true fulfillment of every aspect of our humanity. This has to be very clear. Even if someone is a governor or Prime Minister or President, He is there by the will of God for the sole purpose of bringing in the King's rule, God's rule or management brought into force. Then God helps us to see the fulfilment of this calling in our lifetime, in which He has accelerated this work happening faster than ever before.

All the seven mountains have unsaved people. The whole assignment is to get His/saved people in these mountains to build up the Society or kingdom that He rules over. So, a magnificent change has to take place to conquer the mountains. That is first by adding souls into the Body (universal) of Christ. Evangelism or fulfilling The Great commission adds people from the Harvest Mountain. Other mountains too have people of God who are saved already to a certain extent. In fact, most of us who are not in full time ministry are occupying one or more mountains. Full time ministers justify their position as not being a part of the world system. It's a different understanding, to explain which is beyond the scope of this book. So from these mountains too we see many get added to the Mountain of the Lord or the Body of Christ.

In 1995 all I asked God was to give 10% of the population of my country to receive the Lord. In 2006 He asked me how many have received Him and I knew it was more than 11%. We are almost 23% in Tamilnadu and 21% in Andhra Pradesh.

Vision 2020 is a movement to reach20% by the year 2020. Recently I read that some countries are aiming for 30% in 2025 etc.

What does this show? God is at Work and He is preparing the Body of Christ so that He can come quickly. Mat.24:14. He will soon give us that 50% of the population. During this quick process from now till say 10 to 20 years at the most, or may be less, what do we do? If the greater percentage of this saved population continue to think that the world is under satanic influence and he has his kingdoms under his control and we continue to take on a defensive stance to keep ourselves unpolluted or pure and holy, we cannot be the ones to usher the kingdom of God. We are not saying, that we are waiting to bring the whole population under the rule of believers and then the Lord shall return.

How do the present political parties come to power in many countries? Many elections all over the world clearly declare that it is almost a 50:50 chance for every winner or loser. Whether it is in America or in India or in many European countries, the picture is the same. It clearly indicates the end is near. It is the time for Christians to wake up. It is time to recognize that God has already placed us in all the mountains as a good percentage of the population, to conquer. What is lacking? Just unity?? We read in Isaiah 11:2,"The Spirit (Holy Spirit) of the Lord(Father) shall rest upon Him(Son), the Spirit of Wisdom, the Spirit of understanding, the Spirit of Counsel, the Spirit of Might, the Spirit of Knowledge, the Spirit of the fear of the Lord." We need the sevenfold virtues of the Spirit of God to conquer all the other peaks and oust Satan.

We can look into Rev Chapters 2 & 3, letters to all seven churches. This can be a literal description of churches in the 1st century or prophetic of all churches through the church age. What can it represent to us?. All the 7 churches had different mountains in them. Different situations that needed to be overcome are named in them. But one call is common for all and that is - 'to overcome'. Not to be pushed under but to overcome to receive the crown of life or tree of life. Lukewarmness is another great obstacle.

What about the other events that are described in the book of Revelation? God deliberately hides certain things until the time

is right for them to be revealed. In the last encounter with the disciples before being taken up, we find Jesus talking to Peter in great depth. He all but spelt out the kind of end that Peter was going to meet with, but about John the beloved disciple all he would say was, "If it is my will that he should remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me." Wouldn't we all love to speculate on what the end would be like for each one of us. But all we need to have is the assurance that Jesus knows all about it and His presence is guaranteed to be with all those who follow Him till the end. So, I believe Jesus deliberately leaves us to conjecture and speculate. Besides, any event, where Satan is a major player – has to be hidden, so that it can play out without him guessing the outcome of some of the moves that he makes. 1 Cor.2:8.

Today's Christians and Christian leaders are for the most part in this situation. Neither hot nor cold: Neither standing for truth nor totally in lies. Getting deceived by idol worship - allowing the spirit of Jezebel to rule. So, it's time to wake up. Arise and shine for the light has come. Is. 60:1. This Chapter Isaiah 60, was the one from where the Lord enabled me to challenge the congregation to ask and believe for 10% of population to receive the Lord. I had to face a tremendous backlash from the enemy, but now I see that the Lord had already won the victory and had things under control. It says in the next verse, the darkness covers the earth, deep darkness the people.

Going through all these chapters in this book a question may arise, what about the present rulers, prime ministers and presidents of the nations and their governments which are not by God's people? The answer is right here. The call to shine (as light) is when there is darkness all around. We can see the Throne of God and His Kingdom in Isaiah Ch. 9 wherein we read in vs 7, "Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice, From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this." Just before this in verse 2 we

read "the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light: Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death upon them a light has shined." We can see a canopy of dark clouds covering all the seven mountains in the diagram. Above is the Body of Christ with innumerable believers with their callings, ministries, gifts and manifestations and talents. Our position is above this cloud of darkness. Below are the unsaved souls and activities of darkness in the areas of all these seven mountains. We cannot work from under the cloud, trying to influence these areas or mountains. We need to penetrate from above with the promise and the authority given to us, first displacing satan and his forces of darkness and pushing them further down to the bottom of the mountains. As we have seen earlier – some comparisons are only seen to work from a top down fashion. Other comparisons which work in a bottom up fashion only go to show the many paradoxes in the way scriptural truths work out and the truth that lies sometimes in the equal expression of both companion concepts by the enablement of the Holy Spirit. It may not happen totally or all of a sudden. Through our prayers and declarations and demands, satan has to move further down to the bottom of the mountains. Positionally he is under but practically the darkness covers above the mountains. We are positionally right on top, but practically we struggle from underneath. So, the canopy of the darkness is the present (non-believers) ruling parties or prime ministers or company of rulers and authorities whether in the government or above each of the mountains. There are some openings in between the canopy of darkness indicating the openings God has already made and a few countries have come under His rule with His people and a few areas in all these seven mountains have no more darkness upon them, but the Glory of God upon them. As long as ungodly, satanic forces are ruling, it is so hard to penetrate and bring out the saved ones. God sovereignly works to deliver. But most of the time He expects us to do the work of co-operating with what He is doing. This is the battle against the forces of Satan. Now the percentage we have seen saved or brought into the Kingdom is much higher than what we have seen in the past decades. So "Let the high praises of God be in our mouth, and a two-edged sword in our

hand to execute vengeance on the nations, and punishment on the peoples; to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron; to execute on them the written judgment – this honour have all his saints." Ps.149:6-9. We know from Eph.6 that these kings and nobles are the principalities and powers over these nations. The keys of the Kingdom that Jesus handed to Peter in Matt.16:19, go hand in hand with the authority to bind and to loose given to the two and three who gather together in Jesus' name in Matt.18:18-20. Peter used the keys to open the Kingdom for the multitude of Jews to enter in on the day of Pentecost and to overcome his prejudice and allow the gentiles to come in – Acts 10.

Displacing this canopy in many nations is not far into the future. The time is near. So let us be practical and learn how to use these declarations in the right place and time. Apostles are required in all the seven mountains. All the fivefold ministries are required in all the mountains. Recognizing the fivefold ministers and releasing them into respective fields is very important.

Those who are called to be occupying the government Mountain - the Mountain of God have to go for elections, run for the government for different positions. Fivefold ministers need to recognize them and release them to occupy these positions. When we say 'Yours is the Kingdom, power and glory' that will be seen manifested and experienced by those who are in politics and in governmental positions. They are the ones who can influence all the other mountains with their delegated authority and empower the servants of God to fulfill their destiny in true freedom. This is the way the Kingdom functions, where each minister takes his cue from the way the Trinity functions. Each Person of the Godhead honours the other Persons and this is where we have been placed, within the Persons of the Godhead, to find our ultimate security. Let us not be afraid of the changes that need to be made to release the right people into their positions and may the right people not be afraid to step into their calling and positions of authority. Let His Kingdom come, Amen.

Before I conclude this writing, I would like to share my life experiences as a testimony. Not that I have achieved anything, but by the mercies of God, the path I have walked and come thus far is a testimony to His good Hand over my life. My childhood dreams were just two distinct ones. At 5 ½, I had thought that I should become an (Automobile/mechanical) engineer. I joined the mechanical engineering course but within 3 months after I was enrolled, the Lord redirected me to Civil Engineering and now I am a practicing Civil engineer. At 7 ½ when I was in a remote village in a small town in Tamilnadu, India, I was taught many stories from the Bible but the story of King David impressed my spirit deeply, as all children are in this tender age. I thought whether it would be possible for a child like me from a not so well-to-do family, just meeting the basic needs of life with limited clothing, no proper shoes, living in a rented house with parents, to become one day like David, a king (in the Biblical sense) in my country.

My school education does not have much to remember except thatI passed out in the4th rank among 1800 Board High Schools. I was a bright student in Mathematics but failed in the first-year engineering final exam in the Mathematics paper. It was due to my going astray from the ways of the Lord, as I started to enjoy my freedom from the constraints of living at home. It was in the examination hall that the Lord caught me, asking me "to be Holy as He is Holy." The hall was covered with darkness so intense, but only to my sight, as I struggled to answer each and every question in that paper. I could not complete a single answer and I failed. I continued my education, without a break, but with a new commitment to the Lord. I then remembered the story of Jacob battling with the angel of God and finally asking him to bless him, since he was made to limp when he walked. So, I asked the Lord to bless me in my education as I was made to "limp" through failing my exam. Finally, in the fifth, the final year of engineering I passed with distinction, First Rank first. The blessing continued in my Master's degree too to pass with distinction.

My job in a corporation, started with my position as a Trainee Engineer and when I was about to resign and leave I had occupied the chair as the Department head within 11 ½ years. I started as a consulting engineer after that and ended owning two Ltd companies and a construction company as a real estate developer. I continued my spiritual journey and ministry. I joined as an ordinary member in a Fellowship (Church) and became a pastor at the age of 23, and at 29 started to move into church initiating, establishing and training leaders etc. When churches were established in 13 states in India numbering over 1300 in 22 years, I had become the National Director of that fellowship. It was the will of God that I had to be out of that fellowship of churches and start from scratch again. During the next 5 years, along with a terrible plunge in finances owing to a crash in the real estate market in the city where I lived, I became the overseer of 1000 plus independent churches and pastors and leaders The Lord's hand of discipline and the many ministers he brought along my path during this very testing time, was what shaped and brought me into a new paradigm of overseeing without controlling. The number of churches coming under this oversight under the banner of the "Spirit-filled churches of India" has grown to be 6000 plus now in 2016.

I was ordained as an Apostle and awarded an Honorary Doctorate in 2013. I authored 5 books in India at various times, in order to meet the pressing needs of the growing ministry. Strangely in 2006, on a 22-hour long train journey in India God continued an inspirational encounter with me and convinced me that I should register a political party in order to prepare the Nation India to become a model of Kingdom rule prior to His glorious return. I had read some literature on the seven mountains mandate and on Kingdom teachings. But I always stood firm not to mix church and state (politics). But it was He who convinced me to go for the political party. Simultaneously He started to reveal more of His plans for the nation and Nations. This is a time of waiting and preparing for the fulfillment of this vision. So far what He said He would fulfill has come true.

The time is not yet ripe for the final fulfillment. Believers and especially the leaders do not grasp this kingdom rule mandate at one hearing. But the number of believers getting added to His body is exponential. The day is not far for a 50% population to follow Him. The Day is not far for the Kingdom rule to be upon this nation. Impossible things are possible with God. It is impossible in our sight but it is in His plan. All over the world the Glory of the Lord will spread and cover nations. But only some may come under this total rule by His chosen ones. Some may remain under the control of Satan. It is important for the apostles and prophets to recognize the future of their own nations.

Finally, there will be two systems having control over the world. One is the Christ System and the other one is the Antichrist system. Some nations under this one and the remaining under the other one. I mean, under the rule of the people who belong to these 2 kingdoms. But believers will be all over the world in all nations. I am talking here about the rule over these nations. Blessed are those who will be living in the nations under His rule. But they will reach here only through persecution or the dealing of the Lord through crisis in the economy, plagues or disasters. Persecutions may continue in those nations which will be directly under the rule of unbelievers. There may be a period in which the antichrist system will prevail over the whole world because of the control of the economy as told in His Word, but how exactly this will happen is not within the scope of this book to conjecture. But let us always remember that the scriptural timeline, as well some of the events of recent years. show that the judgment over evil, and the persecution of Christians, precedes a greater release and freedom for the people of God. May His Kingdom come, wherever His saints are prepared to do His will on earth. Amen.

#### **CONCLUSION TO PART -II-THE GREAT SHIFT**

We have projected a clear picture of a great big mountain above seven smaller mountains. The Great Big mountain is THE MOUNTAIN

OF GOD wherein He is seated on the Throne along with Son and Holy Spirit.

When God raised Jesus from the dead He was made to be seated with The Father at the right Hand. All authorities and powers of principalities, powers of darkness are under His feet, which occupy the seven small mountains. Yet He is seen not only to be the "Lion of the tribe of Judah" but also as a "Lamb as though it had been slain." Let us always keep in mind this is the aspect in which He still remains, even as He takes up His position of victory. Rev.5:5 and 6.

We, the called-out ones, the Ekklesia are made to be the Body of Christ, and we are seated with Him even now in the Spiritual realm, right in the Mountain of God.

We are chosen to be (kings and priests) a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people, to show forth His glory upon the earth.

Christ died for us, shed His blood and rose again so that everything we lost is to be restored, even the authority over the powers of darkness.

God works from the top down as seen in this "mountain of the Lord and mountains" analogy.

Powers of darkness and principalities are trying to rule the seven smaller mountains of cultural influence - or areas of life. This can be literally seen in the way temples of pagan worship are usually built on mountain tops - the "high places" mentioned in the Old Testament. (1 Ki.3:2). Often these deities seem to be in competition with one another - as when one is torn down, it is quickly replaced by another. In contrast, the Biblical high places were torn down and replaced by the worship of Jehovah, who specifically forbade this brand of idolatry. Ex.20:1-4.

Jesus has now won the victory and He wants us to have our being in Him and we should replace such powers of darkness and rule with Him as kings and rulers. Eph.1:20-23.

More than 50% of souls will be saved and sanctified out of the total population in the world. More than 50% of the total number of nations, who are sometimes called sheep nations, will surely have the Kingdom rule on the earth before His glorious return. Finally, Israel and the supporting nations will not yield to the ruling of the Antichrist system. There will be a lot of persecution everywhere. It is remarkable that "beheading" is mentioned specifically as the way souls are martyred for their witness to Jesus. Rev.20:4. This is what we have seen happen in recent years.

In the midst of persecution many millions will be added to the Kingdom of God.

Called out ones, with special apostolic anointing shall come out to occupy the place of rulership in these chosen nations. They will also recognize the leaders, those who are called out to be in the political field and have the capacity to occupy those positions and release them from their churches and encourage them to contest in elections.

The old mindset of trying to 'influence' the mountains of culture has to understand the 'shift' that God has already made and receive a new mindset, in order to occupy, conquer and possess every square inch of the mountains of our human existence. But to the people who think we are propagating a prideful taking of positions of authority, we would hasten to add that God also works horizontally in and through all human relationships from Adam to the generations that are yet to come. There is no time-line for the existence of God, who lives outside of created time.

The Holy Spirit, now on earth, works bottom up, enabling us to surrender to God and resist the attractions and temptations that come through the world, the flesh and the devil. This is outworked in the lives of all spiritual leaders through the Healing and Deliverance ministry. (The Shift – 1.1 Thes. 5:23). But, even in the throes of the battle that we are engaged in, nothing should hinder us from declaring that Jesus has already won this battle on the cross and we are now

seated with Him in victory. The sun can only be temporarily hidden by the clouds. Even so, the "Son of righteousness" continues to shine over our lives, even though His presence may seem to be hidden during times of suffering, persecution and emotional upheavals.

Thankfully we can be assured that Jesus has promised to make a visible touchdown as the winner of this great battle of the ages, over the triumvirate of evil described in the book of Revelation as the dragon, the beasts and the harlot. (Rev.12,13 and 17).

Matt.11:12, "From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it."

Another quote of Abraham Kuyper - "When the principles that run against your deepest convictions begin to win the day, then the battle is your calling and peace has become sin. You must at the price of dearest peace lay your convictions bare before friend and enemy with all the fire of your faith."

The early apostles had the report that the Lord was with them, confirming all that was preached by them with signs and wonders. Acts 2:43; 4:30.

Let us be willing to shift into living a life with the supernatural signs of The Spirit of God. Let us recognize the place we need to occupy in the Mountain of God to expand the rulership of the King and His Kingdom over the other mountains of life.

Let His Kingdom come,
"Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord;
no deeds can compare with yours.

All the nations you have made will come and worship
before you, O Lord;
they will bring glory to your name.
For you are great and do marvelous deeds;
you alone are God." Ps.86:8-10.

"Then comes the end, when He (Jesus) delivers the Kingdom to God the Father, .... that God may be all in all." 1Cor.15:24 and 28.

Amen.

#### MAKING JESUS THE LORD OF MY LIFE

Jesus, I make you the Lord of my life.

Lord of my mind, will and emotions.

Lord of my body and all its appetites and my sexuality and its expression.

Jesus, You are the only one I need to consider in all the decisions that I make, without Your help I cannot co-ordinate all my choices and prioritize aright.

Bringing You honour and glory is worth everything that I am capable of. When I think of You, I am enabled by Your love to love the unlovely, forgive the unforgivable and make friends with all my enemies.

No sacrifice is too costly to make – I do not want to cling to any possession, position or title more than I cling to You, O Lord.

I trust You to take me through every storm and upheaval that I face, in the strength of Your life in which You overcame the evils of this world.

Jesus, I want to submit to Your Lordship, the random thoughts that run through my mind, as the Holy Spirit draws them up to my attention.

You gave me my family and You can cause me to love each one with the care and concern that is Yours to give me, so that I love them no less and no more than that.

You are the Giver of every good gift both natural and spiritual and I ask that I may be faithful and honour You in the use that I make of them to bless Your body.

You have placed around me people of all ages, cultures and social status. Their needs are all totally met in You and may I ceaselessly do everything I can to point them to You, as I love and serve each one.

Make me a channel of Your peace in every dispute that I face, replacing hatred with love.

May I reflect Your joy to those who have never been the sparkle in someone's eyes – no one is without significance and worth in Your eyes.

And now, Holy Spirit I ask You to take charge of my attitudes that do not honour Jesus and the victory He holds out for me to walk in. Of fear and unbelief which cause me to cower in fear before the enemy's lies, instead of binding him in order to set the captives free. Of falling back and leaning upon my own limited understanding instead of looking up to You for wisdom. Of seeking praise from one another and making no effort to obtain the praise that comes from God.

Lord, may I be ever mindful that only the things in my life that proceed from the will of God, are done by the enablement of the Holy Spirit and bring glory to Jesus, will count for anything. I thank you that you intimately interact with my mind and emotions, causing me moment by moment to do Your will and work out that which you have already worked into me according to Phil.2:13.

Amen

# ASKING JESUS TO HELP YOU BECOME SALT AND LIGHT TOTHE WORLD:

Lord Jesus, thank you for choosing me to be your child and I commit my life to serve you all the days of my life.

*In serving you I want to serve others too in this world.* 

Lord help me serve my family.

Lord help me serve my master, in my business, or in my work faithfully and be like salt or light to them.

Lord help me to serve the community around me, so that by the good works that I do, they might be drawn into Thy Kingdom.

Lord help me to recognize the calling you have given me in my life.

Lord let me filled with your Holy Spirit every day and have communion with you.

Lord let me recognize the spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit given to me and the ministry delegated to me and operate them in service of others and thy Kingdom.

Lord let me be a spirit led person all my life and not be carnal minded.

I believe that nothing is impossible with you and you by the Holy spirit move and set the captives free and heal the broken hearted.

Let me a fruit bearing person/vine in your vineyard. Amen

#### Prayer for receiving a Kingdom mindset:

Jesus, you are the king of my life.

You have called me to be a king and a priest.

Thank you for giving me all the authority that you received from the Father to go and preach the gospel, disciple the nations and be fruitful and have dominion over everything in my area of influence in order to bring in your Kingdom.

Jesus, you always did the will of the Father, please help me to do your will and purpose alone in this life.

Lord Jesus you are coming back soon as a King.

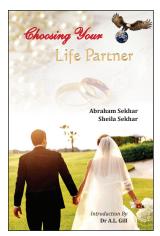
Holy Spirit enable me to be a part of the end time movement of preparing your Body as a Bride to be pure and Holy.

Let me be a part of the end time bringing down of your kingdom on this earth, as it is in Heaven.

Lord during my life time let me know and occupy the place given to me in the heavenlies, to be seated with Christ and receive the understanding that every power of darkness is under my feet too.

Lord help me to exercise the authority to conquer all the areas of my life and then the areas of life in the seven mountains, especially the mountain/s upon which your authority is given to me.

Let me be a part of the army that you are calling in these last days, to receive this mind set and live victoriously. Amen



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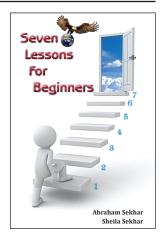
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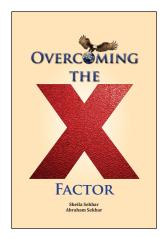
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