

**Kingdoms of Man**  
**Part Twenty-three**  
(Everlasting)

One of the strongest winds of change that hit the world, in the way of repentance, is the day of Pentecost. On the day of Pentecost, the LORD God released the force that was announced by Jesus Christ when he told us of the pending release of the Spirit of truth.

*And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.*

*And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

*And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?*

(Acts 2:1-8)

The Spirit of truth is not limited by human iniquity. There is no crime so heinous that the Spirit of truth cannot redeem the person from it; except for one.

*Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.*

(Matthew 12:31-32)

The Holy Ghost was not released to mankind as a tool of God's destruction, or judgment. The Holy Ghost is a personal Spirit; it interacts with individuals, not with organizations. The Lord Jesus Christ demonstrated the personal nature of the Holy Ghost when he first introduced it to a group of his disciples.

*Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto*

you.

*And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the LORD.*

*Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.*

*And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.*

(John 20:19-23)

In that Scripture, is contained the same kind of life-giving force that God invoked for us, at Creation.

*And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.*

(Genesis 2:7)

The breath of life empowers each individual person with a measure of the Spirit of God. The perfect and upright man, Job, spoke of this great gift from the Almighty.

*Moreover Job continued his parable, and said, As God liveth, who hath taken away my judgment; and the Almighty, who hath vexed my soul; All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils; My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit.*

(Job 27:1-4)

The Spirit of God is more extensive in its interaction with the kingdoms of man. For, the Spirit of God reaches out to bind us together in communities. As there is the breath of life, from God, for individuals; there is, too, the breath of life, from God, for groups, such as nations. The breath of life that fills a nation is a part of the power of God that empowers each kingdom of man with a measure of the mission of God. There is a very serious obligation, which can mean the death of a kingdom if it is not carried out in reverence to God. Such was the outcome of the kingdom of ancient Babylon.

*Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation.*

*O thou king, the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honour: And for the majesty that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down.*

*But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he*

*was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him: And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and that he appointeth over it whomsoever he will.*

*And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this; But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified: Then was the part of the hand sent from him; and this writing was written.*

*And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.*

*This is the interpretation of the thing:*

*MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.*

*TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.*

*PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.*

(Daniel 5:17-28)

All portions of the breath of God's glory in the earth are moving the kingdoms of man to the realization that there is no other source of power, besides the LORD God. Taking a short historical step back from the reign of king Belshazzar, we come to the specifics of Daniel's reference to the reign of king Nebuchadnezzar. In his reign, king Nebuchadnezzar need a dose of wisdom applied to him, to bolster his dependence on the power-feed from the LORD, sent to the kingdom of Babylon. Wherefore the Most High injected king Nebuchadnezzar with an undeniable and strong dose of humility and respect.

*All this came upon the king Nebuchadnezzar.*

*At the end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon. The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?*

*While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee. And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.*

*The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he*

*was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.*

*And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?*

(Daniel 4:28-35)

Mankind is on a spiral course, tending upward toward the height of the glory of God. The end place of the spiral course of the kingdoms of man is much like the recompense that Jesus told his disciples about. We must never forget that the power of the movement along the spiral--as well as, the spiral itself--is of the LORD God. This fact of faith takes on added weight when we are beset by concerns; such as, this one.

*Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee.*

*And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.*

*But many that are first shall be last; and the last first.*

(Mark 10:28-31)

Wait! Do not be so anxious to click those heels all the way to frivolous excess because of perceived prosperity, or even an expectation thereof. The LORD placed a dampener on the bubble of his blessing: *with persecutions*. The apostle Paul tells us of his experience with one of his *persecutions*.

*It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard*

*unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities.*

*For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me.*

*And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.*

*And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.*

*Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.*

(2 Corinthians 12:1-10)

Be ready to weather the times of adversity as the apostle did, listening to the LORD as he says: *My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.* For, the course is a long run. The kingdoms of man have been endowed with a perpetual objective, one that allows them to move, in God, from everlasting to everlasting. The key for the kingdoms of man is that they not resist the design that the LORD has implemented on the earth, for the spiral type development of man; Moses explained it to us.

*A Prayer of Moses the man of God.*

*LORD, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.*

*Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night. Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up. In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth. For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled. Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.*

*For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.*

