

## Kingdoms of Man

### Part Twenty-four

(Eternality)

The spiritual life giving power of the Holy Ghost, on an individual level, was demonstrated by the change that came about in Peter when it rested upon him. For a while, Peter was heading down a dead-end road, spiritually; the Lord Jesus Christ told him so.

*And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.*

(Luke 22:31-32)

When the Holy Ghost flowed into Peter, with the full force of its release into the kingdom of man, on a general basis . . .

*Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?*

*Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.*

(Acts 2:9-13)

Then, Peter was a true light for all the surrounding people.

*But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.*

*But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:*

*And I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:*

*And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

*Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.*

(Acts 2:14-24)

Within another one of Peter's sermons, after the time of his rich empowerment in the LORD, is a statement that we all must absorb. This is the statement that invigorates everything that now operates in the kingdom of man; when those things are pursuing righteousness. Please read this event of the days following Pentecost, and pay special attention to the very last sentence.

*Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation, And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison.*

*But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.*

*And when they heard that, they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught.*

*But the high priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.*

*But when the officers came, and found them not in the prison, they returned, and told, Saying, The prison truly found we shut with all safety, and the keepers standing without before the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man within.*

*Now when the high priest and the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these things, they doubted of them whereunto this would grow. Then came one and told them, saying, Behold, the men whom ye put in prison are standing in the temple, and teaching the people.*

*Then went the captain with the officers, and brought them without violence: for they feared the people, lest they should have been stoned.*

*And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them, Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.*

*Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.*

(Acts 5:17-29)

The response of Peter and the other apostles, in the last sentence of the Scripture, above, is the mission statement for the kingdom of man. There is no need for the destruction of what God has built on this earth. Renovation is better for the kingdoms of man, than is destruction. The God of the universe has more than enough power to transform the people of the world, rather than destroying all that is here. Do you, too, believe that this is so? If you do, then you know that the kingdom of man has a noble destination to which it is headed. The natural view of this destination is contained in the following Scripture.

*And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.*

*And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus, Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.*

(Acts 4:33-37)

We are moving to a noble destination; let us not be in too much of a hurry. Part of the blessing of the arrival is encased in the course we travel to get there. We do not have to worry about the end of the matter; the LORD God has guaranteed that where we are now, is powered by a place in which we reside in Him. Yes, this does mean that the kingdoms of man do not represent the ultimate thought that we should have about our reality. The kingdoms of man are similar to each individual person on the earth. The apostle Paul described the individual's location in reality.

*God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:*

*For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.*

(Acts 17:24-28)

Each one of us is in a blessed process of duplication.

*If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.*

*Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*

(Philippians 2:1-8)

The ones that are the elect of God are called to a pure process of duplication.

*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?*

*He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?*

*Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.*

*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things*

*present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

(Romans 8:28-39)

So, too, the kingdoms of man move in God, and have their beginning by being encased in His glory: this is both our destination and our mission. Furthermore, as we abide in the LORD, activity is not a thing of stress when it is activity that is moving in God. By moving in God, the kingdoms of man are where they should be; doing what they should be doing, at all times: that is why I refer to our current state as our destination and our mission. Both the blessedness and the purity of the process of duplication are transforming our soul into a presence that is eternal. Both of the aspects of the process of duplication usher us into eternal life, as one that is prepared to grow, forever and for ever, in the LORD. It is as the Lord Jesus Christ said:

*These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.*

*And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*

(John 17:1-3)

Then, as we move to eternal life, individually; we also carry the kingdom in which the LORD has placed us. As we do with a purchased house, we must do with the kingdoms of man. We must not think of this current world as being expendable; but, rather, think of it as being improvable, infinitely. The model that we are using to refit the kingdom of man is a model that is older than time. The pattern is of Heaven, as was Moses' pattern for the tabernacle.

*Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man. For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer.*

*For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law: Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern showed to thee in the mount.*

(Hebrews 8:1-5)

The contract for the construction of the kingdoms of man is as old as the nation of Israel, with a major revision that centers on Jesus Christ.

*But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, he saith,*

*Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.*

(Hebrews 8:6-12)

Lest you think that this is presumptuous editing of Scripture by a latter day saint; here is the word of the LORD God, announcing the destined New Covenant. This is the same announcement to which the apostle Paul refers, toward the beginning of the included above.

*Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of beast. And it shall come to pass, that like as I have watched over them, to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, saith the LORD. In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge. But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.*

*Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: But this*

*shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

*And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.*

(Jeremiah 31:27-34)

We, the kingdom of man, are in the house of God, now. Let us refine our relationship with one another, so that we can have a pleasant and restful stay in the house; realizing that God owns all that we see in this world. There is no reason to fear that God need ever bring mass destruction on the earth. In fact, why would God ever want to do so?

Do you think that God would ever want to destroy the visible expression of His existence?

*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them.*

*For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*

(Romans 1:18-21)

Do you think that God would ever want to destroy what is already in His possession? The kingdoms of man are God's, Alpha and Omega.

*And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.*

*And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and*

