Kingdom of God Performance

Some preliminary words may be needed here, to set the stage for an expression that we will stress in much of the following writing, even more than we have done in prior pieces. The expression is, the Lord Jesus Christ. To some of the members of the human race it might be easier for them to handle the expression, Jesus of Nazareth. In this group, there may even be some members that are comfortable with the expression, Jesus Christ, since they recognize that the word, Christ, is actually a designation of the authorization of his mission, and not a part of his earthly name.

We use the expression, Jesus Christ, because a large part of the physical and now completed mission of Jesus of Nazareth was to begin the process of the Lord Jesus Christ's onward and eternal service to God as a focal point for the forward progress of man, in righteousness, in the New Age. So, on the authority of the following Scripture, we ask you to be comfortable with the functional use of the expression, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true.

Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of myself, yet my record is true: for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go. Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man. And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me.

It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.

Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.

These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come.

(John 8:12-20)

In the Kingdom of God, our tool for bringing performance from promise as an extension of preparation is as described by the Lord Jesus Christ, in this declaration.

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Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

(John 14:12-17)

The Lord Jesus Christ augmented our understanding of the tool for bringing performance from promise as an extension of preparation, in the Kingdom of God, as he presented this prophecy.

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

(John 14:23-26)

The imminent arrival of the tool for bringing performance from promise as an extension of preparation, in the Kingdom of God, was announced at this time. We say, imminent arrival, only in the sense that we are speaking from the perspective of one who stood at the dawn of the New Age. In the present day, this Divine tool is readily available to us all.

The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: To whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. (Acts 1:1-5)

The evidence of the settling of preparation-to-performance empowerment for mankind, in the Kingdom of God, occurred in another, then future, event of the beginning of the New Age.

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? 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? (Acts 2:1-12)

These events were the fulfillment of the declaration of the LORD that was made in the time of the Old Testament prophets. Of especially blessed significance are these words: *I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh*.

Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things. Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength. Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed. And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

(Joel 2:21-32)

Though; let us not jump so far ahead. Before we raise the call for actual performance, let us look at the bridge between preparation and performance, as it spans in the Kingdom of God. First, let us consider a somewhat obvious statement: Until performance is brought forth, the best we have is planning. Now, though we say that this is obvious, there are some people who do not accept it. There are some people who say that a plan is sufficient; and some of them are not even aware that they are saying that. I will explain.

Before any explanation of the preference of performance, over planning, let me try to perform an exercise of research. In this exercise, we are searching for the places in Scripture where the LORD presents a plan. To begin this search, let us look for the word, plan, whether it stands by itself or if it serves as a prefix.

[no Scripture found]

Now, I know that for us to just look for the word, plan, is not sufficient. We need, too, to look for episodes of Scripture in which the LORD acts in the flavor of a plan. One episode comes to mind. This will serve as a template for our understanding of anything in Scripture that might give us the impression that it constitutes a plan of the LORD'S. Here is Scripture that describes the preparation of reality for what may later be perceived as being a "plan". Yes, the previous sentence and the idea it contains are vaporous, indeed. Even so, let us proceed. First, the stage is set for a time of decision.

And again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them to say, Go, number Israel and Judah. For the king said to Joab the captain of the host, which was with him, Go now through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beersheba, and number

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ye the people, that I may know the number of the people. And Joab said unto the king, Now the LORD thy God add unto the people, how many soever they be, an hundredfold, and that the eyes of my lord the king may see it: but why doth my lord the king delight in this thing?

Notwithstanding the king's word prevailed against Joab, and against the captains of the host. And Joab and the captains of the host went out from the presence of the king, to number the people of Israel.

And they passed over Jordan, and pitched in Aroer, on the right side of the city that lieth in the midst of the river of Gad, and toward Jazer: Then they came to Gilead, and to the land of Tahtimhodshi; and they came to Danjaan, and about to Zidon, And came to the strong hold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites, and of the Canaanites: and they went out to the south of Judah, even to Beersheba.

So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days.

(2 Samuel 24:1-8)

Next, the heart of the decider is convinced that there is indeed a need for a choice in this matter. Though, at first, the choice seems to be a somewhat personal one. This needs to be pushed up the ladder of responsibility, to a place of greater need for decision, at which there is a requirement for a plan.

And Joab gave up the sum of the number of the people unto the king: and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew the sword; and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men. And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto the LORD, I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and now, I beseech thee, O LORD, take away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly. (2 Samuel 24:9-10)

Here is the set of choices that might lead one to think of it as being the key part of a plan.

For when David was up in the morning, the word of the LORD came unto the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying, Go and say unto David, Thus saith the LORD, I offer thee three things; choose thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee. (2 Samuel 24:11-12)

As we delve into the choice that was presented to David, we see that the flavor of,

plan, is totally obscured (essentially, into non-existence) by the LORD'S call for performance from forces that were totally beyond David's ability to control. The only One Who could activate these forces is the LORD.

So Gad came to David, and told him, and said unto him, Shall seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee three months before thine enemies, while they pursue thee? or that there be three days' pestilence in thy land? now advise, and see what answer I shall return to him that sent me. (2 Samuel 24:13)

David surely knew that this was not a plan; at it foundation, it is a prophecy. In its "then future progression", it is a cause of action; that is, it is a path that would proceed, unalterably, in bearing fruit, in the form of activity in the kingdom of man. Knowing this to be true, David did the only thing that fits with righteous behavior, which was David's desire at this time of renewed enlightenment of the requirement for obedience. For, even though David had sinned, he still yearned to walk anew in righteousness.

And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of the LORD; for his mercies are great: and let me not fall into the hand of man. (2 Samuel 24:14)

In the course of time--of a very short span--the declaration of the LORD was performed.

So the LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beersheba seventy thousand men.

(2 Samuel 24:15)

Moreover, to further illustrate that in the Kingdom of God performance is not an abstract thing, the LORD shifted the weight of performance. The shift caused performance to go from it being the responsibility of a citizen of Heaven, to it being a weight on a citizen of earth. This is the time of the shift, as seen in two actions of that day.

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Responsibility released from the citizen of Heaven:

And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD was by the threshingplace of Araunah the Jebusite.

(2 Samuel 24:16)

Responsibility placed upon a citizen of earth:

And David spake unto the LORD when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly: but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house.

And Gad came that day to David, and said unto him, Go up, rear an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of Araunah the Jebusite. And David, according to the saying of Gad, went up as the LORD commanded.

(2 Samuel 24:17-19)

Having received the responsibility for performance, the citizen of earth obediently performed as he was commanded. Also in the performance of the first citizen of the earth, David, the LORD embedded a seed of cooperation in another citizen of earth. This was a seed that inspired associated performance by the other citizen of earth. Obviously, there had been prior preparation of the citizens that participated in the performance, and of the environment, too.

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And Araunah looked, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him: and Araunah went out, and bowed himself before the king on his face upon the ground. And Araunah said, Wherefore is my lord the king come to his servant?

And David said, To buy the threshingfloor of thee, to build an altar unto the LORD, that the plague may be stayed from the people. And Araunah said unto David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what seemeth good unto him: behold, here be oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing instruments and other instruments of the oxen for wood.

All these things did Araunah, as a king, give unto the king. And Araunah said unto the king, The LORD thy God accept thee.

And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing.

So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD was entreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from *Israel*.

(2 Samuel 24:20-25)

No, this does not mean that, because it seems that the angel could have continued unless it was stopped, one can envision the LORD as being in a state of anticipation about the result. We mention, anticipation, because this is a key component of a plan.

Instead of this being a plan; it was in full consideration of the weight of stress from the Kingdom of Heaven that was required to trigger the purer development of David's soul that the LORD formed the action. In this action, there is a complete helping of the pressure that was needed to move David to renewed zeal in the kingdom of man, and to give him the push that he needed to perform his obligation to the Kingdom of God. All of this performance was foreordained as a part of the Kingdom of God. Let us allow the LORD to explain, by way of a later example in the life of a spanning citizen of the world of that day; which citizen is the nation of Israel.

Remember this, and show yourselves men: bring it again to mind, O ye transgressors. Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.

(Isaiah 46:8-11)

Oh, by the way, we say that Israel is a spanning entity because it is stretched forth in both the kingdom of man and the Kingdom of Heaven, in the Kingdom of God. This is significant for all of us because, in each ones time, each one of us will all become a spanning entity. This portion of our promise, in the LORD, is one of the seeds that are at the core of our being. So, as an introduction to what we will become, here is one of the first revelations of the span of the congregation of Israel.

For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations; And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face. Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them.

(Deuteronomy 7:6-11)

Here is a Latter Day statement of the span of the congregation of Israel, as positioning it across Heaven and earth, in the Kingdom of Heaven and in the kingdom of man, on earth, as set in the Kingdom of God. [Wow!] The Old Covenant building blocks of the manifestation of God to man are represented in Israel. The blocks are these: *the twelve tribes of the children of Israel*.

And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

(Revelation 21:9-13)

The spanning citizenship of Israel is also evident in the New Covenant, as expressed in the New Testament. The evidences of the spanning citizenship are those bulwarks of the introduction of personal righteousness which are counted among the notable portions of the glory of the Kingdom of God. The bulwarks are these: *the twelve apostles of the Lamb*.

And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. (Revelation 21:14)

Throughout the Kingdom of God, Israel is an example of the requirement for performance in the Kingdom of God. Throughout the Kingdom of God, Israel is an example of the place where mankind joins with the divine. For those who think that the nation of Israel is too abstract of an example of performance, let us skip forward to a New Age Example. First, though, let me set the stage by setting a hook in the Old Testament.

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it. (Isaiah 40:1-5)

Also, before we open up the example, here is a New Age connection to the Old Testament prophecy.

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.

Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

(Matthew 3:1-6)

Now, let us locate Scripture that introduces us to the first phase of understanding performance in the Kingdom of God, as it is recognized in the New Age. Please keep your hearts open to the critical position of the nation of Israel, by way of its members and how they participated in the span that crosses from earth into Heaven. As an assist to your hearts, we will remind you of their importance, from time to time.

There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years. And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense. And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

(Luke 1:5-17)

John the baptist is surely a phase in our understanding of performance in the Kingdom of God because John was a spanning force, in the light of his education. The Tutor that instructed John moved John to performance: John did not move there in his own power. Moreover, John the baptist is a durable example, in that he is an image of how we, too, will participate in the span of performance in the Kingdom of God. Even so, John is not the final phase in our understanding of performance in the Kingdom of God; because, we are required to go beyond the example of John. The Lord Jesus Christ described this interim, though still blessed, state.

And when the messengers of John were departed, he began to speak unto the people concerning John,

What went ye out into the wilderness for to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they which are gorgeously apparelled, and live delicately, are in kings' courts. But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet. This is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he. (Luke 7:24-28)

For now, however, please do not latch on to any form of superiority of self, over John

the baptist. In that matter, once again it is the Lord Jesus Christ who tells us why, as he declares the pioneering transitional performance of John the baptist.

And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him.

And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God. The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it. And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law

to fail.

(Luke 16:14-17)

Also, do not ever disrespect the prophecy that provided the transitional performance. Consider the power that God spread forth in the collection of prophets; chief among which is, Moses. Here is a sort of introduction of the knowledge of the impact that prophets had on the world, throughout the kingdom of man.

Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent: and the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly; Moses also was displeased.

And Moses said unto the LORD, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me? Have I conceived all this people? have I begotten them, that thou shouldest say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing father beareth the sucking child, unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers? Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat.

I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me. And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness.

(Numbers 11:10-15)

The prophets bear the heavy burden of providing for others' spiritual edification and physical sustenance. Even so, the prophet does not stand alone in preparing for this performance. In the preparation of the prophet, please take note of the particular Scripture that point to the source of their empowerment, in reference to the Spirit that was bestowed to Moses: *I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them.*

And the LORD said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee. And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone.

(Numbers 11:16-17)

All the prophecy of the Old Testament is a necessary part of the performance of righteousness in the New Age, in the Kingdom of God. The full weight of them was a potential burden for each one of us. From the author of the aftermath of the transition, we received the certification of the Old Testament prophecy, as expressed in the mix of words and actions that we see in the Old Testament, as under the former Covenant.

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

(Matthew 5:17-20)

In our preparation for performance, we absorbed copious portions of prophecy. Our residency in prophecy is our base of operations. The prophecy of Scripture must now be an accepted part of our self before we move to performance. Even so, if we need further motivation to both activate the Law and the prophets in our life, as we continue to press further in understanding them; consider this as being the governing factor of all performance of man in the Kingdom of God:

But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man

of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

(2 Timothy 3:14-17)

We need more than performance. We need to flow in performance, and move to perfection. When we return we will study that. In the meantime, think on this.

And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

(Genesis 17:1-6)

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