

**kingdom of man**  
**as layered humanity**  
**Part Twenty-one**  
(Elevation- Focused)

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**Meditating on the Bible**

**Isaiah 65:17-25**

For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.

And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them. And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat.

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

**Isaiah 66:22-23**

For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

**2 Peter 3:7-14**

But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will

come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

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We have spent a significant amount of quality time with you, mapping transverse sections of the history of the kingdom of man, but we have also been rather selfish and self-centered. So far, we have lavished our attention on the human condition. Of course, this is a reasonable thing to do; since, we are humans; however, it is also incomplete logic. Let us move more toward completion.

Since the kingdom of man occupies a special place in the Heart of God, and because we, humans, have been placed in the executive position in the kingdom of man; therefore, we need to be zealous about honoring those trusts that were bestowed by the LORD. We, humans, must never forget that; we will not reach our full potential, except we have the support structures that surround us. This principle is broadly accepted by business enterprises, and across all the sciences. So, let us take a peek at some of the support structures that are generally recognized as being necessary for the kingdom of man, as they have been provided by God, our Father.

God provided this base of operation for the business of the kingdom of man, and for any products that are generated by it . . .

*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.*

(Genesis 1:1-3)

Additionally, God provided raw materials for product development, as activated in two basic warehouses: global aviary, and, global aquatic.

*And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.*

*And God created great whales, and every living creature that*

*moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.*

*And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.*

(Genesis 1:20-22)

The LORD also provided a resource that is a combination of; raw materials for product development, and, an image of the process that we still use to produce the vast assortment of products of the kingdom of man--especially, non-biological ones. The process involves the gathering of an assortment of materials that are used to produce a single, functioning unit; as was done in this instance . . .

*And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth:*

*and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.*

(Genesis 1:11-12)

We are not limited to using this process, only as for the development of non-biological products: we also have ways to use that procedure for the development of biological products. Among the biological products are animal hybrids, and plant grafts.

Moreover, we have extended those procedures to a higher level, as we grow organizations. An instance of organization hybridization occurred in the development of the body of Israel. Here are two views of that process.

*And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof. One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.*

(Exodus 12:48-49)

*And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him. But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.*

(Leviticus 19:33-34)

An organizational use of the grafting process provided for a new type of associations with the people of God, in Israel. The association abides alongside circumcision and the

Passover. This was set forth during the time when the people of God, in Israel, were rebelling against the rigors of being in the focal position of, direct service for the LORD. At that time, there was a certain portion of their activities that had to be cast away from the mainline service for God. The apostle Paul speaks of that time.

*I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.*

*Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness? For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them. For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.*

*Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.*

*Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.*

(Romans 11:11-21)

In consideration of the LORD God's great Generosity, as in releasing those resources to us; we have much for which we have a reason to praise His Name. Moreover, we have much reason to be generous in imitating the outreach of God toward us, as we replicate His grace in interacting with one another. We do not want to constrict our hand of sharing, so that; we enter into this type of condemnation of our attempt at communion with God.

*Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against thee: I am God, even thy God. I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings, to have been continually before me. I will take no bullock out of thy house, nor he goats out of thy folds. For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine.*

*If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.*

(Psalm 50:7-12)

We do want to look to the welfare of others, as we move in the very broad, and soul-enhancing, transverse section of the history of the kingdom of man: elevation. We refer to this as being, a broad section, because, it must include all aspects of Creation. All things need elevation, from time to time. The beginning of this truth is during this activity of the life of Adam: *gave names*. It may seem that, this has nothing to do with elevation; but, we must not, only think as humans. As you review that time of activity, when Adam *gave names*; please, notice the reason that Adam was assigned to the naming task.

*And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.*

*And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.*

(Genesis 2:18-20)

*It is not good that the man should be alone*: in that event; being alone is a two-way street. During that specific event of history, the creatures also needed to not be alone. The way to accomplish this was; by elevating their stature, up to a place that facilitated communion.

If we cannot share names; then, communion is not easy. When there are no names; then, the only time that communion is possible is, when there is one-to-one communication. Here, we see the start of such a time of communion.

*Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.*

*And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.*

(Exodus 3:1-3)

As you read the associated Scripture of communion, below; please note this: the communion itself required no name as for the LORD; whereas, on Moses' side of the communion. A name was only used to establish a link. This is an example of a one-to-one communion.

*And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him*

*out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses.*

*And he said, Here am I.*

*And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.*

*And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.*

(Exodus 3:4-6)

Also, as happened in that encounter; as soon as communion started moving beyond one-to-one; then, naming became a critical factor in the continuation.

*And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?*

*And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.*

*And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?*

(Exodus 3:11-13)

At that point in that event, Moses was indicating that; his elevation to, representative of the Living God, required his use of some name, as a necessary part of the certification. Also, God's action, here, certifies that, names are a good facilitator of communion.

*And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM:*

*and he said,*

*Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.*

*And God said moreover unto Moses,*

*Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, the LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.*

(Exodus 3:14-15)

Please, do not limit your image of the word, name; as limiting it to, being only for human individual identification. Names are also necessary for group identification; such as is seen, here.

*There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.*

(Genesis 6:4)

Surely, you see that, the name, *giants in the earth*, was also a way of accomplishing this: bestowing esteem and elevating a group of humans, by taking them to a new level. Such labeling is a part of the elevation of all structures in the kingdom of man. This also sets, in motion, a cascade of elevation. The cascade takes the kingdom of man to this point--with its associated caution . . .

*A Psalm of Asaph.*

*God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods. How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah.*

*Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked.*

*They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course. I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High. But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.*

(Psalm 82:1-7)

*I have said, Ye are gods:* as we head toward settling into this level, we must absorb the fact that; the positioning of this level, as for our portion of God's Creation, was done with far-reaching purpose. The purpose is: so that, adam (mankind) will move along a path that acknowledges its cooperative responsibility for the elevation of the entirety of the, human condition of, excellence in righteousness, as we abide in the kingdom of man. Surely, we recognize that, this is a process of growth of the stature of humankind. Surely, we need this. Surely, we know that; sometimes, we will fall short of the mark . . . as occurred here, during this early time of the kingdom of man.

*And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt. If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold.*

(Genesis 4:23-24)

When we walk through such de-escalations of our position with the LORD, we must not lose sight of this, our constant objective: to pursue recovery, as an elevation of our degraded state. We must appropriately position our motivation, as for it to raise us above the setback. When we are at such points of the de-escalation; then, we must reach for the elevated status of, being right with the LORD. We do that, thusly . . .

*Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.*

(Psalm 50:14-15)

When we fall; among the first things we must do is; to acknowledge that there are other hands that are waiting to pull us up. This is the extension of our ability to tap into the elevation that is of the LORD. Next, in the review of this transverse section, we will explore that facet of the, elevation as it is done in the kingdom of man. As we prepare to go there, let us place this truth at the ready.

*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

*How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?  
and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?  
and how shall they hear without a preacher?  
And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How  
beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring  
glad tidings of good things!*

(Romans 10:13-15)

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**Next, in  
kingdom of man  
as layered humanity  
(Elevation- Extended)**

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