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Life of David: Leadership Lessons and the Pursuit of Intimacy

To the people without mixture I will release the spirit without measure the last 2% affects our corporate life. We are to be a house of the watchful and the wise. The watchful is in regard to prayer and the wise in terms of revelation of God's word and ways.

The Throne of glory is a great Mountain-City with dynamic convergence of two gardens, two rivers, two trees with the whirlwind and cloud of glory between them establishing God's Temple or His glorious Resting Place on the earth (Isa. 66:1; 11:10). God created the human race that He might find His home in people who voluntarily love and obey Him (Rev. 21:1-8). We speak of all these truths together as the "Corridor of Glory."

A. the Holy Spirit given rest

Then I turned and raised my eyes and looked, and behold, four chariots were coming from between two mountains, and the mountains were mountains of bronze. 2 With the first chariot were red horses, with the second chariot black horses, 3 with the third chariot white horses, and with the fourth chariot dappled horses--strong steeds. 4 Then I answered and said to the angel who talked with me, "What are these, my lord?" 5 And the angel answered and said to me, "These are four spirits of heaven, who go out from their station before the Lord of all the earth. 6 The one with the black horses is going to the north country, the white are going after them, and the dappled are going toward the south country." 7 Then the strong steeds went out, eager to go, that they might walk to and fro throughout the earth. And He said, "Go, walk to and fro throughout the earth. 8 And He called to me, and spoke to me, saying, "See, those who go toward the north country have given rest to My Spirit in the north country." (Zech. 6:1-8)

SESSION 9 David: Core Values in Life and Leadership (Ps. 101)

II. PS. 101 IS A MOST PRACTICAL PSALMS ABOUT LEADERSHIP IN END-TIME REVIVAL

A. David is a picture of what God will release by the Spirit on the End-Time Church that operates in power through worship that comes from walking out lifestyles of radical loving obedience.

The <u>sure mercies of David.</u> 4 Indeed I have given him as a <u>witness</u> to the people. (Isa. 55:3-4)

Show me a <u>sign</u> for good...because You, LORD, have helped me...(Ps. 86:17)

B. It is most important for those in leadership in the End-Time Church. In this Psalm, we see a different side of David, who some do not like. We see him as the one who pressed for full faithfulness and accountability. Why? because he was zealous for the breakthrough of God in his generation. David was a wise builder in establishing his sphere of authority to receive God's blessing.

As a wise master builder I (Paul) laid the foundation...let each take heed how he builds.(1 Cor. 3:10)

David behaved wisely in all his ways, and the LORD was with him. (1 Sam. 18:14)

David behaved more wisely than all...his name became highly esteemed. (1 Sam. 18:30)

III. GOD'S DESIRE IS TO MANIFEST HIMSELF IN HIS PEOPLE AS HIS RESTING PLACE

Heaven is My Throne, and earth is My footstool... where is the place of My rest? (Isaiah 66:1)

- A. Where is God's resting place? This is the most important question in history. David was consumed with this question and made it his life's passion to answer it.
- B. God created the human race that He might find His home in them (Rev. 21:1-8). God rests in us when He finds His home in people on earth who voluntarily live in deep unity with His heart. At present, God is usually striving with His people in their compromise. God describes Himself as resting in us when all resistance in us is subdued. The redeemed do this voluntarily in various degrees in this age. When God has a people who corporately live in voluntary love and obedience, then God is partially able to "rest in them" even now, though He will not fully rest in His people until the Kingdom Age.

The Gentiles shall seek Him (Jesus), and <u>His resting place shall be glorious</u>." (Isa. 11:10)

Arise, O LORD, to Your resting place, You and...Your strength. (Ps. 132:8)

This (Zion) is My resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it. (Ps. 132:14)

All inhabitants of the world and dwellers on the earth...when He blows a trumpet, you hear it. 4 For so the LORD said to me, "I will take My rest and I will look from My dwelling place...7 In that time a present will be brought to the LORD of hosts from a people tall and smooth of skin (Ethiopians), And from a people terrible from their beginning onward, A nation powerful and treading down, Whose land the rivers divide-- To the place of the name of the LORD of hosts, To Mount Zion. (Isa. 18:3-7)

C. God striving with sinful humanity

The LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever...(Gen. 6:3)

They rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; so <u>He turned Himself against them as an enemy</u>, and He <u>fought</u> against them. (Isa. 63:10)

Thus they provoked Him to anger...and the plague broke out among them. (Ps. 106:29)

IV. DILEMMA: GOD'S PRESENCE MANIFEST IN THE MIDST OF SINFUL HUMANITY

Go up from here....to the land of which I swore to Abraham...2 I will send My Angel before you...3 for I will NOT go up in your midst, lest I consume you...for you are a stiff-necked people. (Ex. 33:1-3)

David arose...<u>to bring up...the ark of God</u>...3 They set the ark of God on a <u>new cart</u>...6 Uzzah put out <u>his hand</u> to the ark of God...for the oxen stumbled. 7 Then the <u>anger of the LORD was aroused</u> against Uzzah, and <u>God struck him there for his error</u>; and <u>he died</u> there by the ark of God. (2 Sam. 6:2-7)

Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel. 2 So David said to Joab..., "Go, number Israel...that I may know it." 7 God was displeased with this thing; therefore <u>He struck Israel</u>. David said to God, "I have <u>sinned greatly</u>..." 14 So the <u>LORD sent a plague</u> upon Israel, and <u>70,000 men of Israel fell</u>. 15 God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it. 16 David lifted his eyes and saw the angel of the LORD standing between earth and heaven, having in his hand a <u>drawn sword</u> stretched out over Jerusalem. <u>So</u> David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell on their faces. (1 Chr. 21:1-16)

V. RESTING PLACE FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT: OPEN HEAVEN (PORTAL OF GLORY)

These all continued with one accord in prayer 15...altogether the number was about 120...(Acts 1:14-15)

They were all with <u>one accord</u> in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a <u>rushing mighty wind</u>, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then <u>there appeared to them divided tongues</u>, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were <u>all filled with the Holy Spirit</u> and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:1-4)

- A. Jesus' earthly ministry resulted in an <u>unprecedented miracle of 120 people living in deep unity with God</u> and thus with one another. The result is that God found a measure of rest in their midst as seen in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Upper Room (Acts 2). In other words, the Holy Spirit opened a portal (large gate) of glory in the midst of people in this age without destroying those He dwelt among.
- B. They were a corporate group who sought to walk out Sermon on the Mount Christianity in pursing 100-fold obedience (covenant with eyes, bridled speech, holy use of time and money). Unity (community) is a fanciful ideal without pursuing maturity as Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount (Mt. 5:48). Unity with one another occurs easily when the people are striving to be in unity with God in thought, word and deed. The spirit of compromise cannot unify nor bond easily with people. Unity in the Book of Acts was focused more on pursuit of meekness than on theological ideas.
- C. It is rare for get 2 or 3 people is full agreement with God's heart.

I say to you that if two of you <u>agree</u> on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." (Mt. 18:19-20)

- D. Faithfulness is what God is seeking for in His people.
 - Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things (Mt. 25:21)
 - You shall be perfect (faithful to pursue God fully), just as your Father in heaven is perfect. (Mt. 5:48)
 - Help, LORD, for the godly man ceases! For the faithful disappear from among...men. (Ps. 12:1)
- E. The manifest glory of Acts 2 and 4 is what lead to the more intense judgment against sin in Acts 5.
 - Ananias...sold a possession. 2 And he kept back part of the proceeds...3 Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to <u>lie to the Holy Spirit</u> and keep back part of the price of the

land...4...you have not lied to men but to God.'' 5 Then Ananias, hearing these words, <u>fell down and breathed his last</u>. (Acts 5:1-4)

VI. DAVID'S REVELATION OF GOD'S DESIRE TO REST IN HIS PEOPLE (PS. 132)

- A. David understood that God desired to manifest Himself to His people who lived faithful before Him.
 - LORD, remember David...2 How he <u>swore</u> to the LORD, and <u>vowed</u> to the Mighty One of Jacob: 3 "<u>Surely</u> I will not go into the chamber of <u>my house</u>...4 I will not give sleep to my eyes...5 <u>until</u> I find...a <u>dwelling place</u> for the Mighty One of Jacob"...8 Arise, O LORD, to <u>Your resting place</u>, You and the ark of Your strength. (Ps. 132:1-8)
- B. David bore reproach in his zeal to establish God's house or dwelling place to rest among His people.
 - Because for Your sake <u>I have borne reproach</u>; shame has covered my face. 8 I have become a <u>stranger</u> to my brothers, and an <u>alien</u> to my mother's children; 9 <u>Because zeal for Your House has eaten me up</u>, and the reproaches of those who reproach You have <u>fallen on me</u>. 10 When I wept and chastened my soul with fasting, that became <u>my reproach</u>. 11...I became a <u>byword</u> to them. 12 Those who sit in the gate speak <u>against me</u>, and I am the song of the drunkards. (Ps. 69:7-12)
- C. What defines the New Jerusalem as the Holy of Holies is the manifest Presence of God throughout the entire City. God's Presence is everywhere, (even in hell), but His manifest Presence is not. His Presence is everywhere, but His immediate manifest Presence is where it is tangibly experienced or distinctly felt or discerned by His creation.
 - If I make my bed in <u>hell</u>, behold, You are there. (Ps. 139:8)
- D. In the OT, His continual immediate manifest Presence was on earth only in one place, in the Holy of Holies in the Tabernacle/Temple, then occasionally through God's anointing on a prophet or king. From a global point of view, this was only one small "strand of His manifest glory."
- E. The Holy of Holies is the place God's manifest Presence is discernable to all present. The entire New Jerusalem (Eternal City) has waves of glory flowing through it continually with different manifestations including the beauty of supernatural diamond-like light.
 - He...showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, 11 <u>having</u> the glory of God. Her light was like...like a jasper stone (diamond), clear as crystal. (Rev. 21:10-11)
- F. This is what makes it the Holy of Holies. The Holy of Holies in the Millennial temple will have a full expression of the glory that is normative through the heavenly New Jerusalem. This is unique beyond measure because the Holy of Holies in the Jerusalem Temple is on the earth that still has sin in it. This is gloriously dangerous to bring any dimension of this sin-tainted earth into contact with transcendent purity. (Ex. 33:20-23; 19:21; 20:19; Gen. 32:30; Judges 13:12-22; Rev. 22:4)
 - He said, "You (Moses) cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live." (Ex. 33:20)
- G. The Temple and Isaiah shook when only Jesus' robe came into the Temple. When Jesus is enthroned in the Millennial Temple (as Ezekiel prophesied), then He all will tremble.

I saw the Lord sitting on a Throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple...4

The <u>posts of the door were shaken</u> by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was <u>filled with smoke</u>. 5 So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone!...For my eyes have seen the King." (Isa. 6:1-5)

When they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken (Acts 4:31)

He (Jesus) said to me, "Son of man, this (Millennial Jerusalem's Temple) is the place of My Throne ...where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever." (Ezek. 43:7)

- H. The Millennial Holy of Holies receives the full manifestation of God's glory, whereas the Millennial earth experiences a measure of it. The Millennial earth is filled with revelation, but not the full manifest glory. The Millennial Jerusalem Holy of Holies will have the fullness of the Acts 2 waves and winds of glory breaking in. That is why it is called the Holy of Holies.
- I. The whole earth has the knowledge of God in terms of His ways being taught. The spirit of revelation is in the greatest measure globally than any at time in history. However, the fullness of the manifest glory will exist in the New Jerusalem on the New Earth.
 - For the earth will be filled with the <u>knowledge of the glory</u> of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. (Hab. 2:14)
- J. The New Earth will be filled with the full manifest glory because sin will be completely removed.

 *Truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD (Num. 14:21)

VII. THE DIVINE SEEKER: LOYAL HEARTS (INDIVIDUALLY AND CORPORATELY)

<u>True worshipers</u> will worship the Father in <u>spirit</u> and <u>truth</u>; for the Father is <u>seeking</u> such to worship Him. (Jn. 4:23)

For the <u>eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth</u>, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose <u>heart is loyal</u> to Him. (2 Chr. 16:9)

I <u>sought</u> for a man among them who would....stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one. (Ezek. 22:30)

- A. The great "seeker" that we need to focus on attracting is the Divine seeker whose eyes go to and fro across the earth looking for faithful ones. Compromise repels the Holy Spirit who seeks those in whom He may dwell with in a more full way. God requiring loyalty or faithfulness is not so that man can attain to spiritual status and so deserve God's power but so that man is protected in the midst of it.
- B. David was sensitive to the God who seeks to rest in His people. David offers us a different approach to "seeker-sensitive Church life" where the focus is on the Divine seeker and not the human ones.
 - The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart... (1 Sam. 13:14)

I have found My servant David; With My holy oil I have anointed him (Ps. 89:20)

VIII. DAVID'S VALUES IN LIFE AND LEADERSHIP: SEEKING A RESTING PLACE OF GOD (PS. 101)

- A. The Holy Spirit rests especially in context to governmental ministries in unity with God, thus with each other. Psalm 101 is the clearest statement of David's practical pursuit of a corporate resting place for God. David set his heart in his *personal life* to live in pursuit of full obedience (Ps. 101:1-4). David set his heart in his *corporate life* (team ministry) to build within his sphere with the core value of seeking God with full obedience and faithfulness (Ps. 101:5-8).
- B. David's heart cry for God to come in a manifest dwelling place (God's rest). David embraces his part of the cooperation with grace focusing especially on seeking so God would come in context to his personal 100-fold obedience (v. 2) and his leadership team being faithful (v. 6).

Oh, when will You come to me? (Ps. 101:2)

I will walk within <u>my house</u> with a <u>perfect heart</u>. 3 I will set <u>nothing wicked</u> before my eyes. (Ps. 101:2-3)

My eyes shall be on the <u>faithful</u> of the land, that they may dwell with me; he who walks in a perfect way, He shall serve me. (Ps. 101:6)

C. Faithfulness is <u>required</u> by God and people. God <u>requires</u> it to visit in power without having to destroy His people for compromise in the midst of His manifest holiness. Also, people <u>require</u> it to remain together since to neglect faithfulness divides and defiles people seeking to work together.

It is required in stewards that one be found faithful. (1 Cor. 4:2)

IX. DAVID'S PERSONAL LIFE: IN PURSUIT OF 100-FOLD OBEDIENCE (PS. 101:1-4)

I will sing of mercy and justice; to You, O LORD, I will sing praises. 2 I will behave wisely in a <u>perfect</u> way. Oh, when will You <u>come</u> to me? I will walk within <u>my house</u> with a <u>perfect</u> heart. 3 I will set <u>nothing</u> wicked before my eyes; I <u>hate</u> the work of those who fall away; it shall not <u>cling</u> to me. 4 A perverse heart <u>shall</u> depart from me; I will not know wickedness. (Ps. 101:1-4)

- A. David's private life of worship and prayer (v.1). Singing to directly God (Eph. 5:19) with praises that speak of his gratitude based life that exalted both mercy and justice or righteousness. The last 2% releases double the power of God on the heart.
- B. I will walk <u>within my house</u> with a perfect heart (v. 2) pursuit of 100-fold obedience even in my most familiar comfortable setting
- C. I will set nothing wicked before my eyes (v. 3) sustaining a covenant with our eyes (Job 31:1)

I have made a covenant with my eyes; why then should I look upon a young woman? (Job 31:1)

Having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin...(2 Pet. 2:14)

- D. I <u>hate</u> the work of those who fall away (v. 3) declaring war on sin with hatred of it

 The fear of the LORD is to <u>hate</u> evil; pride...the evil way and the perverse mouth <u>I hate</u>. (Prov. 8:13)
- E. It shall not <u>cling</u> to me (v. 3) David <u>warred against</u> his failures instead of camping out in sin
- F. A perverse heart <u>shall depart</u> from me (v. 4) confidence in eventual victory

 Confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it (Phil. 1:6)
- G. I will <u>not</u> know (walk in) wickedness (v. 4) persistent resolve to not walk in sin and compromise

X. DAVID'S LEADERSHIP: REQUIREMENTS WITHIN HIS "TEAM LIFE" (PS. 101:5-8)

Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, him I will destroy; the one who has a haughty look and a proud heart, him I will not endure. 6 My eyes shall be on the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me; he who walks in a perfect way, he shall serve me. 7 He who works deceit shall not dwell within my house; he who tells lies shall not continue in my presence. 8 Early I will destroy all the wicked of the land, that I may cut off all the evildoers from the city of the LORD. (Ps. 101:5-8)

- A. David set his heart in his corporate life within the sphere of his "team life" (Ps. 101:5-8) to build only with people who had the core value of seeking full maturity (Mt. 5:48; 1 Cor. 4:2). In this Psalm, we see a different side of David, who some do not like. We see him as the one who pressed for full faithfulness and accountability. Why? because he was zealous for the breakthrough of God in his generation. David was a wise builder in establishing his sphere of authority to receive God's blessing.
- B. This is what David was resolved to establish within his sphere of responsibility for two reasons. First, is spiritual, to attract the Holy Spirit's presence (God's resting place) knowing that compromise repels the Holy Spirit's presence. Second, is practical, to unify the people within his sphere knowing that compromise divides, defiles and drains the team of strength and life.
- C. Ps. 101 is one of the most personal and practical Psalms in my life. It is most important for those in leadership in the End-Time Church.
- D. My eyes shall be on the <u>faithful</u> that they may <u>dwell</u> with me (v. 6) choosing a team to serve in the royal court. Jesus, the "greater David," has these same values
 - Well done, good and <u>faithful</u> servant; you were <u>faithful</u> over a few things, I will make you <u>ruler</u> over many things. (Mt. 25:21)
 - It is <u>required</u> in stewards that one be found <u>faithful</u>. (1 Cor. 4:2)
- E. He who walks in a <u>perfect</u> way shall serve me (v. 6) wholeheartedness (as a value in the team)

 Therefore you shall be <u>perfect</u>, just as your Father in heaven is perfect. (Mt. 5:48)
- F. Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor (v. 5) subtle divisive speech is not rewarded

- G. Him I will destroy (v. 5) resolved to confront compromise in his team with consequences
- H. The one who has a <u>proud</u> heart, I will <u>not endure</u> (v. 5) resolved to confront pride
- I. He who works <u>deceit</u> shall not dwell within my house (v. 7) lovers of truth

 *Because they did not receive the love of the truth... (2 Thes. 2:10)
- J. He who tells <u>lies</u> shall not <u>continue</u> in my presence (v. 7) removed from the royal court
- K. <u>Early</u> I will destroy all the wicked of the land (v. 8) revelation that leads to courage that leads to decisive proactive leadership without the procrastination and delay of inexperienced and insecure leadership
- L. That I may <u>cut off all</u> the evildoers from the city of the LORD (v. 8) zealous and confident in the necessity of Sermon on the Mount Christianity