

# WORD AT WORK

Dear Friend:

When the Lord gave me a word about the opening of the creative realm to the church, I was confronted with my traditional understanding of the Creator from Genesis where He created the heavens and the earth. The Lord challenged me to follow Him as Creator through the Bible. My first surprise was God never stopped creating. He even creates a new heavens and earth in Revelation. God consistently creates throughout Scripture.

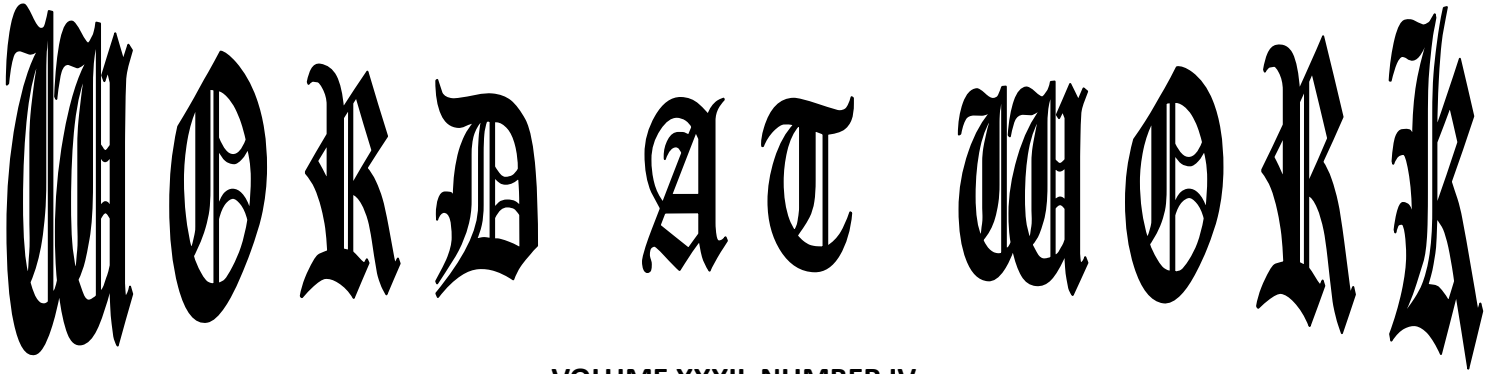
Every breath we breathe and every step we take with Jesus is a breath and step with the ultimate Creator who still has plans and designs of creating in and through us. The first casualty of realizing we walk with a consistent Creator is hopelessness! Nothing is impossible when we walk with the Creator because nothing is out of bounds! What the doctors say is not the last word when the Creator occupies our tabernacle.

When God was preparing to restore Jerusalem in Isaiah 45:7 He said, *"I form the light and create darkness, I make peace and create calamity; I, the Lord, do all these things."* God claims to create blessing and to create adversity when it suits His purpose. A key to walking with the Lord in the creative is hearing and agreeing with that purpose! Most believers can readily embrace believing for creative miracles to restore lost or severed limbs. How many of us could agree with God creating calamity for leaders who radically oppose righteousness? Could we pray creative calamity that terminates the position of those responsible for filling the nation with blood-guiltiness? Could we speak to a fig tree like Jesus did if it were a man or a woman defiling the temple?

The Lord is inviting us to partner with Him in praying and declaring His purposes in the earth and watching them unfold by His creative Hand. He is Creator as both Redeeming Priest and as Eternal Judge! The choice of praying either priestly or kingly is not ours, but His. Our assignment is expressing the will of the Spirit and seeing it emerge! Walking with the Creator often means expressing by faith what we hear and declaring God's purpose by releasing words we understand and agree with or words we do not understand in a language of the Spirit!

Yours in Him,

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SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Scripture: Genesis 1:1, Revelation 21:1,2

For most of us in the church, when we think of creation we think of Genesis 1:1 where, in the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. But if we follow His creative acts all the way through Scripture, we discover something. God never stops being the Creator. In the Nelson New King James Study Bible, the heading over Revelation 21:1,2 says, *“New Heaven and Earth are created.”* Verses 1,2 go on to say, *“Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.”* Jesus is just as much a Creator today as He was in Genesis 1 when He created the first heavens and earth. In order to fully appreciate what is being offered to the church in this season, we need to follow instances of creation throughout Scripture so that we feed our faith on the breadth, length, width and depth of the creative nature of God. God wants to share some creating with us.

MONDAY, APRIL 2

Scripture: Genesis 1:21,22

Genesis 1:21,22 states, *“So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its 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 birds multiply on the earth.’”* When God created the heavens and the earth, He was just beginning the process. Now that He had a heavens and an earth, it was time to populate it with what pleased Him. He created sea creatures like whales, dolphins, fish and turtles. He also created every winged bird, according to its kind. So God created mammals and birds for the land and fish and a variety of creatures for the ocean. The interesting command those creatures are given is in verse 22 which says, *“And God blessed them, saying, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.’”* We get a picture of God, as the Creator, sharing His creative ability with animals on land and in the sea, telling them to reproduce and multiply and fill the earth. It is obvious that God loves life and He wants it sustained. Life is what He is all about and life gives Him pleasure and company.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-28

Genesis 1:26 says, *“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’”* God made man in His very own image and likeness, making man the pinnacle of His creation. He gave man dominion over the fish, over the birds and over every animal that existed on the earth. After creating man, He blessed them and gave them the command to be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it. He commanded them to take dominion over the animals in the sea, the air and on the land. God shared His creative ability with man. Now the question we have is, what has man done with it? How should we steward this creative ability and what does it mean for our future?

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

Scripture: Genesis 5:1-3

In Genesis 5:1-3 we are told, *“This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created. And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.”* Verse 3 is very interesting in how it is worded and what it tells us. Adam lived 130 years and he had a son in his own likeness and after his image. In the same way God created man, in His own likeness and in His own image, Adam and Eve created a son in their own likeness and after their own image. We begin to catch a glimpse of God's thumbprint on creation that was given to man and how much He wanted a family that had their own free will but would love Him, commune with Him and worship Him. The highest form of relationship and stewarding the creative was the holy union of men and women, who came together in love to populate the earth. God's thumbprint makes this issue very clear in Genesis. It also gives us a foundation for something else that is very clear. Why is God so opposed to homosexuality and why is the penalty always terminal? The answer is because the ultimate mockery of God is the rejection of His purpose in the Creation where worship is transferred from the Creator to the created!

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 5

Scripture: Romans 1:20-32

In Romans 1:20-32 we find some critical verses that explain why God, both in the Old Covenant and the New, proclaimed His terminal judgment on homosexuality. Verses 23-27 state, *“...and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. Therefore God also **gave them up** to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God **gave them up** to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was **due**.”* The key phrase in verse 24 is God gave them up. Verse 26 says again, *“For this reason, **“God gave them up...”*** Verse 2 proclaims the penalty of their error was due. What is the divine penalty due? Verse 28 says, *“**God gave them over...**”* which means repentance is no longer an option. “Giving them over” most likely refers to the seared conscience where even the amygdala in the brain changes and their fate is sealed for eternity. One autopsy study found the amygdala section of the brain, which is linked to sexual function, for homosexuals mimics that of the opposite sex. A homosexual man's amygdala acts and displays behavior that is clearly indicative of the female sex. That study is often cited to claim homosexuality is nature, not nurture. But when a person transfers worship from the Creator to the creation, there is a point of no return! According to verses 29-31, it leads to, *“...being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder,*

*strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful;...*" Haters of God are driven to murder those who love God. Murderers and haters of God, according to Romans 1, are worthy of the judgment of death. No nation that ever sanctioned homosexuality has survived. That *will* be true for every nation embracing it today. There is a cultural war on and we need to understand the foundation of it. The New Testament is very clear about mocking God. Verse 32 says, "...*who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.*" One way we register our approval is by the people we vote for!

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 6

Scripture: Genesis 6:6,7

We are told in Genesis 6:6,7, "*And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. So the Lord said, 'I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.'*" The message of Genesis 6:6,7 is that God reserves the right to destroy what He created when they rebelliously determine to fill His creation with iniquity and cause its destruction. Every choice any state or nation makes to OK homosexual marriage is spitting in the face of the living God. Their actions declare, "God I dare You to destroy me." That is a challenge God has taken over and over again in history. And it is the pinnacle of arrogance, by any judge or ruler, to subvert the will of the people and declare homosexual marriage a constitutional right. They will meet the God who does not kill only once, but after He kills the body, destroys them in hell forever. That is the testimony of Scripture. That is the guarantee of God. We live in a season where God is being challenged. When God is challenged to this degree, it is not mercy that the church should pray, it is justice on the perpetrators!

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 7

Scripture: 2 Kings 1:9-15

The reason why 2 Kings 1:9-15 is so important right now is because it reflects exactly what is transpiring in America and other nations. As political governments dictate to the church that they must violate their conscience and worship at the altar of political government, they incur wrath! This is precisely what happened in 2 Kings 1, where the king commanded a man of God to **yaw-rad** or, 'to come down; to bow the knee.' The response of the representative of God's government was for every **yaw-rad** his enemies issued, two would come down on their head. Four years ago, the Lord gave me this passage and said the day would come that I would see political government command representatives of biblical government to bow at their altar. That is beginning to happen today. One example is the president demanding that the Catholic Church provide birth control when their doctrine, based on Genesis and God's command to populate the earth, makes that a violation of their conscience as they see Scripture applied. Now we may agree or not agree with the Catholic Church but that is not the main issue. America was founded as a nation of religious freedom to believe the Bible and apply it in one's personal life. Just like King Ahaziah, in his arrogance, ordered Elijah to bow, so we have an administration that is ordering the church to bow. Now at this point, we should not pray mercy over the government officials involved. We must go an entirely different way and pray judicially. In 2 Kings 1, what Elijah did was declare, "Let what you have commanded of me now fall on you. Let the fire fall." And the fire fell. So what would be the fire today? The fire today would be over the issue of violating our conscience over life. To Catholics, birth control is a death sentence to God's command to populate the earth. So the fire that would fall would be the fire of God's justice on those who are tempted to put members of

future generations to death. Let the fire fall! Father, let what they are commanding of us now come upon them! It is a simple prayer of sowing and reaping. It is a covenantal prayer and is, in effect, what Elijah prayed. Elijah was saying, "That which you have determined for me, now comes on you." That is the prayer. It is that simple: "What you have judged and determined for us, now comes on you, on your administration and on every individual involved." It is a simple prayer for justice and every Christian can pray it. No one should be forced to violate their conscience of Scripture on an issue like birth control. It should be left to the individuals!

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 8

Scripture: Genesis 11:1-7

HAPPY EASTER!

In Genesis 11:1-7 we are told, *"Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. Then they said to one another, 'Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly.' They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. And they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.' But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. And the Lord said, 'Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.'"* God created man in His image and in His likeness and man has the ability to create that mirrors God. Just as God created us, we can create children in His image and likeness. Anything we can conceive in our mind, we can create. What they were attempting to create in these verses was a city whose height was above the highest level of the flood so that it was beyond the judgment of God. What is revealed here is the magnitude of rebellion in the pinnacle of His creation. Nothing is impossible because we are like God and we definitely have the ability to create both good and evil. The unlimited power to create is in us. When the Lord gives us a prophetic word, offering us the creative anointing, it signifies a move into His realm with eternal consequences. We should do everything we can to qualify.

#### MONDAY, APRIL 9

Scripture: Numbers 16:1-3

Normally we think of the creative in a Priestly application. We think of God recreating body parts, creating things we need and creating blessings. Sometimes, the creative has to be applied in a Kingly, judicial way. When we find ourselves assaulted to the point of destruction, then Numbers 16:1-3 becomes a blueprint for how to act, how to conduct ourselves, how to judge and how to pray. Verses 1-3 state, *"Now Korah the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, with Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men; and they rose up before Moses with some of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty leaders of the congregation, representatives of the congregation, men of renown. They gathered together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, You take too much upon yourselves, for all the congregation is holy, every one of them, and the Lord is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the Lord?"* Korah, Dathan and Abiram stood against Moses and turned the entire congregation against them, challenging Moses' leadership. In such a situation, Moses only has one appeal because he is totally outnumbered. When we find ourselves outnumbered, whether it is by antichrist judges or politicians abusing their authority and decreeing abominations, whatever the situation, we must realize that we have a covenantal, judicial appeal before the Throne that belongs to us. The promise is to give us divine intervention so that God's eternal purpose can be accomplished and that our ministry is not aborted. Our prayer is simple: "Lord, do to them in double what they decree for us! Let double come down on their

heads!" Moses found himself in just such a place and prayed accordingly! May we follow his example and gain parallel results!

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 10

Scripture: Numbers 16:15

If we are going to pray judicially, we have to be able to stand in the fire we are calling down. It is very important to make sure that when we are praying justice on an enemy, there is not a violation somewhere in our life. In Numbers 16:15, Moses does exactly that when he says, *"Then Moses was very angry, and said to the Lord, 'Do not respect their offering. I have not taken one donkey from them, nor have I hurt one of them.'"* Moses had not taken, he had not hurt. The key phrase there is, *"I have not taken ...nor have I hurt."* Now that phrase becomes one that is repeated in Scripture a number of times. When it is repeated, it is always in the same context. The first thing we notice about verse 15 is that Moses is praying. His prayer is, *"Do not respect their offering."* He means, *"Do not hear what they ask, do not hear what they pray. For what they avow against me is false."* Praying judicially requires addressing, personally in your own life, *"I have not taken, I have not hurt."* Moses was heard because he had walked in honesty and integrity before the Lord and was asking to be vindicated. But what did he pray for? He prayed for a demonstration of God's Hand so that everyone would know who belonged to the Lord and who did not. We can pray the same way and we should see God create exposure of a lying enemy at the minimum, and complete removal at the maximum.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

Scripture: Numbers 16:19-24

We are told in Numbers 16:19-24, *"And Korah gathered all the congregation against them at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. Then the glory of the Lord appeared to all the congregation. And the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, 'Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.' Then they fell on their faces, and said, 'O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and You be angry with all the congregation?' So the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 'Speak to the congregation, saying, 'Get away from the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.'"* Moses prayed judicially and God answered him in the affirmative. We need to understand that mercy, mercy, mercy, *"turn-the-other-cheek"* prayers in this situation enable evil! They are not appropriate and they bring no deliverance! What is called for is the Judicial Christ to come on the scene to demonstrate His covenantal justice by removing the perpetrators. Nothing else makes the statement that establishes the fear of God. The church has mercied people so long that the government actually believes they can dictate what the church is supposed to believe. That arrogance has to be answered with Throne-Room justice. Only interventions like the one Moses prayed make the statement that needs to be made in hours like this. Let God arise and His enemies be scattered!

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 12

Scripture: Numbers 16:25-35

Moses prayed for a new thing and we are told in verse 30, *"But if the Lord creates a new thing..."* Moses got an answer. When God offers us a door to the creative anointing, we have to yield our prayers to the Kingly and Priestly as the Spirit wills! When we have governmental encroachments on liberty, the Holy Spirit will give us creative declarations to pray that will demonstrate to the whole world that there is a God and that He moves by the prayers of the church. It is time we answered the promptings of the Spirit. Praying for the Lord to create judicial interventions that remove perverse government officials becomes our key assignment.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 13

Scripture: Psalm 51:1-11,17

In Psalm 51, we find David's repentance after being confronted by Nathan the prophet, over taking Bathsheba and killing her husband. David asked for the mercy of his covenant. He acknowledged his transgression and his sin against God. He cried out for an inner cleansing that the covenant of Sure Mercy offered. As he approached the core of his outcry in intercession, he said, *"Create in me a clean heart, Oh God. And renew a steadfast spirit within me."* It is one of the greatest outcries that appears in all the Psalms. When it is uttered in sincerity, it brings God down to do it. Any time we are entering the judicial realm with the Lord, we need to know that we are doing it from a place of a clean heart. Psalm 51 is one of the greatest passages in the Bible to bring us into that place. We need to read it and heed it, like David did, even though we may already have a clean heart, just the utterance of it before the Throne brings us into the qualification of verse 17, *"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart—These, O God, You will not despise."* Psalm 51 is a key to the Throne-Room and we better make sure that we live there before praying judicially!

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 14

Scripture: Psalm 102:12-20

In Psalm 102:12-20, we find the declaration of a time of God's favor for His people. That favor has a purpose. In verses 16-20 we are told, *"For the Lord shall build up Zion; He shall appear in His glory. He shall regard the prayer of the destitute, And shall not despise their prayer. This will be written for the generation to come, That a people yet to be created may praise the Lord. For He looked down from the height of His sanctuary; From heaven the Lord viewed the earth, To hear the groaning of the prisoner, To release those appointed to death,..."* We find that our prayer is heard and the issue is over a people yet to be created so that they may praise the Lord. He looked down from heaven and loosed those appointed to death. This appears to mark the issue of abortion. Our intercession and our prayer must be for the rising of God so that all those adamantly championing abortion are aborted. God knows how to abort political parties in power. It means dealing justice on the kingpins who fund and drive abortion. The Creator is looking at the loss of generations of children and He is hearing our intercessory judicial prayer: Let the death they intend for future generations seize them! Our intercession must be judicial – that the same God who created something new for Moses has a pit that these people fall in and, if they refuse to repent, never come out. If it is not there right now, our prayers like those of Moses will create it! The Father is listening, are we praying?

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 15

Scripture: Psalm 104:28-35

In Psalm 104:28-35 we are told, *"May the glory of the Lord endure forever; May the Lord rejoice in His works. He looks on the earth, and it trembles; He touches the hills, and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. May my meditation be sweet to Him; I will be glad in the Lord. May sinners be consumed from the earth, And the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!"* This Psalm speaks of God's creation and His ability to provide for it. Then it comes to verse 30 where we are told that the principle underlying creation is that God sends forth His Spirit and creation happens. This is how He renews the face of the earth. According to verse 35, part of renewing the face of the earth is that sinners are consumed and the wicked will be no more. For this, we are to bless and

praise the Lord. God sends forth His Spirit, creation happens, the earth is renewed. When His creation reaches fullness of iniquity, then He consumes sinners and the wicked are taken away. This is Biblical Environmentalism. 'Save the whales; save the trees; save the earth' is counterfeit environmentalism because it diverts attention from the core issues. Romans 8:22 says even the creation travails for the church to enter true stewardship. Because of tradition, the church has not prayed judicially. The church prays mercy and enables the wicked to continue their destruction. The truth is that we are to pray that the creative Spirit of God will in fact take away the wicked, consume them and remove them. The Davidic Psalms present a real picture of how God functions and operates with His people who pray justice. It is time we responded and specifically ask for the removal of the wicked that occupy positions of authority!

#### MONDAY, APRIL 16

Scripture: Isaiah 4

In Isaiah 4 we have a picture of God dealing with His people and how He purifies and what that completed purification releases. We are told in verses 3-6, *"And it shall come to pass that he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy—everyone who is recorded among the living in Jerusalem. When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning, then the Lord will create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. For over all the glory there will be a covering. And there will be a tabernacle for shade in the daytime from the heat, for a place of refuge, and for a shelter from storm and rain."* We need to know that God has a Spirit of Judgment and a Spirit of Burning. It sounds like the baptism of fire. That baptism of fire cleanses His people and when that process is finished the same fire can be prayed on the enemy. Then they get God's creative Hand according to verses 5 and 6. The promise is that, *"...the Lord will create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night."* God has a place of refuge for His people. If we can stand in the fire, we can walk in God's refuge.

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 17

Scripture: Acts 17:26

Acts 17:26 states, *"And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,..."* The Greek word here is an aorist participle and it is not later in time than the main verb, which means the choice of a man's home preceded his creation in the divine plan. The sovereign foreknowledge of God is in view here. God looked ahead at the condition of the generation, state and nation and brought to birth those who have a heart to pay the price to possess the anointing necessary to gain a harvest for Him. God sees the condition of the state and the nation in which we live and we were created to make a contribution for this Kingdom in this season and time. The Lord spoke to me over the issue of His creative power because of the Spirit of Judgment and the Spirit of Burning. He said if we cannot walk in this, we make Acts 17:26 a mockery. The whole reason why we were created for this season is to shoulder the responsibility of moving God's Hand upon those who lead our cities and our nation and to either turn them to the Lord or remove them for the wickedness they are bringing into the land. Jesus died for a harvest of nations and our responsibility is to pray the tares into the Judicial Hand of God and into an everlasting pit from which they cannot be delivered unless there is true repentance. We are here to move God's Judicial Hand releasing the Spirit of Judgment and Spirit of Burning. Anything less hinders the harvest. It is time to rise up and be all that God called us to be!



### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

Scripture: Isaiah 41:17-20

In Isaiah 41:17-20 we are told, *"The poor and needy seek water, but there is none, Their tongues fail for thirst. I, the Lord, will hear them; I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them. I will open rivers in desolate heights, And fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, And the dry land springs of water. I will plant in the wilderness the cedar and the acacia tree, The myrtle and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the cypress tree and the pine And the box tree together, That they may see and know, And consider and understand together, That the hand of the Lord has done this, And the Holy One of Israel has **created** it."* The beautiful thing about God's promise here is that it tells us, whatever we need, we can ask for! And if we are in His will, He will create it for us. If we are thirsty in the desert, He will create rivers or fountains. In the wilderness, He will make pools of water and cause springs to come up. He will do it so that people will understand that He created it. Nobody can do that except God. God wants us to continually have a testimony of His creation because we are in relationship with Him. He is our health, He is our healer, He is our Creator. He will even create new body parts if we need them. God wants to be honored again among His people as the Creator. Nobody can match the Creator. When the creative begins to happen, every other counterfeit god bows at the testimony of a person who has received a touch from God's creative Hand. Every person! It is time for the church to stand up and receive the touch of God's creative Hand. It is testimony time because the King wants the testimony of His creation on the lips of His people.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 19

Scripture: Isaiah 42:5-13

In Isaiah 42:5-13, we find God declaring that He created the heavens and the earth. He stretched them out. He gave breath to His people and Spirit to those who walk on the face of the earth. He declared it and He did it. He has called us into righteousness. Jesus was given as a covenant to the people, light to the Gentiles, to open blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison house. He declares He is the Lord of all the earth. He commands us to sing a new song. Even let the wilderness and the seas lift up their voices. Let them declare and praise. He is going forth, He is stirring up His zeal like a Man of war. He shall cry out, yes, shout. He shall prevail against His enemies. The Creator, speaking to the creation, says, "I go to war! I am ready to put your enemies in the grave. I will cause them to be seen no more." The God who created the heavens and the earth tells us it is time. He is a Man of war. He will prevail against our enemies. All we have to do is ask Him. It is time to ask.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 20

Scripture: Isaiah 45:1-3

In Isaiah 45:1-3 we are told, *"Thus says the Lord to His anointed, To Cyrus, whose right hand I have held— To subdue nations before him And loose the armor of kings, To open before him the double doors, So that the gates will not be shut: 'I will go before you And make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of bronze And cut the bars of iron. I will give you the treasures of darkness And hidden riches of secret places, That you may know that I, the Lord, Who call you by your name, Am the God of Israel."* Cyrus had a very specific purpose and that was to restore Jerusalem from their captivity and send Israel home. That meant rebuilding the temple and all that was involved. The interesting thing about this passage is to note the relationship between God's purpose and the power that brings that purpose to pass. God gave Cyrus the

treasures of darkness, the hidden riches in secret places. He even made the crooked places straight. And any gates of bronze (meaning Babylon) that he faced, God promised to break them down. He promised Cyrus could walk right in and take over. Have we discovered our God-given purpose? Arresting evil is part of gaining a harvest. What will God give us in order to bring in the end-time harvest? He gave the entire city of Babylon to Cyrus to set the Jewish people free. What will God do for us to populate the New Jerusalem with Living Stones? God's creative Hand is available. We are being invited to move it!

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 21

Scripture: Isaiah 45:4-7

Isaiah 45:4-7 says, *"For Jacob My servants' sake, And Israel My elect, I have even called you by your name; I have named you, though you have not known Me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; There is no God besides me. I will gird you, though you have not known Me. That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting that there is none besides me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; I form the light and create darkness. I make peace and create calamity; I, the Lord, do all these things."* Verses 5-7 are very interesting because God declares the fact that He is Lord over all and there is no other. He declares that He knows what is coming and that He, in fact, is the Author of it. He says, *"I am the Lord. There is no other."* Verse 7 is a real challenge for today's church because it says, *"I form the light and create darkness. I make peace and create calamity; I the Lord, do all these things."* Jesus is the Judge. Just like He creates miracles for His people, He creates judgments for nations who spit in His face. God's creative Hand is at work for blessings and it is at work judicially. The world does not know that because the church never says it. And never steps up to the plate and presents the fullness of Who Jesus is! Could we build a mega church teaching this part of the Bible or would we scare off half the congregation? Many pastors compromise the Word in order to keep people. When we compromise the Word, we disciple compromised believers. The fruit is a lack of power, an inability to tap into the creative God and no way to see His Judicial Hand remove your enemies. Jesus said, *"If you are not with Me you are against Me."* How do we build a church and be against God? Many of the largest churches in almost every city got their growth by filtering out Jesus the Judge. Compromising the Word gains people. But what have we really gained? Are the people as compromised as the leaders? If we have powerless people, we have a Word deficit because the Word is "quick and powerful." (Hebrews 4:12) Refusing to present the Judicial Christ is like 'nuclear disarmament.' It only encourages the enemy. No fruit without a root!

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 22

Scripture: Amos 3:1-7

Amos 3:1-7 says, *"Hear this word that the Lord has spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt saying: 'You only have I known of all the families of the earth: Therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.' Can two walk together, unless they are agreed? Will a lion roar in the forest, when He has no prey? Will a young lion cry out of his den, if he has caught nothing? Will a bird fall into a snare on the earth, where there is no trap for it? Will a snare spring up from the earth, if it has caught nothing at all? If a trumpet is blown in a city, will not the people be afraid? If there is calamity in a city, will not the LORD have done it? Surely the Lord God does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets."* Amos was an amazing prophet and he really dealt with the issue, can two walk together without being in agreement. The answer of course is, No! They cannot. Then the question is, are we really in agreement with the Lord or are we doing our own thing? Amos makes it clear that in a covenantal, Biblical nation when there is calamity, the Lord has done it. If we accept this Biblical truth, then we must look at things and reassess what is going on in our nation. Was Katrina a calamity that God sent? According to

Amos, yes. 911 was a great tragedy. Was it a biblical calamity? According to Amos, yes it was. Did a wave of true repentance come out of those? No. Blaming people for political gain did, but not true repentance. Perhaps the only way we will have true repentance in this nation is when the prophets stand up and confront the political leaders and the Hand of God moves on them, like God's Hand moved in Scripture. Apparently the only way we will get repentance in this nation is when we see political 'Ananias and Sapphiras' face God's Judicial Hand. Then and only then we will see repentance. Can we pray for that? Can we pray that God will raise up people who have the anointed strength, courage and might to walk in that place and to confront leaders? That may very well be what it is going to take!

#### MONDAY, APRIL 23

Scripture: Isaiah 45:8

Perhaps one of the greatest promises in Isaiah is Isaiah 45:8. It is one that we should know, memorize and be praying specifically in this season. When the calamity of verse 7 comes and people repent, we can pray verse 8, *"Rain down, you heavens, from above, And let the skies, pour down righteousness; Let the earth open, let them bring forth salvation, And let righteousness spring up together. I, the Lord, have created it."* Verse 8 is a prayer for a people who want a harvest. It is a prayer that God's creative Hand would rain the miracles, the signs and the wonders and will turn wickedness into righteousness because after a calamity, people will turn to the Lord. When we start praying verse 8, we are preparing for the aftermath of the next calamity. Calamity is often necessary to stem the tide of evil! Calamities turn people and turn nations. Why have we not been able to turn the nation after Katrina, and after 911? Because the church was not in a place to demonstrate the creative power of God and He is calling us now to get ready. Praying Isaiah 45:8 is preparation for the next move of the Spirit.

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 24

Scripture: Isaiah 45:11-13

In Isaiah 45:11-13, we look at God's Hand again moving Cyrus for His purpose in the earth. Cyrus did not even know the Creator of Israel. In this passage God reveals a heavenly key, "Ask Me of things to come concerning My sons and concerning the work of My Hands, you command Me!" When we find out the things to come concerning God's people then we have the right in prayer to call forth or command the work of His Hands. Throughout Scripture God's purpose always proceeds the moving of His Hand. It is true in the Old Testament, and it is true in the New. So when it says, concerning the work of My Hands, you command Me. That is God's conditional offer to us. But we cannot go out and command what **we want**. That is not what the passage says. What it says is, ask Me of things to come concerning My sons. That means we let God show us His purpose, then by faith command His Hand to fulfill that purpose. This is what Moses did! This is a key to the vault of heaven. Jesus used this key in Mark 11 to kill a fig tree as a sign to His disciples that judicial power was available to clean house in the temple. Mark 11:23-24 has become a formula for people to claim what they want. But to disconnect the principle from God's purpose aborts it! The same principle works for cleaning out corrupt political houses. The key is **God's purpose**. Join the Creator. He wants to display a few things!

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

Scripture: Isaiah 48:1-7

In Isaiah 48:1-7 the Lord spoke to the House of Israel. He talked to believers and He said He had declared the former things from the beginning. Verse 3 says, *"I have declared the former things from the*

*beginning; They went forth from My mouth, and I caused them to hear it. Suddenly I did them, and they came to pass.”* When God declares a thing and it goes forth out of His mouth, it comes to pass! God always told Israel what He was going to do before it happened and when they saw it, they knew it was God! In verses 6 and 7 He says, *“You have heard; See all this. And will you not declare it: I have made you hear new things from this time, Even hidden things, and you did not know them. They are created now and not from the beginning; And before this day you have not heard them, Lest you should say, ‘Of Course I knew them.’”* When we hear new things, even hidden things from the Lord we speak them, and then God comes and creates them. Verse 7 says that God is going to create new things that we did not know and have not heard. He is going to demonstrate that He is God and He is the Creator and it is an open invitation to come walk with Him in that place. That is being offered to the church. God is still a Creator! Let’s join Him!

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 26

Scripture: Isaiah 57:14-21

In Isaiah 57 verses 19-21 state, *“‘I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him who is far off and to him who is near,’ says the LORD, ‘And I will heal him.’ But the wicked are like the troubled sea, When it cannot rest, Whose waters cast up mire and dirt. ‘There is no peace,’ Says my God ‘for the wicked.’”* The Lord says that He creates the fruit of the lips, peace, peace is His promise and I will heal him, but to the wicked He says there is no rest and there is no peace. They are headed for His Judicial Hand. Over and over again we are beginning to find the same thing in Scripture, God is a glorious Creator. He will not stop, that is His nature, and He will carry on today in both the Kingly and Priestly realms. The question is, are we going to continue to walk with Him as a Creator, are we going to continue to represent Him as a Creator? He is really asking us to go there! Will we? Are we ready for Kingly judicial creations? God will create ‘pits’ for the wicked to fall in!

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 27

Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-25

Verses 17-19 state, *“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, And her people a joy. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, And joy in My people; The voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, Nor the voice of crying.”* There is a day coming when God is going to create a new heavens and a new earth and it is going to have a new Jerusalem in it. That New Jerusalem the Bible says is the home of every believer. In verse 24 it even says, *“‘It shall come to pass That before they call, I will answer; And while they are still speaking, I will hear.’”* Before we even call, He will answer. That season may be very close indeed. The question is, are we willing to walk with Him in it?

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Scripture: Amos 4:1-8

Amos 4:1-3 states, *“Hear this word, you cows of Bashan, who are on the mountain of Samaria, Who oppress the poor, Who crush the needy, Who says to your husbands, ‘Bring wine, let us drink?’ The Lord God has sworn by His holiness; ‘Behold, the days shall come upon you When He will take you away with fishhooks, And your posterity with fishhooks, You will go out through broken walls, Each one straight ahead of her, And you will be cast into Harmon,’ Says the Lord.”* Amos 4 gives us a picture of how God works and how He operates. He says, *“I will take the wicked away from among you.”* In verses 12 and 13 we are told, *“‘Therefore thus will I do to you, O Israel; Because I will do this to you, Prepare to meet your God, O Israel!’ For behold, He who forms mountains, And creates the wind, Who declares to man what his thought is, And makes the*

*morning darkness, Who treads the high places of the earth— The Lord God of hosts is His name.”* God says to people in a generation, “You had better prepare to meet Me.” He then creates the disaster that forces them into that place where they must make a choice. They must either choose Him or choose to work against Him. Unfortunately for us it appears that many nations consistently have chosen to walk against Him. It is time the unrepentant leaders of wayward nations see the Creator who is the Judge of all the Earth and who has a special, creative judgment with their name on it.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-10

Ephesians 2:8-10 says, *“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”* When we find the truth, it is incumbent to walk in it! We were created to contribute to a national harvest. That purpose is expressly doing good works and walking in what God calls us to do. This takes us back to Isaiah 45, asking the Lord about things to come concerning us and commanding them into existence. This is moving God's creative Hand. Can we do this both Priestly and Kingly? I hear God calling us to both.

## MONDAY, APRIL 30

Scripture: Ephesians 3:5-12, 4:17-24

In Ephesians 3:5-12 we are told that we have a purpose and that purpose is to make people see the manifest wisdom of God that was ordained for the church to rule instead of principalities and powers. Verse 9 says God created all things through Jesus Christ and the purpose for us in the earth is to demonstrate to principalities and powers that they do not rule - God does. We do that through accepting His purpose and commanding it into existence. Those who stand against us have to see the glory of God through the rod of iron decimating their resistance. That is a missing link for the church. Ephesians 4:23-24 states, *“...and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”* If we do not put on the new man which was created according to God in righteousness and true holiness, then we cannot do the works created for us. When we were born again God's creative Hand moved on us, we at that time became a new creation. We can run from that new creation or we can accept what it says. Once we accept what it says, all guilt and all shame depart because that was the old man and we have chosen to put on the new man which was created according to God in righteousness and true holiness. That is now who we are! We will never have the confidence and the faith to walk in all God has for us if we do not put on the new man. Because the new man is a new creation, we have to accept that! We choose to believe what Jesus did for us and then watch His creative Hand begin to move on us, in us and through us!

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