

WEDNESDAY AT WEDNESDAY

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

Scripture: Ephesians 1:9-12

In Ephesians 1:9-11 we are told, *“In whom also we have obtained an inheritance being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will...”* There is a family of Greek words that give us different shades of meaning. There is **klay-ron-om-eh-o**. The first word means to inherit, to inherit something. The next word is **klay-ron-om-ee-ah**. The emphasis here is inheritance or the property received. The third word in this family is **klay-ron-om-os**. Here the key is on becoming an heir. And finally we mention the word that is used in Ephesians 1:11 and that is **klay-ro-o-mi**. In the use of this word the focus is on the casting of lots to obtain an inheritance and finally the fifth word the one that is the root is **klay-ro-o** which is the verb to inherit. The meaning of **klay-ro-o** with the addition of **o-mai** is that we become the inheritance. This not only includes what we are given but the deeper truth that unfolds is that we become drafted as God’s inheritance. Christ, in effect, surveys Sons and Daughters and drafts those who have paid the price of maturity. These saints are presented back to God to be sown as needed to benefit His Family (and His eternal purposes). That brings an entirely different application to Ephesians, a new layer of importance and meaning in studying this Epistle. Digging into these word meanings paints a fuller picture. We eclipse receiving our inheritance in becoming the inheritance. We are the inheritance of God! We discover a path to the fullness of Christ. Mature saints accept the responsibility of co-rule and move God’s Hand in prayer! Now we have a much larger stake in the issue because we are God’s demonstration of His inheritance in the earth. There are reasons why we have to yield to the Spirit. Through yielding to the Spirit, we can change history by becoming a conduit for God’s will. We become the fullness of Christ in our generation! The Ephesians prayers are answered in us!

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

Scripture: Ephesians 1:14

In verse 14 the word for inheritance is now **klay-ron-om-ee-ah**. The emphasis here is on the property received by the inheritance or the issue of what is really given that we can faithfully display. This brings us to a point that all of a sudden we have in these verses a declaration of the Trinity that they are involved. It goes on to say that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. *“In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchases possession, to the praise of His glory.”* Now we have Father, Son and Holy Spirit involved simply because we have become the inheritance. Each member of the Trinity declares their input, not only concerning what we are going to possess and accomplish by the Spirit. We become the agents of God in the earth! Each member of the Trinity has a major contribution concerning our purpose, our call and our gift. Each anoints us to do Their will. Each sows a unique and important aspect of what they carry into our growth. There is a new phrase that we need to learn describing our inheritance, past, present

and future! That phrase is, **'we have been Blood-bought by Christ Jesus, covenantally-secured by our Father, and the works purposed are guaranteed to be manifested by the Holy Spirit!'** It is obvious that Christ Himself purchased us. We are Blood-bought. The Father grounds us in the truth so our faith is secured by covenant! And finally we are sealed and all our works are guaranteed by the Holy Spirit. It is important and foundational that all three of the Trinity have a personal stake in our success. We are Blood-bought by Jesus, covenantally-secured by the Father and our works are Holy Spirit guaranteed.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:1-8

1 Corinthians 6 makes it clear that God really does consider us His inheritance. So much so that it is stated that we will judge the world. 1 Corinthians 6:2 says, *"Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?"* Not only are we going to judge the world, we are going to judge angels. If angels, how much more things that pertain to this life! As God's inheritance we end up responsible for some important decisions. What will those decisions be based upon? I'm sure they will be based on His Word that has become seeded and fruitful in our personal experience. That Word will have been obediently lived out in our personal life and walk. That is quite a high call. God is really serious about this issue. He is more serious than we have been up to this point concerning what He has done for us. That is what needs to change. Our inheritance is a very critical issue highlighted by the fact the entire Trinity is involved in guaranteeing the manifestation of it!

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

In verses 9-11 we are told explicitly what will disinherit us, *"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God."* There is a preparation process that we have to embrace. We were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified. We must be washed, we must be sanctified and we must be justified to carry the glory. Are we serious about this process? Washed...sanctified...justified is foundational! We become washed by the very Blood of Christ! Then we are sanctified by the Presence of the Holy Spirit, as He takes up His residence in us and justified by the Word of our Faithful Father. All three of the Trinity are at work and intimately involved not only to insure our inheritance but to actually make us the inheritance! Once we become the inheritance, we qualify for the glory!

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:12-18, Hebrews 10:26-27

It is really clear in this passage that God does not want us disqualifying ourselves once we've been Blood-bought, covenantally-secured and Holy Spirit guaranteed. There are a few things we cannot afford to participate in. Sexual immorality is one of them. Verses 12-18 major on the fact that we are Blood-bought. We have been members of Christ. We have been joined to the Lord. We become one Spirit with Him, therefore we must honor that status. Every sin that a man commits is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. It is obvious that many in America no longer think the way God thinks concerning this issue of sexual sin. With many it is considered no big deal, however it is not that way to God. To God it is a very big issue and we cannot afford to minimize it! The doctrine of Balaam is manifestly destroying our Christian heritage and polluting the church until we risk being in a place that there is no more sacrifice for sin! Hebrews 10:26-27 states, *"For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries."* To violate our covenant cleansing by Christ's

Blood guarantees swift judgment. God takes covenant cleansing seriously as the death of Ananias and Sapphira prove. How close are we to a judicial manifestation of like manner. Has fullness of iniquity arrived so that God is ready to intervene? Are we about to see 'Ananias and Sapphira' events? Possibly so! Bank on it!

MONDAY, APRIL 6

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:19

This verse says, *"Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?"* Verse 19 defines Blood-bought as divine ownership. Living as if we are our own disinherits us. Obeying Biblical boundaries qualifies us for the fullness of Christ. We are no longer our own. We, like Jesus, have been bought with a price. God has great plans for His end-time church. Fullness of iniquity demands the fullness of Christ displayed through His saints to counter evil and conquer it. The church has to carry that anointing! Spiritual conflicts are inevitable! Where will we stand on the spectrum of bravery and action? Will we be among the weasels or be in the ranks of the warriors. Resilient warriors begin with decision and resolve, and they are matured through preparation and training!

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:20

This passage says, *"For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."* We have literally become the inheritance. Everyone who confesses Christ has an obligation to walk as Christ walked. Choosing the Biblical boundaries of behavior distinguish a believer in righteousness in their personal walk. It is only in understanding this and in obedience as we walk it out that we become the Glorious Church, the Glorious Family without spot or wrinkle. Ephesians 5:26 says, *"That He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word. That He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that we should be holy and without blemish."* From this pool of doers of the Word, God drafts, for special assignments, those who become the inheritance. As His very Own, we are God's representatives and His ambassadors to demonstrate His Presence in the earth. As His Family we are to reflect that Family relationship. We are washed, we are sanctified and we are justified. We carry the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Just as the devil is intent on filling the earth with iniquity, God is intent on filling us with Him as the answer. Fullness meets fullness in the last days. The fullness of Christ meets the fullness of demons. The fullness of Christ in us will challenge and resist the fullness of demons. This clash is described in Revelation 11:3-7. As God anoints His witnesses to face antichrist, sparks will fly all over the earth!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

Scripture: Ephesians 4:17-22

In Ephesians 4:17-22 we are told, *"This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,..."* We have a choice to make. That choice is, will we obey and prepare and live up to our new status or will we opt for passivity? Will we represent our new Family sincerely, earnestly and honorably? Will we make it our aim to live, think and act like Jesus? This is attainable, saints! The good news is that we can put on the new man. Ephesians 4:21-24 spells it out, *"...if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus; that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 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."* This

describes *“Christ in you the hope of glory.”* We can, we most certainly can! Let’s arise to our Family status! The prophet Samuel chose righteousness and God rewarded him with power. We have the same choice!

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

Scripture: Ephesians 4:23-29

When we put off the old man, we fill the void by putting on the new man and being renewed in the spirit of our mind. This means putting on the new man who is created according to God in righteousness and true holiness. Verses 25-29 says, *“Therefore, putting away lying, ‘Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,’ for we are members of one another. ‘Be angry, and do not sin’: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil. Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”* Not only do we have to put off the old man but we have **to choose** to put on the new man. We have to start living and acting like Jesus. This is not an overnight change it is **a process!** We must do this because we are His inheritance in the earth. No wonder the earth groans waiting for the manifestation of the Sons of God. This process of Sonship and active growth needs to move forward in earnest. Romans 8:19 states, *“For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.”* Jesus bought and paid for His Family by His Own Blood, the Father secured it by covenant and the Holy Spirit guarantees it by anointing us for this very purpose, but we are the ones who have to choose it! Once we choose it we are to walk it out with perseverance!

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Scripture: Ephesians 4:30-32

Ephesians 4:30-32 says, *“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”* We have a job to do. We are to act like Christ in the earth. We must have as our goal to demonstrate the Godhead everywhere we go! Can we do that? We only qualify by choosing the Biblical boundaries to live by. The wise among His people will prepare to do that. Let’s pick up our inheritance and then proceed to being that very inheritance sown into the lives of others! It is time we realized it, embraced it and proceed with the program.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:20

1 Corinthians 6:20 says, *“For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”* We have truly become the inheritance and as a result we have a standard of behavior that is our goal. We represent God! Ephesians 5:1-2 Paul says, *“Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.”* The first phrase in the New Living Translation puts it this way, *“Imitate God, therefore in everything you do...”* and the Amplified Classic Edition says, *“...copy Him and follow His example...”* We are to aim toward acting like, thinking like and walking like the God who’s Family we are!

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Scripture: Romans 5:9-12

Romans 5:9-11 say, *“Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more,*

having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.” Jesus Himself bought us with His Blood and made it possible for us to stand out as His inheritance, His mature Sons and Daughters. His design was for us to develop into Sons and Daughters that arise as His Family agents. And He has made a way for us to live accordingly.

MONDAY, APRIL 13

Scripture: Ephesians 1:7, Matthew 12:53

Ephesians 1:7 says, *“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace...”* We discover that Christ Himself is responsible. ‘Lord, thank You for making it possible for us to demonstrate Who You are and to walk as Your Sons and Daughters.’ Jesus demonstrated how to think like a Son of God. When He was trapped in Gethsemane by soldiers, His response was classic. In Matthew 12:53 Jesus said, *“Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?”* We don’t think like Sons if we don’t think like Jesus. Jesus has confidence in His relationship with God! What should it take for us to have that confidence?

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

Scripture: Ephesians 2:13

In Ephesians 2:13 we are told, *“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”* Jesus initiated this process. The very first thing that becomes really clear is we become the inheritance because we are Blood-bought. Jesus is the One who paid that price and He is the One who bought us. What are we going to do now with the truth that we are Blood-bought? The right path is to recognize it and choose to live confidently and securely as a result. We should desire greatly to live up to what Christ has done for us! Righteousness allows us to move God’s Hand relationally! No righteousness, then no access, no deliverance, no healing, no victory! Perseverance waits for God’s timing even when it is painfully longer than we think it should be!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

Scripture: Colossians 2:18-23

In Colossians 2:18-23 we are told, *“Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God. Therefore if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as though living in the world, why, do you subject yourselves to regulations—‘Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle,’ which all concern things which perish with the using—according to commandments and doctrines of men? These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh.”* What we are studying here is how each member of the Trinity specifically empowers and declares to us that we are not only the inheritance of Christ but we have the privilege to live like it, walk like it and act like it. Hebrews 9:14 says, *“How much more shall the Blood of Christ who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God purge our conscience from dead works to serve the Living God.”* This passage in Hebrews makes it plain that we are Blood-bought and the manifestation of that is a clear conscience. Just like Jesus developed a relationship with the Father we can do the same. We can develop that same relationship with the Father because we are Blood-bought with the Son’s precious Blood. The shedding of His Own Blood is proof positive that we are His inheritance! We are guaranteed a new and living way which He consecrated through the veil, that is His flesh. He is our faithful High Priest so we can have a true heart in full assurance of faith having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience. Paul is our example of having a conscience cleansed from dead works to serve the Living God! Paul understood the incomparable benefits and power of the Blood of Christ. His life following His conversion and throughout his ministry had supernatural Kingdom fruitfulness of significant proportions. May many ‘Paul’s’ arise in the end-time church! And may the preparation start now!

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

Scripture: Hebrews 9:14-15, Hebrews 10:18-23

Hebrews 9:14-15 declares Jesus' Blood was shed to purchase an eternal inheritance! And Hebrews 10:19-23 adds to that foundation. *"Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful."* So we are Blood-bought, yes, we are Blood-bought! We are guaranteed a new and living way which Jesus consecrated through the veil of His flesh. He is our High Priest so we can have a true heart and full assurance of faith having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed. When the accuser comes to bring blame, we can literally proclaim, 'That wasn't me. That was someone else. That old man died with Christ.' Paul knew that was true and he acted on it. Can we walk in freedom like Paul did? We certainly can. God really has made it possible for us to become the inheritance. Nothing is impossible to us in the last days if we accept everything that Jesus did for us. The entire process of being Blood-bought is a process of developing a clear conscience and a heart that can walk in true faith as a Son and Daughter of the Most High. What an inheritance!

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:1-2

1 Peter 1:1-2 says, *"Peter an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ:"* Peter's proclamation is powerful. He was reminding saints that they had been bought by the Blood. Yes, Peter was proclaiming in his greeting that the saints were Blood-bought. If we are Blood-bought we are 100% His. Our inheritance is guaranteed. We are Blood-bought. Just as Peter proclaimed to the early church we can proclaim as well. We should make this a frequent declaration to voice! 'Lord, I praise and magnify You for the gift of the sacrificial shedding of Your precious Blood. I declare that I am Blood-bought and I raise a hallelujah to You for such a gift!'

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Verses 17-21 say, *"And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your father, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God."* Here it is! We are told again that we are Blood-bought and this stance has a purpose and a benefit. We are the fruit of being Blood-bought and that fruit is a pure heart and a full assurance of faith. In other words, we can do what Jesus did and He Himself said that we, beyond that, could do greater things. It is ordained that we do them. There is no excuse for a maturing believer not to begin developing the faith for it. Jesus bought and paid for that, and He makes it clear that it is available to be sealed to our hearts. That is a scriptural truth found numerous times in the Bible. We cannot get away from it. That is the way it is, and it is time to say yes and accept it and expect it!

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Scripture: 1 John 1:5-7

This passage says, *"This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not*

practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." There it is again. Another declaration that being Blood-bought completely and totally cleanses us from all consciousness of sin so that we can have perfect faith before Him. Because of that we can do what He promised. We can do the works Jesus did and we can do the greater works. This process gets us ready to become the inheritance of Christ. It cleanses our conscience so we can act like Him, think like Him and talk like Him, and do the things Jesus walked out. It is time to fully represent Him. We can all agree that we are Blood-bought!

MONDAY, APRIL 20

Scripture: Isaiah 14:13-14, Genesis 12:1-3

We are now studying the 'covenantally secure' component of what the Father has done for us. To better understand it is helpful+ to compare the rebellion of satan which sowed the five 'I Wills' of rebellion into the earth with the 'I wills' that Abraham faced. The first one we see is in Isaiah 14:12-14 which says, "*How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground. You who weakened the nations. For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven. I will exalt my Throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north.'*" We are heirs of the Abrahamic covenant. God's antidote to the rebellion that satan sowed begins with the Abrahamic Covenant. Genesis 12:1 says, "*Now the Lord had said to Abram: 'Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, to a land that I will show you.'*" Satan says, "*I will ascend into heaven.*" In effect he said that he would choose his own destiny. **Satan's** bold declaration was '**I WILL!**' **Abraham's** obedience was displayed in surrendering to the obedience of '**THY WILL!**' In contrast God said to Abram, 'The first thing you surrender is your destiny. God chooses the destiny of His people. Because we are chosen by God before the foundation of the earth, then being chosen by God means we have been chosen before birth with a divine destiny which He had in mind. This destiny was a pre-birth destiny contributing to God's Kingdom that we choose to shoulder and accomplish. In our generation a component of that is to walk like Jesus, talk like Jesus, do what Jesus did and even do greater works than Jesus did. The generation that winds up the age will have the assignment to birth a new heavens and a new earth and possibly be martyred in the process. The cross of surrender and sacrifice was present in the Abrahamic covenant. The cross that Jesus bore for us Abraham had to, in a measure, experience by choosing to surrender his will as the initial application of the cross. Jesus shed His blood first in the garden choosing God's will over man's. Abraham said yes to it, surrendered to it and he embraced it. One of the reasons that our inheritance is covenantally secure is because it is promised by covenant. Not only are we Blood-bought but we are covenantally-secured by the promise of our inheritance when we surrender to God to overcome the giants of self that contend within us to rule our life!

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

Scripture: Genesis 12:2, Isaiah 14:19, Numbers 13

The 'I will' that began the rebellion, the giant Arba or selfish ambition. The second 'I will' was the giant Anak or self-will. This family of giants ruled the Promised Land. This family of giants cost the Israelites forty years of desert wandering keeping practically all of that generation out of their inheritance. When the spies were sent out by Moses to spy out the Promised Land, the first obstacle or stumbling block that stopped them in their tracks, were the giants. We can't allow the giants who are all stubbornly self-centered to stop the development of God's fullness. We must wage and win the war over self that keeps us from fullness of relationship with God and His glory. God says to Abraham 'I will make you a great nation. I choose to order your destiny and I choose the magnitude of your success.' In contrast the devil proclaimed the magnitude of his own success saying "*I will exalt my throne above the stars of God.*" God wanted His man Abraham to surrender his personal will and for him to know that his station in life would be God-arranged. Saints who let God promote them to accomplish a divine purpose have to choose **His** path and **His** way which always involves putting a giant or two under our feet!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

Scripture: Genesis 12:2, Isaiah 14:13

The third giant in Scripture was Ahiman. Ahiman was the oldest son of Anak. *"I will sit on The mount of The congregation."* That is implying, 'I am my own law and no one corrects me!' We could view that this way, 'I choose who I'm going to listen to and who I am not. I choose who can speak into my life and who cannot. I'm going to control the voices I heed.' In Genesis the Lord told Abraham in direct contrast, 'I am the One who is going to choose. I will bless you with people you do not consider a blessing. I will bless you and surround you with people who will contribute to your character and growth and nature if you will listen.' The 'if you will listen' is a huge part of that statement! The giant who resists could be termed 'self-protection.' We have to forfeit our self-protection and trust God. This involves surrender and it involves giving up control and fully relying on the Lord to be our guidance and direction. The Holy Spirit is our wise Counselor and will lead us on the path that shines brighter and brighter unto the perfect day. Our Father God knows what will give us a hope and a future. God has prepared a growth path for us to walk and in God's economy that always includes surrender!

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

Scripture: Isaiah 14:14, Genesis 12:3

In Isaiah 14:14 we are told, *"I will ascend above the heights of the clouds."* This declaration of satan pairs with giant number four whose name is Sheshai. His name means 'white linen'. This giant is self-righteousness. In Genesis 12:3 Abraham was told, *"I will bless those who bless you."* This involved another layer of surrender. In this place God was choosing to make Abraham a yardstick and again Abraham wisely placed the operation of his own life in God's Hands. One synonym for control is 'ascendancy'. What an interesting term that is used! Abraham in releasing control was continuing to demonstrate his faith in God, thus God was given ascendancy in Abraham's life. God was given full authority and full direction over His choices. God had future plans to put Abraham in a position where he would be used to judge others which would require surrender subsequently leading to a listening heart, a hearing ear and righteous decisions. That meant God's judicial power colliding with the pride and self-righteousness in others. God made Abraham a plumbline in the earth. No one ever became a plumbline and liked it. That is a hardship and a challenge not a coveted assignment because we become the yardstick by which others are judged-a living plumbline. God determined to establish Abraham's righteousness. Choosing righteousness results in faith through relationship developed through Father-Son relationship! God honors the righteous choices of His Sons and Daughters!

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Scripture: Isaiah 14:14, Genesis 12:3

The fifth and final giant is Talmai and is what I term self-preservation or the spirit of mammon. The enemy arrogantly said, *"I will be like the Most High."* God declared in Genesis 12:3, *"I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."* This was another case of Abraham being fashioned by God as a plumbline of judgment in the earth. The very Presence of God through the warring servants of the Lord will incite those who carry darkness. God is looking for a Family who are surrendered to Him, those who are willing and obedient. But there is a price. Are we willing to pay the price? Everything that God has promised us when we embrace the cross, we get to walk out in the covenantal process. That covenant belongs to us! It manifests for us in unfolding promises.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Scripture: Matthew 16:24-26, Matthew 7:22-24, Revelation 3:9

Jesus makes the promise of finding our life in God dependent upon surrendering to the Father's will! The God-ordained life unfolds for those who fully surrender their will in their Christian walk. Jesus demonstrated this

process through His Own journey. The resurrection was birthed by the obedience of the sacrifice! This became a divine pattern for God's saints to walk out and live by. *"The Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to their works."* If we rebel against God's Word, we walk outside of the canopy of God's shelter and His plan for us. In Matthew 7 many say, *"...we have done many wonders in Your name."* But Jesus replied, *"Depart you who practice lawlessness."* The reward of the righteous is a coveted blessing in the last days. Those who persevere in faith gain the reward of the Philadelphia church and are kept from the hour of trial that will eventually face the whole earth—which will mean martyrdom for some. Keeping God's Word and refusing to cave to sin or to bow to evil and darkness will earn an open door that no one can shut! God promises to make those who are counterfeit eventually come worship at the feet of the agents of glory. (Revelation 3:9) Who in their right mind would not want to earn the greatest blessing of Scripture which is being kept, sheltered by the Lord through the most trying experiences the world will ever see.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Scripture: Matthew 16:27-28, Isaiah 60, Luke 9:27

Revelation 3:8 promises an open door that no man can close! We are forgiven all our failures and rewarded for all our successes. Jesus promised the men present at the transfiguration that they would see God's Kingdom. They saw the glory. The coming of the glory of God is prophesied as the anointing for the end of the age. Isaiah 60 is clear. When God arises upon the church everything changes. Unbelievers will run to God's Life that is carried by God's agents of glory, His sheltered ones. Isaiah 60 is clear when it says even kings shall come to the brightness of the rising of God's ambassadors probably to be saved. The transfiguration displayed the glory promised for the last days! Peter, James and John saw it on the mountain of transfiguration. Glory is the Presence of God often demonstrated by an anointing to heal, deliver, bless or judge. The end-time church is destined to live in the glory! Are we ready?

MONDAY, APRIL 27

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:1-11

Why is 2 Samuel 7 so important? It is key because it marks the addition of the Davidic covenant to the Abrahamic covenant. Israel was eventually delivered from Egypt based on the Abrahamic covenant. The Davidic covenant secures Kingdom access to God's ministers! In the Davidic covenant David wanted to build God a house. In 2 Samuel 7:11 we find that God committed to build David a house! This verse says, *"Since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel, And have caused you to rest from all your enemies. Also the Lord tells you that He will make **you** a house."* In the Davidic covenant it was God covenanting to build David a house and that house is His church. If we are all ministers in this covenant, it is because the Davidic Covenant makes us ministers of the Most High God with a purpose—to build eternal beings into the fullness of Christ!

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:12-17

In verses 12-17 God says, *"When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the Throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your Throne shall be established forever."* According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David." The Davidic Covenant is the Covenant of Sure Mercy. God committed Himself through this amazing covenant to forgive the sin of His servants in order to establish the work of His Hands in His church as an eternal Kingdom over which Christ sits. The Davidic Covenant is the Covenant of Sure Mercy and it is the covenant by which we function as kings and priests to build God's eternal house out of Living Stones!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:18-24

In this passage in 2 Samuel 7, David sat pondering before the Lord saying, *“Who am I, O Lord God? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far?”* David marveled at the goodness of God, and what David stated in verse 24 is worth remembering. *“For You have made Your people Israel Your very own people forever; and You, Lord, have become their God.”* This is the essence of the Davidic covenant. God says, ‘You are My people and I am your God.’ Right here in this verse the Sons and Daughters are covenantally-secured! David had a thorough awareness of this forever promise which resulted in great praise in his heart for the truly remarkable thing that God had done in setting his Family apart for Himself. How did David walk out his relationship with Father and his covenantal security? He did it relying on his covenant. He did it with wholeheartedness as a mighty warrior for God! We have the privilege of learning to walk like David! We have the privilege of walking it out like Jesus.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:25-29

In verses 25-29 we read, *“Now, O Lord God, the word which You have spoken concerning Your servant and concerning his house establish it forever and do as You have said. So let Your name be magnified forever, saying, ‘The Lord of hosts is the God over Israel.’ And let the house of Your servant David be established before You.”* David in effect says, ‘God, You said it, now You do it!’ This prayer goes on to say in verse, *“Now therefore, let it please You to bless the house of Your servant, that it may continue before You forever; for You, O Lord God, have spoken it, and with Your blessing let the house of Your servant be blessed forever.”* The Lord has purposed it, and the Lord will do it, in Jesus name! That is the Covenant of Sure Mercy. It secured David’s future and it guarantees our anointing to build God’s Kingdom. It is a powerful promise of the Lord to forgive our mistakes and cause our failures to be turned into praises for Him. We are Blood-bought and covenantally-secure. These truths are forever stamped within by the seal and guarantee of the Holy Spirit. Through the truths of the Trinity we are forever marked men and women! What a great foundation!

*Each Person of the Trinity
Contributing to you and me,
Has left His mark significant
That I may live a life well-spent!*

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