

A large stained glass window featuring a central figure of Jesus with a halo, flanked by two white doves in flight. The background is a deep blue with a subtle pattern of light rays.

“40 DAYS OF CONSECRATION”

June 30, 2014 – August 08, 2014

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From the Pastor's Desk...

Dear Member:

For the last three years, we the members of Pentecostal Temple Church Of God In Christ have participated in a 40-day Consecration; which was initially inspired by the loss of our former leader, my father, Bishop J. O. Patterson, Jr. During this difficult time the Lord placed on my heart to call for a Consecration, and a sense of renewed peace and understanding covered our church, and reminded us that God is with us.

It is my sincerest desire that we continue to live in accordance with His will, and that in these turbulent times; remain strong in the word and be encouraged for He is faithful. As we consecrate ourselves, “*let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us...*” (Hebrew 12:1). For when we demonstrate our dedication to the Lord, He will fill us with his spirit, love, and knowledge that surpasses all understanding.

I would like for every member to join with me once again, as we prepare for this Consecration beginning on **Monday, June 30th** and ending on **Friday, August 8th**. I am requesting that we fast until 3:00 p.m. daily, unless your current medical condition dictates otherwise. These 40-days of Consecration will be accompanied with a **Pastoral Revival**, which will be led by me, and will be held **July 21st-25th**, beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m. nightly. As we continue our journey to the Promised Land, let us pray that our sacrifice during this time be an example to our unsaved loved ones, friends and associates throughout our community; for Pentecostal Temple is *not just a church, but a movement!*

May the spirit of the Lord be with you and your family.

Yours In Christ,

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What does it mean to be “Consecrated?”

Consecration refers to persons or things being separated to or belonging to God for His purposes. They are holy and set apart for the service of God.

Leviticus 19:2 says...“You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.”

We aim to glorify God through our words, thoughts, actions, and deeds.

The membership of Pentecostal Temple Church Of God In Christ, family and friends, consecrate ourselves and pledge to devote time daily to read the word of God and pray. We desire for God to Renew, Revive and Refresh us individually and collectively.

“Like Never Before.....

I will read God’s word, pray, worship, fast, witness, love one another, forgive others, and serve God”

OUR PLEDGE

We pledge to pray for our Pastor and First Lady Patterson, our nation, national and local churches, church clergy, executive leaders, auxiliaries and ministries, and for one another. Effective June 30, 2014, we agree to the following:

1. We will dedicate at least 30 minutes (per day) during the 40 days of Consecration to read God’s word.
2. We will strive to stop and participate in collective prayer each day at 12 noon; as well as dedicate at least 15 - 30 minutes (per day) during the 40 days of Consecration in prayer.
3. We will strive to attend Sunday Night Worship Service at Pentecostal Temple or the church you attend during the 40 days of Consecration.
4. We will strive to attend Wednesday’s Prayer (10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon) and W.O.W (Worship On Wednesdays) 7:00p.m. at Pentecostal Temple, or Mid-Week Bible Study/Service at the church you attend during the 40 days of Consecration.
5. We will strive to attend Sunday School 8:30 a.m. at Pentecostal Temple or attend Sunday School at the church you attend during the 40 days of consecration.

DAILY GUIDE

Monday

- Read your daily scriptures and devotion
- Pray at 12:00 noon for at least 5 minutes include in your prayer: at least one petition for someone else, church leaders, auxiliaries and ministries
- Fast until 3:00 pm

Tuesday

- Read your daily scriptures and devotion
- Pray at 12:00 noon for at least 5 minutes include in your prayer: unemployed will find jobs that meet the needs of their family, and pray for Pastor Patterson and Sis. Patterson, as well as all Pastors and their Wives
- Fast until 3:00 pm

Wednesday

- Read your daily scriptures and devotion
- Pray at 12:00 noon for at least 5 minutes include in your prayer: salvation for all who are lost, and wisdom and guidance from God
- Fast until 3:00 pm
- Attend Wednesday Prayer 10:00 am – 12:00 noon and/or W.O.W. Service 7:00 pm/ Mid-Week Service at your home church

Thursday

- Read your daily scriptures and devotion
- Pray at 12:00 noon for at least 5 minutes include in your prayer: youth hear the word of God and accept Jesus as their savior and pray for family members or friends who are lost
- Fast until 3:00 pm

Friday

- Read your daily scriptures and devotion
- Pray at 12:00 noon for at least 5 minutes include in your prayer: national church and leaders, for clergy, missionaries, and evangelist
- Fast until 3:00 pm

Saturday

- Read your daily scriptures
- Pray at 12:00 noon for at least 5 minutes include in your prayer: those suffering from injustice, comfort for those grieving, healing for the sick, and perseverance for persons participating in the 40 days of consecration
- Fast until 3:00 pm

Sunday

- Read your daily scriptures
- Attend Sunday Worship Services (i.e. Sunday School, Morning/Evening Worship, YPWW)
- Pray and include in your prayer: the messenger as they deliver God's word, salvation for the lost, spiritual growth of Pentecostal Temple/ your home church
- Fast until 3:00 pm

Scriptures of Encouragement

Fasting and Prayer

Faith needs prayer for its development and full growth,
Prayer needs fasting for its development and full growth

1. Humbling the soul before God (Psalm 35:13)
2. Chastening the soul (Psalm 69:10)
3. Crucifying the appetites (2 Samuel 12:16-23, Matthew 4:1-11)
4. Manifests earnestness before God (1 Corinthians 9:15, Luke 5:33)
5. Demonstrates the mastery over appetites, aids in temptation, helps give power over demons, develops faith, crucifies unbelief, and aids in prayer
(Matthew 4:1-11, 17:14-21)

Believers should fast when under:

1. Chastening (2 Samuel 12:16-23)
2. Under Judgment (1 Kings 21:27)
3. When in need (Ezra 8:21)
4. When in danger (Esther 4)
5. When worried (Daniel 6:18)
6. When in trouble (Acts 27:9, 33)
7. When in spiritual conflict (Matthew 4:1-11)
8. When desperate in prayer (Acts 9)

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Our Journey Towards the Promised Land

The Wilderness Way

Despise not the “wilderness”, though it may seem to be a place of desertion and desolation. But... it is also a place of preparation. Wilderness experiences allow us to learn and know God in ways we would have never known Him. We receive unusual blessings that can only come from the loving, compassionate, and merciful hand of our God. It is in the wilderness we learn lessons of patience, perseverance, and humility. There we learn to guard our mind and our mouth; to watch our walk and our talk, and most importantly to learn that every wilderness experience *demands a miracle*. The way of the wilderness makes us *His* total responsibility. We can by no *way* or *means* depend on ourselves. For every method of survival and sustenance is now outside of our reach and power to obtain. It is then the God of miracles comes on the scene in wonder working power performing what we could not do in our own knowledge or strength. Let us think on these things. So, is our “*wilderness*” such a bad place to travel through?

Day 1 – June 30th 2014

Journeying Toward Your Possession

(Watch how you walk and how you talk)

Deut. 8:1 Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in to **possess** the land which the Lord swore to your fathers. (NKJV)

Confessing, living, and walking out My Word is the pre-requisite to obtaining your possession. Revisit My commandments that you may know what I require of you that you may enjoy the abundant life that I have prepared for you; that your spiritual and natural life may increase and abound. For it is already your inheritance; which I your God have promised you.

Day 2 – July 1st 2014

The Wilderness Way

Deut. 8:2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee.....to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep His commandments or no.

I already know what is resident in your heart; the thoughts and intentions that live in your heart. But do **you** know what is really there? I allow the test and trials of a wilderness experience to pull out the worst in you, and the best in you as well, so that you will know if real humility, sacrificial obedience, and sacrificial love abide in your heart for Me, My Word, and My Way. This is the way of My *divine discipline*.

Day 3 – July 2nd 2014

Not By Bread Alone

Deut. 8:3 So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with *manna* which you did not know....that He might make you know that man shall not live by *bread alone*; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord. (NKJV)

Humiliation brings real humility which causes you to see and to know who you are without Me leading, guiding, and directing your life. I allow lack, personal loss, financial loss etc. to bring you to a place of knowing that physical and natural fulfillment only last for a season, a short season. But My Word is ongoing *instruction, discipline, strength, and fulfillment*. This is the true Bread of Heaven, this is the Bread that will usher you into your Promised land.

Day 4 – July 3rd 2014

My Word as Instructor (guide)

Psalms 119:105 Thy Word is a *lamp* unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

My Word is a lamp in the tight places of life when everything around you seems to be shrouded in darkness, when you can see no way out, when there is no answer and your head is hung down. You'll hear and see My Word rising up in those dark obscure places as a beacon of light giving divine instructions and guidance, lighting your path, showing the way through and the way out.

Day 5 – July 4th 2014

My Word as Disciplinarian

Psalms 119:101-102 I have restrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep Your Word [hearing, receiving, loving, and obeying it]. I have not turned aside from your ordinances, for You Yourself have taught me. (AMPLFD)

The chastening of My Word will bring you into conformity to My standard of living, walking, and talking. I have dispatched via the Holy Spirit, My personal trainers, (anointed men and women), as flames of fire to teach and preach My Word without compromise. There can be no compromise with the god of this world.

Day 6 – July 5th 2014

My Word As Strength

Psalms 118:15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents and private dwellings of the [uncompromisingly] righteous: the right hand of the Lord does valiantly *and achieves strength!* (AMPLFD)

My Word will cause rejoicing and bring deliverance into the private places of your life and personal being; your thought life, and your imagination. It is a healing salve to painful memories. My Word strengthens the inner man giving overcoming strength, making you an “*Overcomer*”!!

Day 7 – July 6th 2014
I Am the God of Strength!!

Isa. 40:28-29 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, the creator of the ends of the earth, does not faint or grow weary; there is no searching of His understanding. He gives power to the faint *and* weary, and to him who has no might He increases strength [causing it to multiply and making it to abound]. (AMPLFD)

What in the universe can tire Me or weaken Me? What can cause Me to faint? I made the universe, all flesh and all of the substance therein. Everything exist and move by My commanding voice. Your hang-ups, shortcomings, personal dilemmas, and any other **“thing”** that may plague the lives of humanity is less than nothing for Me to handle or fix!

Day 8 – July 7th 2014
My Fulfilling Word (It knows no Boundaries)

Isa. 55:10-11 For as the rain and snow come down from the heavens, and return not there again, but water the earth and make it bring forth and sprout, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater, So shall My Word be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not return to Me void [empty, not producing any effect, useless], but it shall accomplish what I please *and* purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. (AMPLFD)

My Word which I sent forth into your life, and the very purpose for which you were born, shall not return unto Me without producing My desire, plan, and purpose if you allow Me to plant it deep in the soil of your heart. Your life will prosper, taking on fresh and new meaning. My Word will cause prosperity to spring forth in every area of your life. Saint and sinner will know that I Am the God who fulfills His Word!!

Day 9 – July 8th 2014
My Word Fulfills the Longing Soul

Psalm 119:103 How sweet are thy Words to my taste! *Sweeter* than honey to my mouth!

As you long after Me; as you appoint a specific time each day to rush to into My presence to receive My Word, you will begin to experience an intimate sweetness with Me. You'll not only know Me as Lord and Savior, but also as a compassionate intimate Friend.

Day 10 - July 9th 2014
My Word Fulfills to the Full

Psalm 19:7 The law Lord is perfect, converting the soul, [restoring the whole person], the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. (KJV, AMPLFD)

I AM the converter, the transformer. I not only change situations and circumstances; I can and will change you! Many times you want Me to change **“things”**, but I desire to change you; so that you will know Me in a deeper, better way. Don't fret or complain; lift up those hands and give Me sacrificial praise. You may not understand where you are, why you're there, or how you got there. Just be still and let Me do what I do. Let Me be God. When you reach My desired destiny for you and look back in retrospect, you will with great joy appreciate the wisdom and understanding you have gained just because you hung in there with Me.

Day 11 – July 10th 2014

Psalm 19:8 The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure and bright, enlightening the eyes. (AMPLFD)

The up-rightness of My Word causes the heart to rejoice because in it there is no deception. My Word brings illumination, giving you 20/20 spiritual vision. You'll see My awesome fingerprints touching the people, places and things that you have to deal with; giving evidence that surely My hands are stirring and moving in the affairs of your life.

Day 12 – July 11th 2014

Psalm 19:9 The [reverent] fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments [ordinances] of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. (AMPLFD)

Your reverential fear and respect for who I am will cause you to abandon sinful and wicked ways and cling to My ever cleansing Word which endures forever. As you walk closely with Me you'll learn that the steps that I have arranged and ordered for your life spell out the word "BLESSED". (Revisit Psalm 1:1-6)

Day 13 – July 12th 2014

Psalm 19:10 More to be desired are they than gold, even than much fine gold; they are sweeter also than honey and drippings from the honeycomb. (AMPLFD)

The value of My Word in your life must exceed any earthly treasure you may have or obtain. What makes My Word so sweet? It's everlasting, unchanging, all powerful; (*every promise of God in Him [Christ] is Yea and Amen unto the Glory of God....*) My Word when received by faith brings sweetness in the deep recesses of soul and spirit that satisfy completely; unlike the deceitful pleasures of the natural senses that only last for a season. Remember I satisfy to the full.

Day 14 – July 13th 2014

Psalm 19:11 Moreover, by them is your servant warned (reminded, illuminated, and instructed); and in keeping them there is great reward. (AMPLFD)

My Words of warning are a constant reminder of My loving care for you. In keeping them My reward is great and on-going, and even greater in eternity.

My instructions light the way of each step you take in the seasons of your life as you journey toward your *Promised Land*.

Day 15 – July 14th 2014

Don't Forget.....To Remember

Deut. 8:11 Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping His commandments, and His judgments, and His statutes, which I command thee this day.

Don't forget to remember My Words of instructions, My judgments and statutes. You must believe them in order to walk in them and keep them. Remember, it is for your own good. For this is what keeps My blessings of peace, protection, and prosperity flowing through your life. Check My record, for I can not lie! As long as My people blessed Me there was a continual flow of my rich and choice blessings upon them; although in the wilderness. And the enemies who rose up against them, I destroyed them. Some of them little by little, and some suddenly.

Day 16 – July 15th 2014

I Am Not a Man, that I Should Lie

Num. 23:19 God is not a man that he should tell or act a lie, neither the son of man, that he should feel repentance or *compunction* [for what He has promised]. Has He said, and shall not He do it? Or has He spoken and shall He not make it good? (AMPLFD)

Because I AM who I AM, I can do what ever, when ever. I am not hesitant or uneasy concerning the power of My Word to fulfill itself. *I can do anything with any “thing”*. What I have blessed, I have blessed!

Day 17 – July 16th 2014

No One Can Curse What I Have Blessed!!

Num. 23:8 How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? Or how shall I defy, *whom* the Lord hath not defied?

No entity can bring, or cause a curse to rest upon what I have blessed! Your wilderness experience means nothing when I have spoken blessings over your life. I will spread a table of blessings in the midst of your wilderness, and you will eat of the miracles of heaven. (*Can I spread a table in the wilderness? Most certainly!!!*)

Day 18 – July 17th 2014

A Curse Causeless Cannot Come

Prov. 26:2 Like the sparrow in her wandering, like the swallow in her flying, so the causeless curse does not alight. (AMPLFD)

Prov. 26:2 As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come. (KJV)

Do not fear the negative words, and the cursings the enemy may spew out. He has no power, permission, or authority to curse who or what I have released My blessings upon. False curses sent out by enemies lite on their own heads, and in their own lives. They speak their own downfall. Only *you* can curse *yourself*, or cause a curse to light on you by disobedience and wicked life-styles.

Day 19 – July 18th 2014

My People Will Dwell in Peace and Safety

Num. 24:5, 9 vs 5-How attractive *and* considerable are your tents, O Jacob, and your tabernacles O Israel! (AMPLFD)

vs 9-He crouched, he lay down as a lion: and as a lioness, who shall rouse him? Blessed [of God] is he who blesses you [who prays and contributes to your welfare] and cursed [of God] is he who curses you [in word, thought, or deed to bring harm upon you]. (AMPLFD)

Just as My people Israel dwelt in peace and safety in the midst of their enemies, so shall you dwell. They shall look upon your beauty with envious eyes, but for fear will not touch you. For I esteem what is done to you, whether good or evil as being done to Me.

Day 20 – July 19th 2014

Don't Play Pitty-Pat with the Devil

(Be careful who you align yourself with when traveling through the wilderness)

Num. 25:1-2 ISRAEL SETTLED down *and* remained in Shittim, and the people began to play the harlot with the daughters of Moab who invited the [Israelites] to the sacrifices of their gods, and they ate and bowed down to Moab's gods. (AMPLFD) (*read vs 1-18*)

The enemy hates to see My people resting in the peace and prosperity of My blessings. Don't play games with satan; don't allow him into your space, nor visit his. Don't go to breakfast, lunch, or dinner with him. Don't sacrifice your blessed place in Me. The end result may forfeit your promised inheritance and your place of blessing. It could even cost your life. *Selah*

Preparation for Possession of Our Promised Land

SANCTIFY THY SELF,
(Consecrate thy self)

How great is our desire to enter our personal Promised Lands? Do we long for the deeper things of God? Do we want to see and experience His miraculous power? If so, we must sanctify ourselves through His Word. Where ever His Word directs us in our thinking, our life style, and our actions, we must follow. We must move from complacency, fear, unbelief, and just plain old disobedience, and follow hard after the Word of our God

As we move forward in our personal journeying special preparation must be made. In our journey thus far some of us have experienced heart-break, due to the loss of loved ones through separation, divorce, and death; we've battled sickness and disease as well as financial set-backs. But as we look back in retrospect we can see the mighty Hand of our God and His awesome grace holding us, lifting us, and navigating us through our wilderness experience to where we are presently. We have not come this far in our journey to give up now. What we are realizing is that these things were just part of the preparation that is bringing us closer to our promised blessings. The things we have suffered were faith builder; they caused spiritual maturation to take place. We will not be able to obtain and hold on to the promised blessings if we lack spiritual maturity.

As we stand on the brink of our Jordan we must heed the instructions given by our great leader, even as the children of Israel heeded the instruction given by Joshua. For we have not passed this way before. We have not dealt with or lived in a society at this level of apostasy, perversion, and Godless-ness. Therefore we must **sanctify ourselves, set ourselves apart**, that we don't become *a part*. Sanctification is a must!

Day 21- July 20th 2014

Sanctification Is a Must!

Joshua 1:5 And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.

My people, those who bare My Name must sanctify themselves. Sanctification is a **must do!** You must set yourselves in a place of consecration to see and experience a greater manifestation of who I am and what I can do. For to do greater in you, through you, and for you, is the longing of My heart saith the Lord.

Day 22 – July 21st 2014

Sanctification is a must! (Called out with a Holy Calling)

II Timothy 1:7 – 9 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord.....but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God: Who hath saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.

You have been called out, chosen, (picked on purpose). I laid My own Hand on your life. As Israel was My personal choice, so you are My personal choice. Do not shrink in fear because of the afflictions you may face. Lean heavily on Me. Humble yourselves before Me in righteousness and true holiness that I may use you and bless you. Know that My grace to keep and powerfully assist you is ever present.

Day 23 – July 22nd 2014

Living To Please God (to be meditated on Day 23, 24, & 25)

I Thessalonians 4:1 – 5 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as you have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God so ye would abound more and more. For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God even your Sanctification, that ye would abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in Sanctification and honor. Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God.

A different life-style must be lived and displayed in the lives of My people that the world may know that you belong to Me; that you are a child of My love, and it is my all sufficient grace working effectually in your lives that keeps you standing in these times. For where sin did abound, My grace did much more abound.

Day 24 – July 23rd 2014

I send My Word of love to teach how to walk and to live before Me. My Word must not be idle talk. For to live and walk in my Word is an act of faith; which is confident trust, believing I'll do exactly what I say. My Word is who I am!

Day 25 – July 24th 2014

My Word is the foundation and blueprint of how to build and structure your life. I desire a building fitly framed and held together by righteousness and true holiness. My Word is the Sanctified super-glue that holds everything in your life in its proper place. For it is My will even your sanctification; that you should abstain from every form of fornication which is idolatry. Do not esteem your fleshly desires and appetites over or higher than My Word. When you allow this you become an idolater. I desire that you practice keeping yourselves in sanctification and honor, not evil concupiscence, (longing and intensely yearning for what I your Lord and Savior, would not have you to do or be). For you are not of those who have not heard My Word, or known My Words of instruction. It is time to take heed...

Day 26 – July 25th 2014
Come Hither.....and Hear

Joshua 3:9-10 *And Joshua said unto the children of Israel , come hither, and hear the words of the Lord your God. And Joshua said, hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you, and that He will without fail drive out from before you the **Canaanites**, and the **Hittites**, and the **Hivites**, and the, **Perizzites**, and the **Girgashites**, and the **Amorites**, and the **Jebusites**.*

Give Me your undivided attention as I speak to you concerning the enemies that will stand against you to keep you from your inheritance; from your Promised Land. The spirit of the same enemies that stood in the way My people Israel continue to reside in the earth today to stand in your way to keep you from what I already have said is yours, and to ultimately destroy you. You will fight against these enemies in My strength and wisdom. For the weapons of your warfare are not by carnal means, but are mighty through ME, every stronghold and hindrance shall be pulled down. Every demonic strategy I shall demolish!! But you must activate My Words of instruction by FAITH!!! You must believe that I can do what I say I can do.

Day 27 – July 26th 2014
The Weapons of our Warfare

II Cor. 10:3-5 *For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds:) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ: (KJV)*

II Cor. 10:3-5 *The world is unprincipled. It's dog-eat-dog out there! The world doesn't fight fair. But we don't fight our battles that way – never have and never will. The tools of our trade aren't for marketing or manipulation, but they are for demolishing that entire massively corrupt culture. We use our God-tools for smashing warped philosophies, tearing down barriers erected against the truth of God, fitting every thought and emotion and impulse into the structure of life shaped by Christ. (*The message Bible*)*

We can never win any battle against Satan using fleshly carnal weaponry. He must be defeated through the power of the Holy Ghost working effectually in and through our lives. We must fight the *good fight of faith* laying hold not only on eternal life, but every promise God has bequeathed us in His last Will and Testament, *The Holy Bible*. As His Blood-bought, Blood-washed, sanctified family; every promised blessing is our inheritance. *It already belongs to us.*

As we are at the brink of our personal Jordan River let us discuss and get to know just who these enemies are, not just by name, but the spirit that is attached to these names. To possess and maintain our inheritance we must *know* the enemy *and put into practice the tactics of Spiritual Warfare to defeat him.* (*Read Eph. 6:10-18*)

Day 28 – July 27th 2014
The Canaanite Spirit

This particular people dwelt in the lowland and costal area by the sea. The name possibly comes from the Hebrew word “kana”, referring to a “low place” or “depressed place”. One of this spirit’s assignment against God’s people is to oppress and depress us, to press us down and humiliate us. Two of its first cousins are Perversion and Addiction. Oppression and depression opens the door for these to cousin to walk straight-way into our lives. It is a master liar that works on our self-esteem and who we are in God. (*Revisit Num. 13:17-33; 14:1-10*). It wants us to have and exhibit a “woe is me” attitude. It comes to depress and cause stagnation and to bring our spiritual lives to a complete standstill. It is designed to disarm the people of God of our Spiritual weaponry so that we will give up and succumb to the attacks and the plan of the enemy.

Day 29 – July 28th 2014

The Hittite Spirit

The Hittites of Canaan during patriarchal times inhabited the central ridge of Judah. They also dwelt in the area from the river of Egypt to the river Euphrates. The Hittites established a claim in the southern hill region, namely Hebron, this is the area that was conquered by Caleb in his old age. (*Josh. Ch. 14*) This region was promised to Abraham and his descendants. They were among the people who were to be driven out when the Israelites conquered Canaan under the leadership of Joshua. Their name carried the connotation of “fear, terror, and torment”. They were a fierce and vicious people who were idolaters serving many gods.

We must remember who we are and whose we are. We have the covering of JEHOVAH NISSI, He is our victory and our banner, He is our standard. He covers us with His love. When the enemy comes is like a flood He lifts up a standard against him!!! He is our JEHOVAH SHAMMAH, who will never leave us or forsake us. We can take comfort and be encouraged boldly declaring, THE LORD IS MY HELPER!! I will not be seized with alarm, I will not fear or dread, neither will I be terrified. What can man do to me?

Throughout the scriptures we find the words “*fear not*” 365 times, a fear not for each day of the year. We serve the God of gods who will escort safely into our Promised Lands.

Day 30 – July 29th 2014

The Hivite Spirit

The scriptures indicate they dwelt in the region near Tyre and Sidon in the hill country of Lebanon, in the central plains of Palestine. They were very nomadic; being a people who moved from place to place. They had no fixed resident, they were wanderers. The Hivites of Gibeon made a deceptive treaty with Joshua (*Josh. 9:3, and for this deceptive act they were condemned to temple servitude and slavery to Israel indefinitely*).

This spirit’s first assignment against God’s people is to “deceive” by lack of spiritual vision, causing us to believe a lie and be damned; not taking the time to seek God for spiritual vision and God given direction. What looks like, and sounds like the real truth of a situation, is sometimes shrouded in lies and deception. This spirit will also cause instability in life, wandering and indecisiveness of mind. It must be defeated or it will constantly attack the validity of God’s Word causing us to wander through life in deception and indecisiveness. It has the ability to set our lives back for decades. We must defeat this spirit at all cost!!

Day 31 – July 30th 2014

The Perizzite Spirit

The meaning of the name Perizzite is “*an un-walled city*”. This People dwelt in the un-walled cities in Canaan. They were known for their lazy undisciplined life-style. This spirit nurtures the “*let it all hang out*” life-style. It gives any entity carte blanche to move in and out of our lives, thought processes, and spiritual space at will. It breeds natural and spiritual stagnation and paralyzes our potential by making us feel less-than. It works on our self-esteem making us feel we unable to accomplish or finish anything. Our minds must be held together by the Word of God. We must gird up the loins of our minds and be sober, (*I Pet. 1:13*). Be self-controlled. We cannot allow any and every “*thing or thought*” access to our minds and hearts. Even as we protect our computers with a “*password*”, and “*internet security system*” so that internet viruses and other intruders are blocked, we must guard and protect our precious thought life from this ruthless and destructive enemy. God’s Word is our indestructible firewall that Satan nor his cohorts can penetrate.

Day 32 – July 31st 2014

The Gergashite Spirit

This name “*clay-dwellers*” implies dwelling in the *earthly carnal realm*. This spirit relies on human reasoning, soulish carnal judgment, and fleshly decisions. The Gergashite spirit rarely if at all considers the will of God in a situation or plan. It chooses only what feels and looks good to the natural senses. A good example of this spirit working is seen in the life of Lot, Abraham’s nephew, (*Read Gen13:8-13*). He chose to dwell in the plains of Sodom & Gomorrah. The land was beautiful, well watered, and appealed to his natural senses. He later left the plains of Sodom & Gomorrah and moved into the inner city of Sodom & Gomorrah; “*Sin City*”. This move cost him his wife and sons-in-law, and almost his life. We then see the spirit which took up residence in his daughters. They acquired/took in, a strong spirit of incest while dwelling in this land. It is plain to see how evil communication corrupts good manners. (*Read Gen. 19:1-38; I Cor. 15:33*). This spirit is a sister spirit to the Canaanite spirit.

Day 33 - August 1st 2014

The Amorite Spirit

Their Hebrew name means to “*speak*” or to “*say*” and implied negative speech. They dwelt in the mountainous region of Canaan and were known as “*mountain dwellers*”. They were a very rich but wicked people. This spirit displays an attitude of control and is obsessed with earthly fame seeking, glory, and dominance. It wants to be bragged on and made to feel important. It has the need to control others. It was clearly seen in dictators such as Adolph Hitler and Joseph Stalin, and sad to say, has a seat of welcome in the church of today.

As the mountains dominate and over-shadow the landscapes of their environment, the Amorite spirit likes to dominate and rule. This spirit establishes an imposing threatening presence, (*Read Matt. 17:19-20*). Jesus teaches on removing mountains in our way, “*big problems*”, but He was also referring to up-rooting illegitimate spiritual powers (*not fathered by God*) in high places; tearing down principalities and powers that stand in the way of the true move of God in the earth realm. We the Body of Christ via the Holy Ghost, have been given the power to tread upon (*mash, smash, and dis-arm*) all demonic powers. (*Read Lk. 10:17-20*) Let us begin to speak in faith to the mountains that stand in the way of body of Christ so that real revival can sweep through the land.

Day 34 – August 2nd 2014

The Jebusite Spirit

The name “Jebusite” means “*Thresher*”, to beat down and separate; to make small; to suppress. This spirit comes to negate and suppress spiritual authority in fellow believers; to make them look and feel small. It is big on legalism, man-made laws and ideas. The spirit of racism was birthed from this spirit. The Jebusite spirit enforces the social caste system by putting certain ethnic groups in lower or higher societal groupings.

It also causes mis-representation in the hierarchy of the body of Christ, the Church. It causes lameness in the Body of Christ, making it appear crippled and dysfunctional to the world, weak believers, and non-believers. It has the tendency on some occasions to make one think their position in the Church is “*bigger*”, “*better*”, or “*smaller*”, rather than “*different*”. A very important fact to remember is that ministry gifts and assignments come with great responsibility. If we are not watchful this spirit will have us chasing after gifts or callings which God did not assign to us, then after failure and much embarrassment, it infects us with a spirit of jealousy and a feeling of being less than. God assigns and gifts us only with what we can be responsible for, and handle successfully. We must deal with this spirit with the Word of God and in the Spirit of humility. The Apostle Paul gives us good insight on how to deal with this Jebusite spirit that has been sent from Satan to wreak havoc in the Church. Let us read I Cor. 12:12-31 in the AMPLFD version.

For just as the body is a unity and yet has many parts, and all parts, though many, form [only]one body, so it is with Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One). For by [means of the Personal Agency of] one [Holy] Spirit we were all, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, baptized [and by baptism united together] into one body, and all made to drink of one [Holy] Spirit. For the body does not consist of one limb or organ but of many. If the ear should say, Because I am not the eye, I do not belong to the body, would it be therefore not [a part] of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where [would] be the sense of] hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where [would] be the sense of] smell? But as it is, God has placed and arranged the limbs and organs in the body, each [particular one] of them, just as He wished and saw fit, and with best adaptation. But if [the whole] were all a single organ, where would the body be? And now there are [certainly] many limbs and organs, but one single body. And the eye is not able to say to the hand, I have no need of you, nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. But instead, there is [absolute necessity] for the parts of the body that are considered the more weak. And those [parts] of the body which we consider rather ignoble are [the very parts] which we invest with additional honor, and the care our unseemly parts and those unsuitable for exposure are treated with seemliness (modesty and decorum), Which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has adjusted (mingled, harmonized, and subtly proportioned the part of) the whole body, giving the greater honor and richer endowment to the inferior parts which lack [apparent importance], So that there should be no division or discord or lack of adaptation [of the parts of the body to each other], but the member all alike should have a mutual interest in and care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the parts [share] the suffering; if one member is honored, all the members [share in] the enjoyment of it. Now you [collectively] are Christ's body and [individually] you are members of it, each part severally and distinct [each with his own place and function]. So God has appointed some in the Church [for His own use]: first apostles (special messengers); second prophets (inspired preachers and expounders); third teachers; (then miracle-workers, and those with ability to heal the sick through the power of the Holy Ghost); helpers, administrators, gifts of tongues and interpretation of tongues. Are all apostles, (special messengers)/ Are all prophets (inspired interpreters of the will and purposes of God)? Are all teachers? Do all have the power of performing miracles? Do all possess extraordinary powers of healing? Do all have the gift of tongues and interpretation? But earnestly desire and cultivate the greatest and best gifts and graces (the higher gifts and choicest graces). And yet I will show you a still more excellent way [one that is better by far and the highest of them all - love. (the latter parts of verses 28-30 have been paraphrased)]

We cannot allow the Jebusite spirit to cheat us out of our inheritance by having us driving in a spiritual lane that we are not assigned to or equipped to handle. We must stay in our lane!!!

There is one more spirit I would like to expose that we as the body of Christ must fight against and conquer.

Day 35 – August 3rd 2014

The Moabite Spirit

This name means, “seed of his father”. This seed sprang from Lot through an incestuous encounter with his oldest daughter. From this encounter a son was conceived. Other studies reveal the name also mean, “against”. Implying that which is against the nature and order of God, or rebellious. The Moabites became one of Israel's most worst and vicious enemies. Though they were closely related through Lot, Abraham's nephew, they hated Israel. This spirit displays a spirit of rebellion and lawlessness against God's ordained authority. It rises up against God's delegated authority and structure He set up in the Church. If left unchecked in the life of an individual, or the church, it breeds unfruitfulness, confusion, and rebellion. (Read 1Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:11-13)

Day 36 – August 4th 2014

The Assignment of These Destroyers

It is imperative that we know who the real enemies are, and their assignments against the Church to rob us of our possession, our Promised Lands. Just as these spirits came together in agreement through the various tribes and peoples mentioned earlier, to bring about Israel's demise, they are hard at work to war against us in the same manner. We see these spirits linking up together lending strength one to the other to weaken and tear down the Body of Christ individually, then collectively. This is why we must become “ONE” as Jesus prayed In John 17:21-22. We must stand together using the weapons of Eph. 6:10-18 *continuously*, that we do not be defeated.

Day 37 – August 5th 2014
Why They Must Be Defeated

Num. 33:55 But if you will not drive out the inhabitants of the land before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them *shall be* pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell.

We as God's people cannot live peaceably with the devil because of who we are, and because of who he is. Because of what is in us, and because of what is in him. There can be no happy medium. Satan hates us with a perfect hatred. His ought against us can never be settled or rectified. He has an eternal ought against us. If we don't take authority over these spirits, drive them out, and defeat them, they will drive us out of our promised blessings and eventually destroy us. As we have learned, the primary goal of the enemy is steal, kill, and destroy. (John 10:10)

If we feel that any of spirits mentioned above are lurking in our environment and personal space (*and most likely they are*) we must deal with them. In fact we must deal ruthlessly and thoroughly with sin and idolatry that may be in us. If not we will look back over our lives with tear stained eyes and much heartfelt regret. We'll look at the accursed thing we refused to let go of and it will be irritation to our eyes to look upon. The monster of sin that we nurture and allow to live in our natural and spiritual lives is the monster that will eventually be our destruction. We must repent and place ourselves on the altar of God daily for cleansing and restoration.

Day 38 – August 6th 2014
Put Your Spiritual Blinders On And Look Straight Ahead

Joshua 1:7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses My servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

As you are cleansed and restored daily, don't allow distractions, set-backs, and condemnation from those old defeated spirits in your past to trip you up again. Keep your eyes on Me and My Word. Did not I instruct you through you anointed leader to *watch My Word*; not people, situation, or circumstances? Do not turn from My Word to the right or the left. Remember My Word is the anchor for your soul, holding it, keeping it from drifting into danger; keeping it in the arch of safety.

Day 39 – August 7th 2014
Stick To The Book!

Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Let my Words live in your mouth. Say what I say no matter what the circumstances say. Keep My Words before your eyes no matter what the situation looks like. Your way of prosperity and success in life depends on what your personal relationship is Me and my Word.

Day 40 – August 8th 2014
My Word As An Escort

Joshua 3:11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passeth over before you into Jordan. The promises in My Word shall be your personal escort as you journey. I have exposed your enemies and given you spiritual insight on how to defeat them and bring them down. As you walk holy and live holy before Me no enemy will be able to cast you out of your possession. I AM the Lord of all the earth who goes before you. I AM your personal escort into your Promised Land!!

Epilogue

Remember that our God, the eternal Word, goes before us!! Just as He led the children of Israel into the wilderness, He will lead us there as well. Let us learn to thank, praise, and worship our God as we travel through our wilderness experience. We must see it as God giving us a close intimate view of His great and boundless love. It is very true that every wilderness experience demands a miracle. He purposely leads us by the way of spiritual Red Seas just to give us the miracle of allowing our sea to open up and see the walls of destruction being held back, and the sea floor dried up by the winds of the Holy Ghost at work. He dries up everything that would bog us down and slow our progress, giving us safe passage to the other side of the test and trial. When our souls become parched and dry we can go to the Rock of our salvation, (Jesus the Christ), and receive gushing springs of spiritual water from His Word to quench our thirsty souls. He sent down Manna, the Bread of Heaven, as daily nourishment; another miracle. For He is our Daily Bread. He is nourishing, unending, perfect truth that converts the soul, makes wise the simple, rejoices the heart, and enlighten our eyes. He makes changes in us from the inside out.

We daily experience His rich grace; the grace that works in and through us accomplishing that which we cannot do in our own strength. Let us not forget the super-natural Pillar of Cloud; the super-natural structure endowed with the Shekinah Glory of God, which hovered over Israel leading them through their wilderness in which there was no carved out highway or roads to guide them. As they marched, this super-natural structure went before them at a rate which they could follow; considering the small children, pregnant women, and the aged. He remembered their frame, knowing they were but dust. As He considered them, He also considers us. The Cloud was a shelter and protection from the desert heat during the day, which was sometimes as much as 120 degrees or more. It became their air conditioning/cooling system. While traveling at night, it was transformed into a beacon of light which lit their way, giving them good vision in the camp. It was also a perfectly tempered furnace that warmed them according to how cold the desert became, which was sometimes in the low 20's or 30's. They experienced a continuum of miracles. For He took not the Clouds away, nor the Manna until He brought them to the borders of Canaan, their Promised Land.

We cannot forget how the thick high wall of Jericho, a wall so thick, it could house families. But Joshua had caught the revelation that the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God, to the pulling down of strongholds....and every high thing that would exalt itself against the knowledge of God....and who He is. The people had received in their hearts; courage to obey, faith to follow through the process, and patience to wait on God's timing. (*Joshua 6:1-16*) Need we discuss more? Of how the sun and the moon obeyed the voice of a man! And stood still for about a whole day until Israel obtained victory over his enemies! (*Joshua 10:12-14*)

These scriptural accounts of the awesomeness of our God were left on record as faith builders so we would know and believe that as He is a jealous guardian over Israel, He is the same over us. The way through every wilderness experience we encounter has already been made. He has already walked out every step. Could it be that God takes us the way of the wilderness many times to show Himself strong on our behalf?