

KINGDOM CONFLICT #1

I'd like to share a few thoughts and a lot of scriptures from the Amplified Bible with you.

Romans 5.17

For if because of one man's trespass (his offense) death reigned through that one, MUCH MORE SURELY WILL THOSE WHO RECEIVE GOD'S OVERFLOWING GRACE (unmerited favor) AND THE FREE GIFT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS [putting them into right standing with Himself] REIGN AS KINGS IN LIFE THROUGH THE ONE MAN JESUS CHRIST (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

I've heard this passage preached many times. It is often presented that we can expect God to improve our status and our circumstances in this world system because of His grace.

I've even heard a very well known preacher say that God is pleased when you get a promotion at your job and He is thrilled when you rise from the mail room to the executive boardroom in your company. And that is evidence of God's covenant love.

Modern Christianity likes to scramble the American dream into the covenant blessings of God. Declaring that if we are Christians and doing well in this world system, we must be experiencing the covenant blessings of God.

In Genesis 1:26, God said let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness, and let them rule over all the Earth. Through Satan's lie to Eve and Adam's disobedience to follow her, Satan usurped man's authority over this world.

Let's look at a couple scriptures.

1 John 5.19

We know [positively] that we are of God, and the whole world [around us] is under the power of the evil one.

Ephesians 2.1+2

And you [He made alive], when you were dead (slain) by [your] trespasses and sins, In which at one time you walked [habitually].

YOU WERE FOLLOWING THE COURSE AND FASHION OF THIS WORLD [you were under the sway of the tendency of this present age], FOLLOWING THE PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR. [YOU WERE OBEDIENT TO AND UNDER THE CONTROL OF] THE [DEMON] SPIRIT THAT STILL CONSTANTLY WORKS IN THE SONS OF DISOBEDIENCE [the careless, the rebellious, and the unbelieving, who go against the purposes of God].

Luke 4.6 when Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness.

He said to Him, TO YOU I WILL GIVE ALL THIS WORLD'S POWER AND AUTHORITY and their glory (all their magnificence, excellence, preeminence, dignity, and grace), FOR IT HAS BEEN HANDED OVER TO ME, and I GIVE IT TO WHOMEVER I WILL.

Therefore, if You will do homage to *and* worship me [just once], it shall all be Yours.

Although Colossians 1.13 says that because God has made us His children and we've been translated out of the authority and control of this world and have been transferred into the Kingdom of His Son, this world and everything in it is a still product of a lie from Satan.

Now I'm not bashing the idea of having jobs to supply for ourselves and our families. It requires income to function in this world system. I also know that God can supply all of our needs in many different ways so that we can function in this world.

My point is that God is not satisfied with just forgiving our sins, meeting our needs, and allowing us to barely survive in this world system, with Satan continuously assaulting our minds and our bodies at his leisure. He's not trying to give us natural temporary things, He's actually given us Himself.

God's perfect sacrifice has redeemed us to Himself, into His own family, and into His Kingdom. (Colossians 1.13)

He has recreated us in Christ to become new creations.
(2 Corinthians 5.17)

He has taken us from being living souls to being life giving spirits by His supernatural work on our behalf.
(1 Corinthians 15.45)

He has raised us with Christ and seated us with Him in the Heavenly places. (Ephesians 2.6)

He made us sons, heirs, and joint heirs with Christ, of everything that the Father has. (Romans 8.16)

I don't believe that God sent His Son, to be born of a woman, live in this natural world, suffer the gruesome death of crucifixion, and be buried and raised from the dead, so that He can give us a better place in this world system ruled by Satan.

Jesus said, it's the Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom that He has prepared for you before the foundation of the world.

This is not a new plan. This has been His plan from the very beginning, that He would fill us with His eternal life and have us manifest His Kingdom in this world. He has always intended for His children to think His thoughts with Him, speak His word empowered by His Holy Spirit, and manifest His eternal life to every nation, tribe and tongue on this planet.

Hebrews 1. 3 says that,
Jesus was the radiance of His glory, the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power.

Romans 8.29 says that,
For those whom He foreknew [of whom He was aware and loved beforehand], HE ALSO DESTINED FROM THE BEGINNING [foreordaining them] TO BE MOLDED INTO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON [and share inwardly His likeness], THAT HE MIGHT BECOME THE FIRSTBORN AMONG MANY BRETHREN.

The Father intends for ALL of His children to radiate His glory, accurately represent His nature, and speak His Word with power.

Jesus was very clear about why the Father sent Him to the Earth.
He said, The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed *and* qualified me to preach the Gospel *of* good tidings to the meek, the poor, *and* afflicted; He has sent me to bind up *and* heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the [physical and spiritual] captives and the opening of the prison *and* of the eyes to those who are bound, To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord [the year of His favor] (Isaiah 61)

His reference to the year of God's favor was to the year of Jubilee in the old covenant.
Every 50 years all debts were canceled and land was returned to it's original owner because, God said, the land is Mine. (Leviticus 25)

Jesus came to earth born of a woman. He put aside His Heavenly Glory and privilege and humbled Himself as a man. He humbled Himself still further as a servant and even further to suffer crucifixion as a criminal.
Although He took on the same nature that we possess, with its limitations, He was filled with the Holy Spirit and demonstrated in front of the whole world the life that God originally created for His children.

He continually overruled natural laws and processes. He walked on water, turned water into wine, and calmed storms. He healed the sick, cleansed the lepers, and raised the dead.

As a man, completely submitted to God, and filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was filled with God's grace, His favor and His empowering presence. (John 1.17)

He continually overruled natural laws and obstacles, by speaking God's word with God's authority. (John 14.10)
He lived and spoke from the place of oneness with God the Father. He overruled this natural world from the kingdom of God.

I'll continue with more on the next video.

KINGDOM CONFLICT #2

It's Jim again and I'm back with some more scriptures.

I've mentioned a lot about what Jesus was sent by the Father to do, some might ask what's all that got to do with me?

Jesus told the Father in John 17.18,

JUST AS YOU SENT ME into the world, I ALSO HAVE SENT THEM into the world.

In other words, for the same reason and to accomplish the same purpose that you sent me here for, I'm sending these guys to do exactly the same thing.

Let's look at a few scriptures about Him sending them out.

In Matthew 28.18 Jesus told His disciples,

ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME.

YOU GO THEN AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL THE NATIONS.

For years it puzzled me why Jesus said, ALL AUTHORITY HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME, YOU GO and make disciples of all the nations.

The Holy Spirit showed me that Jesus said this because He was completely confident that His sacrifice made them completely one with Him and everything that He had was now available to them by His Holy Spirit. (John 16.14)

Also in Mark 16.15, He said to them, Go into all the world and preach *and* publish openly the good news (the Gospel) to every creature [of the whole human race].

He who believes [who adheres to and trusts in and relies on the Gospel and Him Whom it sets forth] and is baptized will be saved [from the penalty of eternal death]; but he who does not believe [who does not adhere to and trust in and rely on the Gospel and Him Whom it sets forth] will be condemned.

And THESE ATTESTING SIGNS WILL ACCOMPANY THOSE WHO BELIEVE: in My name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new languages;

They will pick up serpents; and [even] if they drink anything deadly, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will get well.

So then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and He sat down at the right hand of God. And THEY WENT OUT AND PREACHED EVERYWHERE, WHILE THE LORD KEPT WORKING WITH THEM AND CONFIRMING THE MESSAGE BY THE ATTESTING SIGNS AND MIRACLES THAT CLOSELY ACCOMPANIED IT.

In Matthew 10.1

Jesus summoned to Him His twelve disciples and GAVE THEM POWER AND AUTHORITY OVER UNCLEAN SPIRITS, TO DRIVE THEM OUT AND TO CURE ALL KINDS OF DISEASES AND ALL KINDS OF WEAKNESS AND INFIRMITY.

Verse 7

And as you go, PREACH SAYING, THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND! Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons. FREELY (without pay) YOU HAVE RECEIVED, FREELY (without charge) GIVE.

These commands from Christ have never been rescinded or modified. The Kingdom of God is actively challenging every rule and authority on the earth.

Jesus said, I will build my church and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it. Please note that gates are NOT an offensive weapon. They are strictly defensive.

It's also pretty clear that Jesus didn't send His disciples out to do what they could naturally do. He sent them out to do what only He can do.

There is a large part of the modern church that likes to declare and believes that "God is in control" and "that everything that happens is all up to God".

If this is true then it would appear that, murder, rape, sex trafficking, sickness, death, political corruption, social injustice, religious persecution, and genocide are all God's handiwork.

When you look at Jesus' final instructions to His disciples that I've shared, it's pretty easy to see what He commanded them to do.

It clearly wasn't, now that you guys have prayed the sinner's prayer, go find a church that you like and get involved in it. Don't worry about anything else, it's all up to me, you just sit around passively and when Satan attacks just circle the wagons and petition me to come and run him off for you then when the rapture comes, I'll make you just like I always wanted you to be.

James 4.7 tells us to

BE SUBJECT TO GOD. RESIST THE DEVIL [stand firm against him], AND HE WILL FLEE FROM YOU.

When you look at Jesus's instructions to His disciples, you see that the kingdom of God is actively challenging every other rule and authority on the planet.

In Acts 10.38 it says,

God anointed *and* consecrated Jesus of Nazareth with the [Holy] Spirit and with strength *and* ability *and* power; how He went about doing good and, in particular, curing all who were harassed *and* oppressed by [the power of] the devil, for God was with Him.

Jesus told them in Matthew 16.19

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind (declare to be improper and unlawful) on earth must be what is already bound in heaven; and whatever you loose (declare lawful) on earth must be what is already loosed in heaven.

If it was God's Eternal plan all along to accomplish His will in the earth apart from us, why in the world would He actually leave us here to represent His total victory over Satan as helpless and powerless children against Satan's relentless assaults?

If God was going to do it all Himself why did He command us to go and preach the gospel of the Kingdom, and heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out demons, and bind the works of Satan?

Why did he give us the power of attorney to use His name against Satan? Why did He give us the armor of God and the sword of the Spirit if He didn't want us to challenge the rule of darkness and enforce His victory over Satan?

Why did he say that even a mustard seed of faith can move mountains and that nothing will be impossible to us who believe.

Ephesians 2.5

Even when we were dead (slain) by [our own] shortcomings *and* trespasses, HE MADE US ALIVE TOGETHER made us alive together in fellowship *and* in union WITH CHRIST; [HE GAVE US THE VERY LIFE OF CHRIST HIMSELF, THE SAME NEW LIFE WITH WHICH HE QUICKENED HIM, for] it is by grace (His favor and mercy which you did not deserve) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation).

And HE RAISED US UP TOGETHER WITH HIM AND MADE US SIT DOWN TOGETHER [GIVING US JOINT SEATING WITH HIM] IN THE HEAVENLY SPHERE [BY VIRTUE OF OUR BEING] IN CHRIST JESUS (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

I've just read several commands from the Risen King of Kings and Lord of Lords to God's children, His sons, His heirs, and joint heirs with Christ.

It's amazing how foreign these commands sound in the modern Christian Church.

A few years ago I heard a quote that said the two most important days in a person's life are the day that he's born, and the day that he figures out why.

It appears that we all need to seek the Holy Spirit, and ask Him to give us a revelation of why we are on the planet.

People may say, Jim, I know that Jesus accomplished what the Father sent Him to accomplish.

I've also read all of the exploits that His disciples did in the book of Acts.

But I've never experienced anything like this in my life, in my friends lives or in my church.

The Father sent Jesus to demonstrate this powerful Kingdom lifestyle to this world, and Christ commanded His disciples to continue manifesting that life with greater manifestations of it to the entire world.

It begs the question, why this manifestation of the Kingdom is so sparse and even non-existent in the modern church?

I don't claim to be an expert and I don't want to speak beyond my experience. But I will share a few scriptures and some revelations that I've received from the Holy Spirit.

Do you remember the scripture about the father bringing his epileptic boy to Jesus in Mark 9 when the disciples could not heal him? Jesus asked the father do you believe I can do this? He responded, I believe, but help my unbelief.

Home builders in the United States have been installing single handle faucets for sinks, showers and baths for some years now. The single handle controls both the hot and cold water.

In the past the hot water came in through one line and the cold through another and they utilized two handles to create the desired temperature. It was a mixture of the two water lines. Although the hot water was scalding hot coming out of the water line, it was possible to turn on enough cold water to make it completely lukewarm.

In this analogy the hot water represents faith and the cold water represents unbelief.

Jesus told his disciples that with even a mustard seed of faith, nothing would be impossible to them, but a mustard seed of faith without any unbelief was the key.

Today when we go to church, the pastor may share a truth from God's word. For example, 2 Corinthians 5.17.

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, old things are passed away, and all things are new. And all the people say a bold amen!

But then we go home and say to ourselves, I don't feel like a new creation. I don't look like a new creation. Everything in my life doesn't appear to be new. And I'm still hindered by old things in my life.

Moses told the Israelites in Deuteronomy chapter 8 that, God led them in the wilderness for 40 years to teach them only one thing. You live by every word that comes out of the mouth of God.

God's word is powerful and He said that it would not return back to him without accomplishing everything He sent it to do.

We very often take the creative word of God and nullify it with our own faulty reasoning and perception. We profess that God's word is supreme in our lives, but we actually live by our own perception and reason. We often act as professing Christians and practicing atheists.

Then we say to ourselves, that word didn't work too well for me. I'll go to church next week and get another one. Over the years we accumulate many biblical teachings, without being able to experience the absolute truth of God's word in our lives.

Here's another example.

In John 17:22 Jesus told His Father, the glory that You have given Me I have given to them that they may be one just as We are one. I am in You, You are in Me, and they are in Us.

Again, we look to our flesh and our circumstances for confirmation saying, I sure don't feel one with God and if I told my friends that I'm one with God, just like Jesus is, they'd laugh at me and tell me I'm crazy.

Again, Jesus makes a statement of reality backed by the Father's integrity, and we say not so, my flesh doesn't agree.

Over the generations men have tried to walk in Jesus' directives motivated by their natural compassion, their emotions, and their wills. When they didn't get the results that Jesus said they would, they say to themselves, I tried it and it didn't work. God must not be doing miracles like this anymore.

And then when a man or woman comes along and totally gives themselves to God and allows Him to do supernatural miracles and healings through them, people say yes that's God, but they're just a very special case, and we couldn't expect that God would do that through every believer.

But Jesus's own words contradict this idea.

In John 14:12 Jesus told His disciples, truly, truly, I say unto you. In other words, I really, really mean this.

WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME, THE WORKS THAT I DO SHALL HE DO ALSO, AND GREATER WORKS THAN THESE SHALL HE DO.

Thus, directive has never been rescinded.

We have been schooled by this world all our lives to be rational, reasonable, and practical. We've lived our entire lives giving our reason and perception the final word of what is real and possible.

Because of this, the scriptures, God's written Word have become theories, concepts, and religious teachings that we process, debate, and qualify with our own reasoning which doesn't even have the ability to comprehend spiritual realities created by God Himself.

We often relate to the scriptures as techniques that we add to our existing life and try to use them to benefit ourselves and our circumstances.

A classic example of this is the seven sons of Sceva in Acts chapter 19.

These seven Jewish exorcists went to a demon-possessed man and said, in the name of Jesus that Paul preaches come out of him. The demon Spirit responded, Jesus I know, and Paul I know, but who are you. The demon-possessed man leaped on them and overpowered all of them and they ran from the house wounded and naked.

These guys had the formula right, but they lacked the relationship and oneness with God Himself that would back their words with His power and authority.

James 4:7

So BE SUBJECT TO GOD. RESIST THE DEVIL [stand firm against him], AND HE WILL FLEE FROM YOU.

To this point, I've shared several things that hinder the outpouring of God's Spirit in our lives.

As I said before, I'm not an expert on the outpouring of the Spirit and I sure don't want to speak to you beyond my own experience. But I do feel led to share Paul's directive to the Romans.

Paul told the Roman believers in Romans chapter 12, I appeal to you therefore, brethren, *and* beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, TO MAKE A DECISIVE DEDICATION OF YOU BODIES [presenting all your members and faculties] AS A LIVING SACRIFICE, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service *and* spiritual worship.

DO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], BUT BE TRANSFORMED (changed) BY THE [ENTIRE] RENEWAL OF YOUR MIND [by its new ideals and its new attitude], SO THAT YOU MAY PROVE [for yourselves] WHAT IS THE GOOD AND ACCEPTABLE WILL OF GOD, *even* the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].

Let's examine Paul's directive a little closer.

Please notice that he tells them to offer their bodies and all their faculties as a LIVING SACRIFICE. This is not a one time offering. It's a daily surrendering of ourselves to God's Holy Spirit to accomplish whatever He wishes.

He tells them to have their minds renewed and not be conformed to this world. We've all been schooled by this world all our lives that our natural perception and reason is what we should listen to.

I don't believe that this entire renewal is just adding scriptures to our existing mindset. I believe it's a complete re-programming of our minds by a total surrender of them to the Holy Spirits' revelation that gives us a new reality from God.

This complete surrender of the authority that our senses have had over our lives brings the supernatural transformation of the Holy Spirit in us.

The greek word translated as "transformation" is the compound word "metamorphoo".

Meta means, changed by being with. Morphoo means, changed into a completely different form.

Kind of like a moth to a butterfly.

God put us in Christ by His own doing. (1 Corinthians 1.30)

Our being one with Him transforms us to be like Him.

(1 John 4.16+17)

The purpose of this transformation is so that we may prove what the perfect will of God is.

This word "prove" was used with gold and silver when they would test to see if it was pure. They would heat it up until they could skim off the impure metals and leave only pure silver or gold.

God is transforming us into the image of Christ to display the authenticity of His eternal life in us His children.

I'll close this video with a story about the famous artist and sculptor Michaelangelo.

The story has it that someone asked him how he looked at a big block of marble and created his famous sculpture of David. He said, I just chipped off everything that wasn't David.

God has given us His Holy Spirit to reveal to us who we are in Christ. When we accept those revelations by faith we chip off everything that isn't Christ, the life that the Father paid for us to have.

God bless you.

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