

Set-Apart, Sealed, Sent

In my last message, I shared a picture of the Lord engraving upon the heart of a living letter and then, once complete, sealing and sending that vessel on its heavenly assignment in this endtime era of Kingdom purpose. I would like to dig more into the process involved in being set-apart. We all know that we were born on earth for a specific kingdom purpose and once we have been transferred from the kingdom of darkness in the kingdom of His dear Son, we are a vessel within His great house as described in 2 Timothy:

2Ti 2:20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also [utensils] of wood and earthenware, and some for honorable and noble [use] and some for menial and ignoble [use].

So there is an initial setting apart from the realm of darkness. This is like having the aleph or alpha seal put on your forehead. Aleph is the beginning of the work, the mark that signifies you belong to the One Who is the Aleph and the Tav, Who redeemed you with the payment of His blood. However, the kind of vessel we become is dependant of our ongoing decision to cleanse and prepare our hearts and to cooperate with the convicting searchlight of the Holy Spirit. During this time, we are part of the general congregation of vessels within the Master's house.

2Ti 2:21 So whoever cleanses himself [from what is ignoble and unclean, who separates himself from contact with contaminating and corrupting influences] will [then himself] be a vessel set apart and useful for honorable and noble purposes, consecrated and profitable to the Master, fit and ready for any good work.

Many are called, but few are chosen. The Refiner's fire works with our 'raw material' and dross is removed as we thrust it from us. This is like moving through the whole 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet until the work is complete, Christ is seen in us and we are ready to be sealed with the Tav. We are marked ('mark' is the Hebrew word 'Tav') and SET APART AND CONSECRATED for noble and honourable purposes. As 2 Tim 2:19 mentions, the Lord knows those who are His and they are sealed with His signet as belonging to the Royal Household and to be used and employed by the King alone. They are not for common use.

In Acts 13, Barnabas and Saul were set apart for the specific work for which they had originally been called.

Act 13:2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, Separate now for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.

Before that moment, they had been a part of the general crowd of disciples, fellowshiping and worshipping day by day, as the Holy Spirit worked within them. Then

came a moment when Heaven looked down upon their hearts and determined they were now ready. The preparatory work was complete and they were to be further set-apart and separated from the others; completely honed in like a laser beam of concentrated light, released in order to complete the assignment for which they had been called into the Kingdom.

Perhaps you can identify with these two? For a long season you have been one of the crowd of believers; ever increasingly surrendered to the Lord and all the while privately cooperating with the smallest nudge of the Holy Spirit as He worked to prepare you for what He has in mind. Those around you may not even be aware of this very deep inner work, for it is difficult to put into words the engraving being done in the foundations of your being. In fact, you may not even have a totally clear idea of what your assignment is yourself. You have caught glimpses of it in the Spirit at times; have been given 'puzzle pieces' of revelation in various seasons and pondered them deep in your heart, yet not had clear understanding of the whole picture of who you are in Christ. A sense of holy purpose has urged you to press on toward a high calling that you may not even be fully able to quantify in clear sentences. Yet, this desire to be sealed as a vessel of honour has kept you putting one step in front of the other through severe testings and wilderness times and even dark nights of the soul, where only the whisper, "I am His and He is Mine" has kept your heart from turning back. You have a general 'job description' of what you are required to do, but the specific daily tasks can only be revealed to you once you are set apart and separated, sealed and sent on the assignment. Like an arrow released from the Master's bow, you will fly with lightening speed to the appointment in Heaven's diary - the good work prepared for you before the foundations of the earth but to be fulfilled in this season.

I believe it is time! We are entering the Jewish year 5777 on the 4th October, a number speaking loudly of completion. The scenario which played out in the separating of Saul and Barnabas is a prophetic picture of what is being done by the Holy Spirit in this season of worshiping and fasting. The Spirit is again sending out disciples two by two. This is important in these endtimes, as the opposition from the kingdom of darkness will be severe. To stand alone is to be vulnerable to attack, as Ecclesiastes explains:

Ecc 4:9 Two are better than one, because they have a good [more satisfying] reward for their labor; Ecc 4:10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Ecc 4:11 Again, if two lie down together, then they have warmth; but how can one be warm alone? Ecc 4:12 And though a man might prevail against him who is alone, two will withstand him. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

In my third part of the articles on Silver Vessels, I spoke of marriages being realigned to Heaven's purpose - in other words, set-apart and sent. So the Holy Spirit is saying, "Separate now for Me this couple for the work to which I have called them." This is the ultimate purpose for which God has brought them together. The work has been

prepared for them in the centre of His will. And as they are separated from the general congregation and sealed for the task ahead, further revelation will be given by the Spirit of Truth to fill them in on their assignment.

Also those who are single and have been waiting for a very long time for their God-appointed marriage partner will also find themselves face to face with their Father's handpicked choice - in a way that only Heaven could have coordinated. Hope deferred has often made their heart sick but a desire fulfilled will be the tree of life; the lifegiving breath of God awakening every silent place in their hearts and filling them with a song of joy:

Jer 31:12 They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion and shall flow together and be radiant with joy over the goodness of the Lord--for the corn, for the juice [of the grape], for the oil, and for the young of the flock and the herd. And their life shall be like a watered garden, and they shall not sorrow or languish any more at all. Jer 31:13 Then will the maidens rejoice in the dance, and the young men and old together. For I will turn their mourning into joy and will comfort them and make them rejoice after their sorrow.

I do not, however, believe this time of sealing and sending only applies to those who are married. Just as Saul and Barnabas were brothers in Christ, so too Heaven is putting together and sending pairs of brothers and sisters for their ultimate purposes in the Kingdom. This will be a pairing determined and revealed by Heaven and not earth. You do not have to look around for someone to support and go with you on the appointed assignment God has called you to. He will clearly indicate the desire and will of Heaven in the matter, amongst those whose hearts are set on worship, prayer and fasting.

You may be holding 'puzzle pieces' in your heart but in fact, you are also a piece of God's picture. Vessels of honour will be put together like puzzle pieces finding the piece alongside them in the big picture. Individual pieces who have long wondered how on earth their particular shape and design would be of use to the ultimate blueprint in the mind of God will find themselves lifted out of the pile of puzzle pieces and set in place in a position tailor-made for their particular precise gifting. This will bring a sense of such confidence and assurance of their part in the task of bringing heaven to earth, that hell itself will not be able to shake them out of their laser-cut place and position. Every single puzzle piece in place is essential in displaying the portion of the light and revelation of Christ in the earth. And the glory of God will be displayed through the picture of the face of Christ that has been formed by these puzzle pieces who are His; vessels of honour sent over the face of the whole earth to release their particular wave-beam of the light of Christ - through colour, sound, touch and fragrance. They are a portable banquet that the whole earth may taste and see that the Lord is good through all their five senses! The Kingdom will come on earth as it is in Heaven.

From the womb of the morning, spring those who fear the Lord and offer themselves willingly, vessels of honor sent and scattered like the dew of heaven over the face of

the earth in the darkness of the morning watch; His jewels openly displayed as Malachi 3 describes. They are an apostolic generation, sons of the right hand, a Benjamin company who have dwelt between the shoulders in the embrace of the Lord and carry His heartbeat engraved like an ECG upon their own hearts. They have both the Aleph Tav of the mind of Christ and the Shin representing the heart of the Father, as is described of those who follow the Lamb wherever He goes in Revelation 14:1. The address is complete. Their heavenly position on Mount Zion and their earthly destination and assignment is written and settled and sealed.

I will share more on this apostolic vessel release in part two of this message. Suffice to say, you have indeed been brought to the Kingdom for such a time as this. The finishing touches are being put to this living letter; a flourishing signature of the One Who sits on the throne and sealing with the signet mark of Royal Melchizedek priesthood. You have been through the extensive and intensive preparation period and your willing surrendered heart has moved the heart of the Father. You are appointed a vessel of honor in whom He is well pleased and are about to be released to take over your portion of the Father's business.

You should not be surprised at the extent of pressure and resistance you are experiencing from the powers of darkness at this time. The hordes of hell are terrified at the prospect of what is about to happen. They too know your perseverance and determination to embrace that for which Christ took hold of you. Now last ditch attempts are being made to convince you to abandon the journey. Take no notice! In fact, consider it a backhanded compliment that satan considers you such a threat to his dark purposes. It is a backhanded compliment and proof that the ultimate unfolding of your entire purpose of existence is going to shake the kingdom of darkness to such an extent that many souls will be loosed from its vice grip. Doubt your doubts. Stay focused, keep worshiping, keep yielding, keep trusting. You are crossing the threshold, safe in His embrace.

Rom 8:18 [But what of that?] For I consider that the sufferings of this present time (this present life) are not worth being compared with the glory that is about to be revealed to us and in us and for us and conferred on us! Rom 8:19 For [even the whole] creation (all nature) waits expectantly and longs earnestly for God's sons to be made known [waits for the revealing, the disclosing of their sonship].

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