

Fresh Oil Releases

Transition and manifestation - part 3

Discerning between the Clean and the Unclean

This is a long posting, precious saints but I make no apologies! I decided to serve you the whole meal on one plate and you can chew it at whatever speed you choose!

In the previous two portions of this discussion, we looked at the handing over of the baton from the 'John' dispensation to the 'Jesus' dispensation or to put it another way, from the preparing of the way to the walking of the way. That which is of the previous season is decreasing and that which is of the new season is coming forth. We saw the Simeon order and the Anna order existing side by side for a brief moment as they gazed on the face of this manchild that God has brought forth. All of these recorded occurrences serve as prophetic tableau's which speak to us of that which the Spirit of God is doing in these pivotal days in which we are privileged to live.

In this final (I hope!) portion of the topic, I want to share another important aspect of this transitional season. It is learning to discern between the real and the counterfeit in what is seen occurring in the Church. Whenever God is in the throes of doing something great in the earth, the enemy desires to lure people off-track with a counterfeit. We see this in the life of Abraham. A son has been promised and a son is produced. The only problem is that Ishmael is the fruit of the coming together of Hagar (the world) and Abraham (the father of faith). There is therefore impurity and mixture, both of which have no part in something brought forth by the Father of Light, in Whom there is no shadow of turning. For quite some time, Abraham was under the impression that this first son from his loins represented the fulfillment of God's prophetic word over his life. It took a face-to-face encounter with the Angel of the Lord and further revelation, to clarify his understanding and point him in the right direction - towards intimacy with God's choice of partner and circumcision of that which he had been nurturing within his own house!

Some of us are in the same situation. We have nurtured, stewarded and put all our energies into raising up a manifestation of that which we believe to be an unfolding of our destiny. However, there are tares amongst the wheat and the Lord is releasing laser beams of light to our hearts at this time in order to bring clarity and a purifying and honing of direction. He intends to bring forth a pure manifestation of His declared intention; something with the hallmark of Heaven upon it instead of the brand name of the spirit of this age. The covering of flesh must be removed from that which brings forth fruitfulness in us, so that God's creative spoken Word can move unimpeded and achieve its purpose in the earth.

'and God divided the light from the darkness....'

We are living in the days of separation - separation of tares from wheat, separation of wheat from chaff, separation of the clean from the unclean. The two-edged sword of the Living Word is going forth in the earth, drawing a dividing line between what is of the Spirit and what is not. It is vital that we seek Him for revelation understanding in order to be able to rightly choose where we will stand. The time for fence-sitting and political correctness within the Church of Jesus Christ is over. Once His light comes to pierce the dim interior of the present spiritual environment within the Body, we are then able to shun every dark corner and walk as children of the True Light.

God is very busy in the earth and so is man. There is much building going on in both the natural and the spiritual realm. However, the question is whether we are building our building or His? In Zechariah, the Lord speaks to Joshua, the spiritual leader of God's people at that time and says:

Zec 6:12AMP ...Thus says the LORD of hosts, Behold the Man whose name is The BRANCH; and He shall grow up in his place, and He shall build the true temple of the LORD: Yes, you are building a temple of the Lord but it is He who shall build the true temple of the Lord

The true temple of God is going to be built by a corporate Man. Which manifests Christ in the earth. We know that David, the man after God's own heart, really desired to build God a house. However, the Lord would not allow him to construct a temple. He was only allowed to gather materials and make preparation for the building of the temple. The Lord had revealed to David that his son would be the one who would build the temple.

1Ch 22:9 Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days.

1Ch 22:10 He shall build an house for my name; and he shall be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever.

God had not just any one of David's sons in mind but a specific one. In the case of Abraham, God would also not use just any son. God does not bless and use everything we bring forth and we shall see in following chapters what His requirements are. Hidden within the account of Solomon's rise to the throne there lie keys which unlock understanding so that we may also be part of the wise Solomon company that build the true temple of the Lord in these days.

Something fading and Something Emerging

In 1 Kings 1, we find a description of David's state at the end of his reign. Remember that in this prophetic depiction, David is representative of the preparatory move of God preceding the emergence of a corporate Man, the true Temple of the Lord in the earth. John the Baptist himself depicts a similar company, preparing the way for the manifestation of the Promised Son.

1Ki 1:1 King David grew old. The years had caught up with him. Even though they piled blankets on him, he couldn't keep warm. MSG

King David is in a bad way. He is no longer able to sustain his body temperature and is always feeling cold. The Church of today is in a similar plight. No matter how many programs, conferences and activities we partake in, we are unable to generate consistent warmth and passion for Christ within the Body. As soon as each activity or movement stops and we take a breather and come to a place of rest, we grow cold and passive. The Hebrew word for 'blankets' used in the above passage actually means 'garment, robe'. We, too, have covered the Church in one garment after another. Even with every garment ever worn in previous times, piled on top of her at one time, the Church remains cold. We have put on the Pentecostal Asuza Street garment, the Healing Revival garment, the Intercession and Warfare garment. Yet the fundamental condition of the Body of Christ remains largely unchanged. This has caused alarm within the leadership of the organized church, who have been at their wits end to know what to do to revive the Beloved of the Lord. The word for 'piled' means 'to plump up, to fill hollows, to conceal'. Unfortunately we have been guilty of trying to cover deficiencies in the state of the Church with clever marketing techniques and humanistic, self-serving, fleshly strategies, which have left the real Church buried under a pile of empty words or blankets and hidden from plain view.

The phrase 'couldn't keep warm' actually means 'was unable to conceive' in the Hebrew. This Church is unfruitful and unproductive in the earth. This is an embarrassing state of affairs and the servants feel the need to come up with an idea to change the status quo!

1Ki 1:2 So his servants said to him, "We're going to get a young virgin for our master the king to be at his side and look after him; she'll get in bed with you and arouse our master the king." MSG

As is usually the case, the perceived answer to any lack of life in the Church is to bring in something new, something young and up to date, something that looks wonderful and smells 'divine' and when in close contact, will cause arousal of the senses. These servants don't seem interested in true fruitfulness; they only want to

get all the sleeping body parts working properly! Is this not also, all too often, the expressed purpose of leadership when something new and exciting is introduced to the Body - to get all the members productively working in the Body?

So they search the kingdom and find a gorgeous young maiden, Abishag the Shunammite. The identity of this girl is very interesting. Abishag means 'father of error' and 'shunammite' comes from a root word meaning 'rest or quiet'. This girl comes from a place of rest but they want her to produce arousal. Already we can see that there is confusion of purpose and mixture present. God is opposed to mixture:

Leviticus 19:19, "You shall keep My statutes. You shall not let your livestock breed with another kind. You shall not sow your field with mixed seed. Nor shall a garment of mixed linen and wool come upon you."

We could say that sowing with mixed seed represents the message that we bring, when it is partly truth and partly error. Wearing a mixed garment would be like a lifestyle that is partly scriptural and partly of this world.

Secondly, the girl's name indicates she will bring forth error. Man's efforts to bring about an external appearance of health in the Body have resulted in the Beloved of the Lord being in bed with deception and confusion and bringing forth error.

1Ki 1:4 And the girl was very beautiful. And she cherished the king and ministered to him. But the king did not know her.

This word 'cherished' can also be translated 'to be familiar with'. It seems that sadly a familiar spirit has been ministering to the Church and as a result no real intimacy has been experienced. The king 'did not know her' - in other words he was not even able to go through the motions of intimacy. He remained as cold and unaroused as before. In essence, the servants' idea has been a miserable failure.

At this juncture, our attention is turned from the King's bedchamber to the events occurring in the Kingdom at the same time. In actual fact, whatever is occurring in the place of intimacy has a direct impact on what is manifesting outwardly. When deception and mixture are present in the secret place, there will be a corresponding manifestation further afield. While the King is being stroked and fussed over by Abishag, all is not well in the Kingdom. Adonijah has decided to appoint himself king in David's place.

1Ki 1:5 At this time Adonijah, whose mother was Haggith, puffed himself up saying, "I'm the next king!" He made quite a splash, with chariots and riders and fifty men to run ahead of him.

Adonijah was not God's choice to succeed David. He just ignored the prophetic word spoken many years before concerning Solomon and made pride-filled declarations about himself, amidst much fanfare and ceremony. To the undiscerning eye, it looked like an authentic ascension to a pre-appointed place. The counterfeit will always precede and attempt to usurp the authentic move of God. The outward appearance, celebration and accompanying publicity are intended to signify the stamp of God's approval to the uninformed. After all, David was his father. Just as in Ishmael's case, partial truth was present in the forming of this supposed manifestation of a promise. However, Adonijah was formed in the wrong womb. His mother's name means 'festive, to celebrate and dance'. Yet we are warned in the Word:

Ecc 7:2 *It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting; for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart.*

Ecc 7:4 *The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of laughter.*

Adonijah was conceived in an environment of feasting, lightheartedness and shallow celebration. Ecclesiastes tells us this produces a fool. Solomon was conceived in an environment of mourning after the discipline of the Lord and David's repentance. True wisdom only issues forth from deep, and often painful, face-to-face dealings with the Lord. The true temple of the Lord cannot be built out of a shallow foundation of festivity and celebration. It is only when those who have been broken and refined in the secret place bring forth the wisdom gleaned in this place that the corporate Manchild can be assembled according to Wisdom's blueprint. These limping royal priests will release revelation that will expose the counterfeit in the Body and discern between the clean and the unclean.

We find another contributing factor in the formation of an Adonijah:

1Ki 1:6 His father had spoiled him rotten as a child, never once reprimanding him. Besides that, he was very good-looking and the next in line after Absalom.

Adonijah had never experienced the discipline of his father. Unfortunately, David's negligence caused great harm to Adonijah's character and foolishness became deeply cemented in his heart.

Pro 22:15 Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

The areas where the flesh has gone undisciplined within the Body of Christ will contribute to the production of a counterfeit move of God and a pride-filled pseudo-revival; which, as we see in David's case, will prove to be unfruitful. Mixture always produces sterility. For example, when a horse is crossed with a donkey, a mule is the result. A mule is unable to reproduce.

Remember when David tried years before to bring the Ark of the Covenant back to Jerusalem on a new cart? God dealt severely with his bright man-made idea and after a time of repentance, he fulfilled his intention by following accurately the blueprint God had declared previously. Any attempts by the Church to artificially manufacture the much-talked-about coming change in the Church according to their own understanding, will come to nothing. It doesn't matter how good-looking this 'Adonijah move' is or how professional the wooden cart appears. Unless we come right back to the specifications of the Living Word, we will not be a part of manifesting the Living Word, Jesus, in the earth.

Adonijah was 'next in line'. It seemed to flow naturally that he should ascend. However, God's ways are not our ways. What seems to flow naturally from the previous move is not necessarily God's order of service.

One result of the appearing of the counterfeit is separation - separation between those who line up with Truth and those who are prepared to embrace error for the purpose of their own advancement in the Kingdom. As the two-edged sword of the Word comes to divide between soul and spirit, the secrets of men's hearts will be revealed. Both Joab and Abiathar sided with Adonijah. These two had also been involved in the Absalom saga, inwardly fond of him yet outwardly loyal to David. Finally, in the fullness of time, they were shown to be tares amongst the wheat.

1Ki 1:9 And Adonijah slew sheep and oxen and fat cattle by the stone of Zoheleth, which is by Enrogel, and called all his brethren the king's sons, and all the men of Judah the king's servants:

The place or spiritual surroundings in which this supposed ascension to the throne took place reveal **who** is behind this counterfeit manifestation. 'Zoheleth' means 'crawling serpent'. The altar or foundation on which these sacrifices were offered was not the chief cornerstone, Jesus Christ, but the foundation of the father of lies, Satan himself. This manifestation or supposed succeeding move of God is based on a foundation of lies and is demonic. The sons of the king are all summoned to partake of

this meal that has been offered to demons, all that is except Solomon, the true heir to the throne. All the king's servants are also present, watching and partaking of this meal of mixture and deception. How tragic that the servants of the King of Kings are being fed such poisonous food.

The only ones not invited to be present were those who represented truth and light. The enemy cannot afford to invite light to stand alongside the dark show he is putting on. This would immediately expose him as the usurper and thief.

Shy Away From the Counterfeit

1Ki 1:8 But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and David's mighty men, were not with Adonijah....

1Ki 1:10 But Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called not.

These men represent that which will have nothing to do with error or deception. They refused to be present at the trumped up coronation. Zadok means 'justice'. Benaiah means 'built of God' and Jehoida means 'known by God in intimacy'. What has been built of God in our lives out of the place of true intimacy is of the light. Light has nothing in common with darkness and cannot fellowship with it. As Adonijah (the counterfeit) stepped into the spotlight, there was a resulting division and separation amongst the men who had previously surrounded David during his reign. Until the counterfeit manifests in all its false beauty, the thoughts and intents of the heart remain hidden. The Church exists as a mixed multitude and its declared doctrine contains a mixture of the Truth and the doctrines of men. However, just as it seems that the counterfeit is gaining the upper hand due to the weakness and deceived state of present anointed leadership, Nathan the prophet comes to the rescue.

Nathan means 'to give, bestow, grant, permit, ascribe, consecrate, dedicate, pay wages appoint, assign, designate'. He represents the expressed will of God and includes that which has previously been declared by Heaven's judicial system and is now to be carried out. He is the embodiment of the spoken promise of God in the life of an individual or the Church. He is also representative of the Word from God in human form. In other words, he represents Jesus, the gift of God and Living Word.

Nathan sees the rise of the usurper and counterfeit, that which desires to steal the glory for himself, and immediately goes to Bathsheba.

1Ki 1:11 Nathan went to Bathsheba, Solomon's mother, "Did you know that Adonijah, Haggith's son, has taken over as king, and our master David doesn't know a thing about it?"

So the Word of God comes to Bathsheba and speaks to her heart. It is brought to her attention that error is reigning and the Church, the Beloved of the Lord, doesn't realize it. Bathsheba represents the faithful remnant, hidden in the inner parts of the palace. She is the one who brought forth Solomon after great heartache and loss personally. She knows that God had appointed her son to take over from David, even though this contradicted the normal line of succession. Some of us have carried promises within our spiritual wombs that contradict our circumstances and our past. We have nurtured and trained and watered these prophetic promises with the Word of Truth in the inner chambers, away from the eyes of men who would scoff, should we express openly what God has whispered to us.

Quietly, in the chambers of the palace, Bathsheba has been raising her son according to the Word of the Lord. It also seems that David gave him much training for rule. We read in Proverbs, which was authored by Solomon, that he was admonished to hold fast to the teachings of his father and mother:

Pro 4:3 For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother. Pro 4:4 He taught me also, and said to me, Let your heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.

Pro 6:20 My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not the law of your mother: Pro 6:21 Bind them continually upon your heart, and tie them about your neck. Pro 6:22 When you go, it shall lead you; when you sleep, it shall keep you; and when you awake, it shall talk with you.

For a long time, Bathsheba has been out of the limelight. David has taken other wives and been busy with the running of the kingdom. She has been attending to her God-given task; the nurturing and growth of wisdom in the secret place. Now, however, a pivotal moment has arrived. If Bathsheba remains hidden and is not obedient to the Word revealed to her at this point, the king may die without the error and deception being dealt with and both she and Solomon are in danger of being killed. In 1 Kings 1:12, she receives ministry from the Spirit of Counsel for the saving of God's purposes and her own life.

It is crucial for God's remnant to have clear understanding of the times and the seasons of God. To remain hidden when the Spirit is urging action, puts your own safety and the welfare of the entire Kingdom at risk. Just as Esther was brought to the kingdom 'such a time as this', so too is it imperative that those who have been prepared in secret come forth in God's appointed time and at His express direction. The king is unaware of the state of affairs in the kingdom because he is beguiled by the angel of light, who is stroking him and attending to his every whim. The servants

of the kingdom are taken in by the grandeur and splendor of the show that is being put on before their eyes and are unable to discern the true nature of this manifestation. If that which is built of God in the secret place (Benaiah) and wisdom (Solomon) and the living Truth (Nathan) are not present and Jesus is not the foundation, this cannot be of God!

Bathsheba is counseled that it is time to remind the king of his promise. Faithful Remnant, put the King in remembrance of His promises toward you! Go to the Church that is receiving the ministrations of Abishag and declare what the Truth has said in ages past, because it still holds true today. Open the eyes of those who are cold and weak and half-asleep to the fact that even though the sons of the King have been called to participate in what is going on, wisdom is not present. The promise of God to you is that as you step out and speak out, He will confirm your words - Nathan will come in to the king at that moment and bring confirmation and further revelation of the true state of the kingdom. The Living Word that speaks to the heart of the king at this moment, points out to him that the show being put on is not birthed out of the place of intimacy (Jehoidah) nor has it been built by God (Benaiah). There is no righteousness and justice (Zadok) present and these ARE the foundations of God's throne! Therefore what is being built is not a throne for God to rule from but a throne for satan to take over the Kingdom from!

When this two-edged sword of the Living Word ministers to the King, he is galvanized into action. He reconfirms that the promise made to Bathsheba, the faithful remnant, will be fulfilled. Then he issues commands to restore wisdom to its rightful place and to rightly align with the declared intention of Almighty God. The word that Nathan brings becomes a plumb-line to which the king realigns his kingdom. The two-edged sword divides between what is soulish in the kingdom and what is of the Spirit.

In that moment, instruction is released to bring Solomon to the place of reigning as promised. The interesting thing is the difference in the two coronations. David declares that Solomon ride on his own mule DOWN to Gihon to be anointed, after which he ascends to sit on the throne (I Kings 1:33). Adonijah had no going down before he claimed the throne. He had only fanfare, publicity and a self-assembled throng of revelers surrounding his attempt to lay hold of the kingdom.

Beloved, we **are** to possess the Kingdom but not in pride and self-deception and empty celebration. Just as Christ rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, descended to the cross and suffered before He was glorified; just as Solomon had to ride on a mule DOWN to Gihon before ascending to the throne, so too, we have to take the path of suffering to our Gihon and be conformed to His death before we ascend in resurrection power and possess the Kingdom that has been promised us. Gihon is the place where kings are

anointed. Any other path to reigning is a counterfeit. Any endowment of power that bypasses the application of the cross in our lives is not from the Spirit of God, but a counterfeit.

It is at Gihon that anointing is received. It is at Gihon that the shofar is blown over us and Zadok and Nathan equip us for reigning. Gihon means 'to gush forth (as water), generally to issue: - break forth, labor to bring forth, come forth, draw up, take out.'

This is the place of being brought forth into your destiny; not the elevated place before the crowds but the lowly place, surrounded by that which has been built in you in the secret place, the fruit of your intimacy with the Lord. Here the declaration is made over you. "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizadek" - a royal priest. Then it is time to take your place and rule.

Now let us step back and look at things from a slightly different angle. Keeping in mind that you are a king and priest, consider the possibility that you may also be the king lying shivering in the bedchamber. Unaware that the caresses which are warming you are at the hand of Abishag. Because we are in a time of separation, it is also necessary for the Lord to separate wheat from tares in our own thinking and belief systems as well as on a corporate level. Some of us do not realize that what is playing out in our lives and ministries, may contain mixture and because of the scenario in our inner spiritual chamber, we have allowed the wrong son to claim the throne. As I said before, not everything that comes forth from our spiritual wombs is blessed and anointed by God. Only that which has been built by Him out of true intimacy (not an appearance as in the relationship between David and Abishag) will be useful in building the Kingdom and bringing forth fruit in the earth. Solomon was David's son so David had brought forth true wisdom as fruit of his repentance years before. He had also nurtured and taught Solomon as he grew. However another son he had sired was now challenging and usurping the throne and David had somehow now come to such a state of slumber that he was unaware of the danger. If this is your position, know that the Living Word is aware the situation and is not only going to send light into that dark bedchamber, but you are also going to be reminded of a word from the Lord received in the past, plus prophetic confirmation will be given at the right moment. This will galvanize you into action as you suddenly become aware of the true state of your life. Strength and counsel will be released to you to bring your life into alignment with the Eternal Word of God and to remove every tare and stumbling block from your belief system.

This is the season when the two-edged sword is visiting many in their bedchambers, revealing the schemes of the enemy to overtake your life and prevent the true promise of God from being fulfilled. This can also take place in the night seasons

during dreams. Revelation to bring deliverance is received. This is really the place of threshing where the husks of our belief systems (that which has no nutritional value) are removed and the true wheat (wisdom) can be stored and brought forth to feed many.

On the other hand, you may be in the place of Solomon, Godly wisdom made flesh, hidden in the wings and watching the chaos in the kingdom. Solomon does not come into the limelight by his own fleshly effort but at the command of the king. Joseph was released from the prison of preparation by the direct command of the king too. It is time to bring Solomon out of the inner chambers, bring that wisdom gleaned through the place of humbling and repentance to the fore in your life. It is this wisdom that God will use to build the true temple of the Lord. That area where the Word has truly become flesh in you because of what you have been through, that area is where God will raise you up with anointing and authority to rule and possess your assigned Kingdom portion.

Pro 11:2 When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom.

We read in Proverbs that wisdom builds a house.

Pro 24:3 Through wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established

Christ Jesus is made unto us wisdom from God. All of the treasures of wisdom are hidden in Him. It is all about Jesus from beginning to end. This manchild that is being brought forth from Gihon to ascend the throne and rule in the earth is called Solomon. God has spoken of him:

1Ch 22:9 Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about

"A man of rest" - no striving, no sweat, no fleshly self-effort, just rule from a place of rest by the Spirit of Wisdom. This is a picture of where God is trying to take the Church. This is the corporate manchild company that shall be built and joined as He sees fit into a temple where His presence dwells. However, now it is time to deal with Adonijah. He is not dealt with by force or the power of man but by obedience to the explicit instruction of the Living Word. The separation between flesh and Spirit is already clearly evident to those who have eyes to see.

As that oil of anointing flows and the shofar is blown, there is a shout that goes up: *'all the people said, God save king Solomon'*. This word 'save' actually means: 'to live, to revive: quicken, recover, repair, restore'.

This bold prophetic declaration causes a breakthrough or breaking forth in your life. It is the ascension of true wisdom, Solomon, from Gihon, the place of breaking forth, that causes Adonijah to flee. In fact the Bible tells us that this ascension is accompanied by such a mighty sound in the Spiritual realm, that there is an earthquake!

1Ki 1:40 And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.

This sound is heard in the camp of the enemy and they flee in fear. God has made Solomon's enemies his footstool just as psalm 110 declares! It is not our part to defeat the enemy. It is our part to declare truth, to align with the Living Word and to be obedient to instruction from the Spirit of God which leads us into all truth. If we will do our part and submit to be led on this mule, then the glory of the latter house will surely be greater than the glory of the former house and the David dispensation can be laid to rest, having declared:

'Blessed be GOD, Israel's God, who has provided a successor to my throne, and I've lived to see it!'