

CONSECRATED FOR DIVINITY - MYF Retreat

Notebook: APOSTOLIC SERMONS

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2 Corinthians 6:14-18

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

INTRODUCTION

The creation of humanity was a two-dimensional reality; however, only one dimension was set in motion at the time of creation.

Genesis 1:26-28

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."

The Adam of Eden was only created in the image of God; but originally intended to function in the likeness of God. This would become the journey of mankind; to achieve the likeness of God.

The likeness could not be achieved in the Garden of Eden because there was no reference of God given to man; the only reference to what God was like was what they heard - the voice of God walking in the Garden.

The reference to mankind achieving the likeness is meant to be what we SEE; because transformation begins with sight.

Hebrews 1:1-2

***"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,
Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;"***

1 John 1:1-4

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

(For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full."

The identification with God in His image sets the foundation for the separation of a man; to the attainment of His likeness.

Separation is a 2 - way reality; separation from something and separation unto something.

When God created man in His image, it was a 0 from the earthly. When we achieve His likeness, it is a separation unto the heavenly.

John 3:31

"He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all."

SEPARATION BEGINS WITH CALLING UPON 1 - FOR RESTORATION

As humanity falls more and more into depravity, the imprint of God's desire in the makeup of man is activated in the time of the

birth of Enos (meaning mortal) and men began to call on the name of the Lord.

Genesis 4:26

"And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD."

They called on the name of the Lord with the desire to redeem man's former estate in the garden; but God had already instituted the framework for man's redemption in the typology of the Cherubim and the flaming sword.

God's ideal was not a garden, which is only an atmosphere; but His ideal was the impartation of the fullness of His being.

WHAT IS CONSECRATION?

Consecration has several and varied connotations in scripture; considering the hebrew and greek renderings. However, it all sums up to 3 aspects of operation:

1. *Separation - For Preservation - Activating divine Identity*
2. *Set Apart - For Divine Participation - Activating divine selection*
3. *Empowered - For Service - Activating the Anointing*

CONSECRATION - BY SEPARATION - FOR PRESERVATION

The opening scripture enjoins us to not touch the unclean thing - specific - MYSTERY BABYLON.

Isaiah 52:11

"Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD."

Babylon - founded by Nimrod (a hunter before God) as an alternative of Eden. He sought to corrupt the divine process for man's redemption by offering a human machinery to reach God instead of God's own provision.

Revelation 18:1-2

"And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of

every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird."

The configuration of Babylon is a mystery which unveils itself in its absolution - it is also called the mystery of iniquity.

2 Thessalonians 2:7

"For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way."

Iniquity is the systematic programming of sin in the flesh of man.

Romans 7:5

"For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death."

Babylon is an alternative provision from the man of sin - against the ultimate provision of God in His Christ. Revelation 17 - contrast with - Revelations 21:9 - 15

You activate this consecration by identification.

2 Timothy 2:19

"Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity."

Ephesians 3:14-19

"For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."

CONSECRATION - BY DEVOTION - FOR DIVINE PARTICIPATION

Because we are ordained to walk in the likeness of God, we are set apart for fellowship with God. In his likeness, we become partakers with him in all things that pertains to life and godliness.

Ephesians 3:1-9

"For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to

you-ward:

How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words,

Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.

Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:"

The mandate to bring people into that divine participation begins with *making all men see what is the fellowship...*

We are consecrated for fellowship; built for interaction with the divine.

1 John 1:3-7

"That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

1 Corinthians 6:17

"But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit."

Fellowship must be built:

- in the Word
- in Prayer
- in the assembling of the Saints

CONSECRATION - BY DIVINE EMPOWERMENT - FOR SERVICE

Our consecration in God is also a platform for our Melchizedek priesthood over the earth.

Exodus 28:41

"And thou shalt put them upon Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him; and shalt anoint them, and consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office."

But in the new covenant, all of us have been made priests - with Christ as the High Priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Revelation 1:6

"And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

The Key element of Priesthood is the Anointing - which is the Power of the Holy Spirit manifesting through a vessel.

Luke 24:49

"And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."

Acts 1:8

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

The way to the Anointing is three-fold:

1. Identify Your Assignment
2. Build Capacity for that Assignment
3. Build Intensity in your Pursuit

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